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Paul - we've had a look at this and both estimates and can see no problem with CPS incurring this spending in advance of receiving the estimates cover for this given the fairly broad nature of the CPS ambit.

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It would be good to get a formal response to the merger document as you suggest, and, I'd certainly value an early (September?) discussion of the practical arrangements around the 2009-10 accounts production and audit.

Thanks,

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I wonder if I could ask for some urgent advice please.

The merger continues apace and from 1<sup>st</sup> October some 150 current RCPO staff will fall within the reporting line of functional managers within the CPS. They will also move onto the CPS payroll.

We are intending the transfer of RCPO funds to CPS in the Winter Supplementary Estimate, which should be published in early January 2010, and will be writing to HMT this week explaining our intent. We have already discussed the approach with the spending team and TOA.

Clearly there is a lag between the first event and the second and I should be grateful for your views on whether there might be any issues from your perspective. I think that the ambit of the CPS, which refers to Crown Prosecutions and legal services, is adequate to cover the work that the transferred staff will undertake and in fact much, if not all, of that range of work is already undertaken by the CPS.

We are grateful for the advice on the merger that you have provided and will be writing shortly to explain how we intend to deal with each of the recommendations in your report.

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