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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Thank you for your letter dated 2 October 2017, confirming that the Draft Budget will be published on 14 December 2017.

As you mention in your letter, my staff will be meeting with your officials in the next week to agree the more detailed timetable for engagement as required by the Protocol.

I look forward to presenting you with our first set of forecasts in December.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan".

Susan Rice CBE