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Dear David,

Restoration and Renewal of the Houses of Parliament

The Treasury Committee will examine the Restoration and Renewal Programme's value for money, and its compliance with HM Treasury guidance for the public sector, both need careful consideration with this in mind. Several aspects of the reports compiled by Deloitte and the Joint Committee would benefit from greater clarity. I would be grateful if you could:

- provide the comparative net present costs of each of the delivery options when taking into account the relative price effect, as required by the Treasury Green Book, and using the correct discount rates;
- outline the comparative net present costs on a constant price basis (i.e. with inflation taken out);
- supply the estimated annual operating costs at today's prices for each of the delivery options once the Restoration and Renewal Programme is completed;
- explain in greater detail the technical problems, and greater risks involved, in undertaking the work with a partial decant compared with a full decant; and

- elaborate on what is described as the 'disturbance effect' for the business of Parliament, and for Members and staff, of a 'partial decant' – such as the operation of heavy machinery and loss of committee rooms – compared with a 'full decant'.

I will be placing this letter and your response in the public domain.

Yours ever,
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