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Dear Catherine,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 March 2022 to the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP regarding the e-petition 604509, entitled "Create a 'National Sleep Strategy' to end child bed poverty".

I attach a response to the e-petition and apologise for the delay in government responding to this.

My department has a good relationship with your Committee and fully understands that replies are expected in a timely fashion and works hard to meet these. I know that my team have been keeping your Clerks aware on the progress of this one and that we needed considerable contributions from other departments in order to provide a suitable response for you and the petitioners.

Yours sincerely,

**KEMI BADENOCH MP**