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Mr Lavery - B
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Mr Stephens - B
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MR WHYSALL

THE ALLIANCE COMPLAINTS

The Secretary of State was grateful for your submission of earlier today. He sees much merit in your tentative conclusion of avoiding a determination but is concerned that if it is announced at the outset, that could inspire an amendment. For that reason, it is probably not a runner, but could be discussed at tomorrow morning's pre-meeting.

SIGNED:

PP ROBERT CRAWFORD

K LINDSAY

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