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All,

This morning Katharine and I met with Oliver Dowden, Minister for Implementation, as part of a quarterly series of meetings to update on CCS activity. Key points are summarised below, and the slidepack produced for this meeting is attached.

- The discussion focused on the implications of the EU Exit extension on CCS activity, given that this meeting was the first since recent events. This included an update on Yellowhammer next steps, in particular an update on the lessons learned and mothballing activity currently underway.
- The Minister agreed our working assumption of a similar level of no-deal readiness for October, pending a Cabinet steer. He also reflected on how the political context over the next few months would continue to have implications, both as domestic no-deal policy evolves and EU elections conclude.
- Other factors impacting no-deal readiness include staffing across government, and the Minister was interested in the potential to develop the professionalisation of crisis management across government to boost civil service resilience to any future activations, Yellowhammer or otherwise.
- Initially keen to cover CCS reprioritisation post-extension, the Minister recognised the challenges of doing so at this uncertain time, particularly given that October readiness akin to that in April would require increased Yellowhammer activity as early as June.
- The Minister was assured by the near term risk update and an overview of CCS functions that have and would continue to be prioritised alongside Yellowhammer activity. He was nonetheless alive to the risks that continued trade-offs may produce, as well as the potential for concurrent crises to test resilience.

Do feel free to grab me or Katharine should you wish to discuss further.

Best wishes,

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