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Dear Thérèse,

Publication of commissioned research about disability benefits

Thank you for your letter of 19 November and for the evidence you gave to the Committee on 8 December. I regret to say that we are not persuaded that your decision not to publish the research is justified.

The Committee has asked me to write to you to give you a final chance to reconsider that decision and to publish the report no later than **Tuesday 11 January 2022**.

If you do not publish the report by that date, we will use the power given to us by the House to require NatCen to provide us with a copy of it. We will then publish the report ourselves.

We would much prefer the research to be published by the Department, as was envisaged when it was commissioned. We are, however, prepared to use our powers if necessary to ensure that the report is published.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP
Chair, Work and Pensions Committee