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Dear Mr O'Brien,

Thank you for so kindly appearing as a witness at the evidence session on Monday 19th February. The information you gave us will be very useful for our inquiry and final report. I write to request your written response to a further question:

“What, if any, engagement have you had with the sponsoring minister of inquiries you have been involved with? If you have, what was the reason? Were they seeking information, or making suggestions, or giving direction, or expressing concern?”

In addition, if there was any extra information which you did not get the chance to share during the evidence session, you would be most welcome to include it in your response.

I would be very grateful if you could send your reply to the email address above by Friday 8th March. You should bear in mind that your response will be published on the Committee's website and treated as formal evidence. To assist you with your response, I have enclosed a copy of the transcript for the session.

Finally, you are warmly encouraged to submit a separate response to our call for written evidence, which can viewed here: <https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3343/>. Please do feel free to share this with anyone you know who might also wish to make a submission.

Thank you in advance for your continued assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Norton of Louth
Chair of the Statutory Inquiries Committee