

Dear

Thank you for your email regarding the role of the Comptroller & Auditor General.

The Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) is the head of the NAO. He is an Officer of the House of Commons and independent of government.

The C&AG was appointed by HM The Queen on 1 June 2019, for a term of 10 years. He certifies the accounts of all government departments and many other public sector bodies.

The C&AG has statutory authority to report to Parliament on whether government departments and the bodies they fund have used their resources efficiently and effectively. To support this he has the right to access information held by a wide range of public sector organisations.

The Budget Responsibility and National Audit Act 2011 established the NAO as a legal entity with a statutory Board to support the Comptroller and Auditor General's statutory functions. Our governance arrangements ensure that we operate effectively and transparently with due oversight while maintaining our independence.

You can read more about the role of the Comptroller & Auditor General online at [Governance and transparency - National Audit Office](#) and in our latest [National Audit Office Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25](#).

I hope this information is helpful.

Best wishes

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