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Dear Karen,

Response to letter on Written Parliamentary Question performance.

I take my responsibilities to Parliament very seriously and prioritise answering to Parliament and providing speedy responses to PQs.

The response rate for Written Parliamentary Questions (WPs) dropped for the most recent period of data as the AGO had an unusually high turnover of staff, and at different points there were different officials covering the Parliamentary Question (PQ) process. After successful recruitment rounds, we are now back to full capacity.

We have also undertaken other measures to improve on our PQ processes and our response rate, such as creating a new PQ data tracker and implementing office-wide PQ training sessions. From our internal data, the AGO's PQ response rate should be back on track and more consistent with previous figures.

It is disappointing that our performance declined during that period. However, our internal data shows that our response rate for June to September 2023 is 96.3%, indicating that we are returning to the Whitehall average. Further, I am pleased to say that for the month of September, 29 out of 30 PQs responded to were answered on time.

Yours,

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ATTORNEY GENERAL