



Justice Committee

The Rt Hon Alex Norris MP
Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice

[By email]

17 September 2026

Dear Alex,

The Government Response to the Justice Committee's report on the Courts and Tribunals Bill

The Justice Committee published its report on the Courts and Tribunals Bill on 10 June 2026.

Following the announcement that the Courts and Tribunals Bill will be returning to the House for remaining stages on 13 October, we would ask that the Government produces its response to our report by Wednesday 7 October.

The Committee's report drew on a significant amount of expert evidence and contains a number of constructive recommendations designed to improve the Bill. In our view, it is crucial that the Government produces its response before the House considers the legislation so as to inform Members' scrutiny of the Bill.

The Committee will not be holding a formal meeting prior to 13 October. The Committee will therefore not be able to publish the Government's response as a special report in good time before the House's consideration of the Bill. As a consequence, we would ask that the Government publishes the response as a command paper.

Your sincerely,

Chair, Justice Committee