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From Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Chair

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Dear Sam,

UK Research and Innovation Review of Open Access

Please find enclosed a letter sent to me by Stephen Lotinga, Chief Executive of The Publishers Association, regarding UKRI's forthcoming review of open access.

I would be grateful for your comments on the concerns that Stephen Lotinga raises in his letter, including the question of ministerial oversight of this policy area and the process by which UKRI is pursuing its upcoming review on open access. The processes behind UKRI's decision-making are as important as the decisions themselves, and the whole of the science community needs to have faith in that procedure.

I would be grateful, if at all possible, if you could respond to me by Wednesday 7 November.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Lamb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
Chair