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**Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee**

**The Rt Hon. Lord Beamish**  
**Chair of the Intelligence and Security**  
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**By Email Only**

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Dear Dame Karen Bradley and Lord Beamish,

**Framework Agreement between the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and the Home Office**

I am pleased to announce a Framework Agreement has been established between the Home Office and the Investigatory Powers Tribunal (IPT). The Framework outlines the governance, financial and sponsorship arrangements between the Home Office and the IPT.

The Framework Agreement sets out the practical working relationship between the Home Office and the IPT, whilst maintaining the crucial operational and judicial independence of the IPT. This includes the appointments process for Judicial Members of the Tribunal, codifying the 2023 change of responsibilities between the Home Secretary and Lord Chancellor for appointing members. This change was made to ensure continued public confidence in the IPT's independence.

This is the first time a framework agreement between the Home Office and the IPT has been established. In the past, it was not considered necessary for unique and small Arm's Length Bodies (ALBs) such as the IPT to have Framework Agreements. However, it is now HM Treasury policy for all ALBs to have Framework Agreements and we have thus taken the opportunity to codify our relationship with the IPT.

I have attached a copy of the framework agreement, and I will arrange for a copy of this letter and the framework agreement to be placed in the Libraries of both Houses and published on gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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