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Dear Sir Oliver:

I acknowledged receipt of the Standing Advisory Commission's Seventeenth Report in my letter of 15 May and undertook to send you a response. I now propose to publish the Report and lay it before Parliament on Thursday 2 July. At the same time, I shall arrange for a copy of this response to be placed in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament, following the usual practice.

I welcome the independent advice which the Commission provides me. This year's Report and its Annexes are extensive and it is a measure of the commitment shown by both you and the members that the Commission has provided such a wide range of advice during the year. I am also grateful for the kind remarks you make about the co-operation and assistance the Commission has received from officials. I shall turn now to the substance of the Report.

Education

This is the first opportunity I have had to respond to the conclusions of the Commission's major education programme and, for ease of reference I shall deal with each of the Commission's recommendations in order.