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## **Public Accounts Committee report: Postcomm statement**

Postcomm's first priority is the protection of the universal postal service. This is required by Act of Parliament, by a European Union directive and by conditions in Consignia's licence. It will not be allowed to disappear.

Before publishing our proposals for allowing customers a choice of postal operators, we spent more than 2 years analysing and investigating the postal market. We have studied international experience and taken the advice of established experts in the field.

We have now received more than 1500 responses to our proposals and will take account of all these – and the Committee's report – in framing our decision.

Our detailed response to the Committee's report will be sent to the Committee in due course.