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Apologies – change in one of the dates below to time with receipt of Aurora advice.

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Thanks for the constructive conversation this morning.

We agree that it is crucial to get Ministers on board along the way. We also agreed the merits of an early decision point in advance of purdah. In that light I would suggest 4 meeting points with Ministers:

- w/c 15 Feb with Mr [REDACTED] to seek support for the objective and scope.
- ~~25 Feb~~ **1 March** – day after CES Board meeting - analysis of Round 4 impacts, feedback on options.
- 11 March – analysis and provisional recommendations.
- 18 March – final sign off and handling of relaunch.

We would build in a consensus point between CES and yourselves in advance of each meeting so we can engage consistently. You will be the main conduit in for SG policy input. We agreed to set up weekly meetings – Tuesdays at 16.00 would work. Also, additional regular catch-up with us four.

As stressed at the meeting, this timeline requires us to focus on the option fee structure, with very little capacity to range beyond this. [REDACTED] will bounce off you a tweaked objective in the light of our discussion.

We agreed to confirm whether we thought an adjustment to SCDS termination levels could reasonably sit within scope.

We agreed that getting the option fee structure right was the best remedy for flipping. We touched on the potential merits of annualising the fee structure.

Regards

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