



Procedure Committee

Rt Hon Alex Chalk MP
Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice
Ministry of Justice
Via email only

18 April 2024

Dear Alex,

Quality of response to Written Parliamentary Questions

In my capacity as Chair of the Procedure Committee, I am writing to you following receipt of a letter from Sir Christopher Chope MP concerning the quality of some responses to WPQs he put down. The letter, dated 14 April, was published on the Committee's website.¹

The Committee has previously expressed its concerns about the quality of responses to written questions from MPs from some Government departments. It is incumbent upon Ministers to ensure that their departments are complying with their obligation of accountability to Parliament in the most transparent and helpful way possible through these important mechanisms.

In that spirit, I would be grateful if you could look into the matters that Sir Christopher raises in his letter as a matter of urgency, and provide the information that is requested as soon as is expedient.

I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House of Commons, Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP, and Sir Christopher Chope MP, and will place a copy on the Committee's website.

Yours ever,

Rt Hon Dame Karen Bradley MP
Chair of the Procedure Committee

¹ <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/44315/documents/220182/default/>