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*Dear Professor Rhind,*

**Advisory Panel on Public Sector Information**

Thank you for your and your colleagues' thoughtful and cogent summary of the current PSI position and for sight of the APPSI response to the European Commission. When we met in June I stressed then that there was much more that could be done to maintain the pace and interest in this area and that I welcomed your advice and my continuing contact with your Panel members. My officials in OPSI also value your expert input and we will certainly give careful consideration to the issues you have set out in your letter and your submission to the Commission.

When we last met we discussed some of the institutional issues that remain to be resolved before we can make real progress. We are working at this and I hope when we meet in the autumn I will be able to report on what we have been able to achieve and how we can then make progress on your recommendations.

In the meantime, as I said in my Foreword to the UK Report on the Re-use of Public Sector Information published on 22 July, this Government is committed to building on and achieving the PSI vision. I am impressed by APPSI's commitment to PSI. As you know, I share APPSI's passion for the subject.

I hope that you and your colleagues in APPSI will continue to provide me with such invaluable support in taking forward the PSI agenda

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**MICHAEL WILLS MP**

**[approved by Michael Wills and signed in his absence]**