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Petitions Committee (Commons)
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Dear Chair,

**Update on the Government's Response to the Petitions Committee report on the
Impact of Covid-19 on new parents: one year on**

I am writing in relation to the report on the 'Impact of Covid-19 on new parents: one year on', published on 7 October 2021.

The Government welcomes the opportunity to respond to the recommendations made in the Committee's report. Given the cross-cutting nature of the report, we are working closely with other departments to ensure that we can provide robust responses. On this occasion I regret that this means that we will not be able to issue our response within the customary two-month deadline. Please pass my sincere apologies to the Committee members.

I am keen that the Committee should be able to see our response to their recommendations. Please do accept my assurance we will be making arrangements to share the government response as soon as possible.

Yours ever,

Maggie Throup