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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 April 2024 as Acting Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

You have asked for an update on the timetable for the publication of my response to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report, and when I intend to update Parliament on this matter.

As I made clear in my statement to the House on the 25 March 2024, the Ombudsman's investigation has taken five years to conclude, from which a substantial report has been produced which requires careful and considered scrutiny.

The case is complex and the period the investigation considers spans around 30 years. It is only right that Government takes time to carefully consider the Ombudsman's findings in full. This work is currently being undertaken and an update will be provided in due course.

With every best wish,

RT HON MEL STRIDE MP
Secretary of State for Work & Pensions