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**Subject:** Re: URGENT - briefing for Cab Sec call at 15:00

Hi [Name Redacted]

A couple points from myself - sorry for the late response but have been back to back all day.

- Cab Sec/No.10 are getting concerned about lack of overall grip on supply chains work (both domestic and international) across all areas, including medical and food (this did not sound aimed at us but more big picture). **There are too many competing/duplicating structures in place (maybe the CS norm but I have never seen type of reaction in my previous lives - not even in the NHS !). I think the new discussions on simplification that are being had for procurement at post, after agreeing the 'shopping list' directive from DHSC, is a move in the right direction. Many skills gaps and risks need managing in that process too but it will speed things up with dedicated and tailored support team for each post.**
- Cab Sec will ask the Perm Sec to lead a short piece of work on all supply chain issues, understanding our vulnerabilities and dependencies (this sounded similar to the pitch that DT wrote for the Perm Sec on Friday). **Sounds very similar to the work the DQ DNSA meeting discussed recently**
- Cab Sec would like the Perm Sec to consider if consultants would be helpful and potentially which ones. **Only useful if they bring content on the supply chains - if it's only process it will add little to the capabilities at the moment - we have good process people in place already in my view**
- There will likely be a kick-off meeting for this tomorrow or Wednesday including Charles Roxburgh, DH, and Crown Commercial Service.

Kind regards

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