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Dear Chair,

**Update on the Government's Response to the Science and Technology Committee
report: The UK Response to COVID-19: Use of Scientific Advice**

I am writing in relation to the Science and Technology Committee's report, 'The UK response to Covid-19: use of scientific advice', published on 8 January 2021.

The Government welcomes the opportunity to respond to the recommendations made in the Committee's report. Due to the cross-cutting nature of the recommendations, and in order to allow time to give them due consideration, I regret that the process of compiling our Command Paper response has taken longer than the standard 8-week timescale.

I am keen that the Committee is able to see our response to its recommendations as soon as possible, however, we do not feel it is appropriate to lay in recess or the pre-election period. I can reassure the Committee we will making the necessary arrangements to lay shortly after 10th May 2021.

Please pass on my sincere apologies to the Committee for this delay.

Yours ever

MATT HANCOCK