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Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding parliamentary questions.

During the height of the pandemic, departments were under significant pressure when replying to parliamentary questions and I had some sympathy with departments. Nevertheless, it is a recognised fundamental right of Parliament that members receive full and timely responses to parliamentary questions.

I last wrote to all members of the Cabinet on this matter in April, including the Prime Minister and the Cabinet Secretary. Throughout the pandemic I have received a significant number of complaints from members about the timeliness and quality of responses to parliamentary questions and I continue to raise members' questions with departments where there is a significant delay or unsatisfactory response.

My office will raise your letter with departments alongside the Committee's upcoming report. As ever, if my office can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch and I look forward to our upcoming meeting.

With every good wish,

*Yours,
Jacob*