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The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP
Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

18 October 2023

Dear Secretary of State

I am writing regarding the Government's failure to respond to e-petition [633108](#), entitled "Prohibit the Sale, Purchase, Deployment, and Use of Artificial Grass Products".

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

A response to this petition was first requested on 11 August 2023, and despite repeated requests, the Government's response is now over six weeks late. This is clearly not acceptable.

When a petition receives over 10,000 signatures petitioners are entitled to a response from the Government that directly responds to the request of their petition, 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 no later than 8 November.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "TONIA ANTONIAZZI".

Tonia Antoniazzi MP
Interim Chair of the Petitions Committee