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Rt Hon Michael Gove MP

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office

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Dear Michael,

Further to my letter of 9 July, you have so far failed to confirm which Minister will be respond to the Petitions Committee session on the easing of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions at 2.30pm on Wednesday 15 July.

For the Government to fail to respond to the debate tomorrow would be extremely disappointing, as there has been significant interest from Members from across the House in participating in this session. The SNP and official Opposition have both confirmed that frontbench spokespeople will be participating in our session, as they would in a petitions debate in Westminster Hall. Members attending the session will rightly expect a Minister to also be present to witness proceedings and respond to contributions by other Members.

I am therefore writing to you again, in light of the significant interest in our session from Members from across the House, to ask if you would confirm by **6pm today**, which Minister will be responding to this session.

I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House of Commons

Best wishes,

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee

Cc: Leader of the House of Commons