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Hi all,

This is going to be a very quick readout as we didn't get any decisions and she was running late so we only had 10mins with her.

Sam – let me know if anything add.

Luke

- Not in scope
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- Much of the discussion focused around outyear allowances in the BPS and what to signal and when to set them.
- MOF initially was clear she wants to set them at BPS and stick to them but as Tim pointed out shifts in the forecast and risks of having to reset them at BEFU 2 months later were high. Tim suggested sticking with HYEPU allowances at BPS <sup>[34]</sup>
- MOF listened and took this onboard, she's acutely aware of reducing allowances constrains her room for manoeuvre and puts her commitments at risk. She brought up the credibility of allowances point and is conscious of backward engineering allowances to deliver an outcome, something she said she'd commented on her predecessor doing just that
- MOF and Grant are going to have a discussion about the whole thing tonight with the idea of getting stuff back to us tomorrow (fingers crossed).
- Not in scope
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