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All,

Last Friday, Katharine and I met with the Oliver Dowden, Minister for Implementation, for the first in a new series of quarterly updates on CCS activity. This meeting also served as a Yellowhammer briefing for the Minister. In case of interest, the slides used for this meeting are attached and key points of discussion are summarised below.

- The first part of the meeting consisted of an update on CCS prioritisation and an assessment of near-term risks. The Minister noted current prioritisation, asked about work being paused and demonstrated interest in the detail of the COBR upgrade. In discussing risks, the Minister reflected on the recent drone disruption and the potential for copycat incidents and indicated interest in NSS-DfT work on this issue. The Minister also commented on risks posed by economic shocks and hostile actors taking advantage of instability, and sought an update on capacity in CCS and across HMG to cope with crises concurrent with Yellowhammer activity.
- The latter part of the meeting focused on discussion of Yellowhammer planning assumptions and activity against them. The Minister was particularly interested in understanding the biggest risks posed by no-deal, which prompted a run through of risks and mitigations on borders and associated impacts; Northern Ireland; data and reciprocal healthcare. The Minister was particularly alive to risks that may be likely to prompt public panic and potential disorder and sought assurances on food and fuel shortages. He also demonstrated interest in business supply chains and asked about instructions to businesses and industry to ensure preparedness.

The next CCS update meeting with the Minister is expected to take place in the new financial year, and private offices are arranging for further Yellowhammer updates to be coordinated with those for CDL where appropriate to ease the briefing burden.

Best wishes,

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