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Dear Sharon,

Debate on e-petition [738881](#) relating to brain cancer research and treatment

Thank you for responding on behalf of the Government to the petition debate on Monday 15 June relating to brain cancer research and treatment. As you will no doubt recall, it was a very well attended debate with Members from across the House wishing to speak.

Although the great interest from Members was very welcome, and encouraging for petitioners to see, it was deeply disappointing that, despite your best efforts and those of the Chair, you were cut off during your response due to time constraints.

As you will be aware this debate was extremely important to petitioners many of whom are personally affected by brain cancer. The Committee shares their frustration not to have heard your full response to their requests and the many questions put by Members in the debate. I imagine you also share this frustration.

The Petitions Committee has therefore requested that I write to offer you the opportunity to provide a full response to the debate in writing, so that we can share this with petitioners as well as Members who spoke during the debate.

The Petitions Committee is proud of its predecessors' work on brain tumour research over the past 10 years, and the hard work of petitioners and campaigners to highlight this important issue. It remains critical that petitioners are able to see that there is urgency within the Government and that progress being made to improve outcomes for those who face this abhorrent disease that is the biggest cancer killer of our children and young people.

We welcome your response by 1 September 2026.

Jamie Stone MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee