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Dear Mr Chafer

**Inquiry into role of the Auditor-General in scrutinising Government advertising**

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2010 regarding the Inquiry into the role of the Auditor-General in scrutinising Government advertising.

In relation to your question about the exact number of Secretaries who expressed the view that the Auditor-General's role undermined their accountability, the answer is:

Ten of the 16 Secretaries interviewed raised this issue as a concern. Please note that all Secretaries were invited to participate in the review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Grant'.

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