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Dear Paul,

As you may be aware, the Petitions Committee has agreed to schedule a debate on [e-petition 300105](#), *Introduce Mandatory Ethnicity Pay Gap Reporting*, on 20 September.

Your Department's response to the petition, provided on 30 July 2020, indicated that the Government was continuing to analyse the results of the consultation run between October 2018 and January 2019 on this issue, and stated that the Government would publish its response to the consultation by the end of 2020.

I am aware you have recently reiterated that the Government still plans to respond to the consultation as soon as possible, for example in response to a Parliamentary Question on [10 February 2021](#). I am sure you will appreciate that the considerable length of time that has passed since the consultation closed will be frustrating for petitioners and others who responded to the consultation, as well as other members of the public who care about this important issue.

To help ensure the debate on 20 September is as productive as possible, I would therefore be grateful if you could confirm when the Government will publish its response to the consultation, and would strongly encourage you do this in advance of the debate in September.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee