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Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

24 May 2023

Dear Secretary of State

I am writing regarding the Government's failure to respond to e-petition [624406](#), entitled "Ban the sale of all non-organic pesticides to the general public".

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 31 March 2023, and despite repeated requests the Government's response is now over a month late.

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 am sure you will agree that the delay in responding to this petition is not acceptable.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Government's response to this petition, and an explanation for the delay in responding, by no later than Thursday 1 June.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine".

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee

CC: Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP, Leader of the House of Commons