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Dear Mr Jamieson,

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Thank you for your letter of 2 September regarding the use of public buildings and the relocation of Civil Servants outside of London. Your letter was addressed to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, and has been passed to me to respond as the Minister with responsibility for this policy area. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

As you say, the Cabinet Office has established the Places for Growth programme to drive the necessary planning and preparation within departments and arm's length bodies to relocate roles out of London and into the regions and nations of the United Kingdom.

As part of the Places for Growth Programme, HMG is aiming to relocate a significant number of posts from London across Birmingham and the West Midlands. Our planning for identifying sites is still at an early stage and the Government will continue to engage with local bodies as appropriate. As such, we are in regular discussions with the Mayor of West Midlands, Andy Street, to discuss these opportunities in order to enable the Government to best deliver on the wider economic, employment and investment opportunities to the West Midlands you described.


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