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Dear Colleague,

PUBLICATION OF THE CIVIL CONTINGENCIES BILL

I am pleased to inform you that the Government published the Civil Contingencies Bill today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who submitted a response to the public consultation exercise or worked with us in the policy development process. The Bill published today has benefited significantly from this input.

The full text of the Bill can be found at www.ukresilience.info/ccbill, along with the following accompanying documents:

- Explanatory notes;
- Full Regulatory Impact Assessment;
- The Government's response to the public consultation on the draft Civil Contingencies Bill; and
- The Government's response to the report of the Joint Committee on the draft Civil Contingencies Bill, incorporating and the House of Commons Defence Committee report on the draft Civil Contingencies Bill.

The Government has also published a draft set of regulations alongside the Bill to help the process of Parliamentary scrutiny. I would emphasise that these regulations are for illustrative purposes only and are in no way final. The Government will consult publicly on the draft regulations in due course once the Bill is enacted. We would welcome further input at that stage.

The Bill Team will endeavour to keep you all posted on the Bill's progress and will be issuing regular bulletins. But if you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us at ccbill@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk.

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