



## Petitions Committee

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

I am writing regarding the Cabinet Office's failure to respond to e-petition 328754, calling for Government workers to be given a fair pay rise.

The standards for responding to e-petitions, which have been agreed between the Petitions Committee and Leader of the House, state that Government responses should be provided within 14 days and no later than 21 days.

A response to this petition was first requested on 27 July. Despite repeated requests, the Government's response is now over eight weeks late. This is clearly not acceptable. Petitioners are entitled to a response from the Government when their petition receives over 10,000 signatures, and this should be provided in a timely fashion.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Government's response to this petition, and an explanation for the delay in providing this, by Friday 16 October, so that we can consider this at our next meeting.

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

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McKinnell MP  
Chair of the Petitions Committee

CC: Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Leader of the House of Commons