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Thank you for your letter of 21 July to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Michael Gove MP, enclosing the BSA's submission ahead of the publication of the Green Paper on public procurement reform. I am replying as the Minister responsible for public procurement.

First, I would like to thank you for the roundtable event to discuss procurement rules reform. I found the session useful in understanding your proposals, and I am grateful for the ongoing positive engagement of you and your members in the development of the Green Paper. Leaving the EU provides us with an important opportunity to radically reform the procurement rules so that they are simpler, more flexible and help meet the UK's future needs, and we value your ongoing support in this process.

We are carefully considering your ideas and suggestions on procurement reform. As you will know from our recent sessions, many of the points you raise on procurement reform align with our proposed direction of travel.

Once again, thank you to you and your members for your support and I look forward to our continued collaboration in the future.

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