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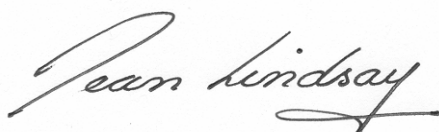
IMPACT OF SPENDING REVIEW REDUCTIONS – STAFF CONSULTATION

You will be aware that Heads of Shared Services have been working on their proposals for managing the 25% budget reductions over the four year period of the Spending Review, and these may have been shared with many of you already through informal staff meetings.

We had hoped to be able to consult formally with you on our proposals by the end of February, but I am writing to inform you that unfortunately we are unable to meet this timescale, due to now having to submit our proposals to Ministers. We do, however, hope to be in a position where we can launch the Shared Services and GB Core consultation exercises sometime in the week commencing the 21st of March.

Again, we do appreciate this delay may add to the uncertainty, but I give you my assurance that we will do everything we can to minimise this. As stated previously, we are committed to keeping staff informed the best we can.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Jean Lindsay,
Director, HR**