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Dear Penny Arbuthnot

THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE'S LANGUAGE SERVICE CONTRACT

Further to our previous correspondence, I wanted to update you on progress in responding to your concerns about the Ministry of Justice's language service contract.

The Committee of Public Accounts has now decided to ask the Ministry of Justice to appear again to update us on progress against our recommendations on this subject, and on recent performance under this contract. The hearing is likely to be in the New Year, as one of a number of updates on a range of other subjects.

As I explained in my previous letter, I have asked the National Audit Office to carry out further investigations on the contract. Their additional work will be the basis for the Committee's hearing and I write to you again, around the time of the hearing, once those investigations have been finalised.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Hodge

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