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Dr At,

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Thank you for your letter on 14 October concerning the overdue response to e-petition 328754, calling for Government workers to be given a fair pay rise.

I apologise for the unacceptable delay in the Cabinet Office responding to this e-petition. I can confirm that we have now submitted our response, which is also attached to this letter.

I am aware that my Department's performance on e-petitions has slipped recently. I have asked my officials to investigate how they can streamline and expedite the drafting and clearance processes for responses to e-petitions, so that this situation does not continue.

With every good wish,

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**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
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