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Rt Hon Lord Foster of Bath
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Dear Lord Foster,

Thank you for the Lords Justice and Home Affairs Committee's report, *Settlement, Citizenship and Integration*. I am grateful to the Committee for its careful scrutiny of our earned settlement proposals and for the recommendations it has made.

As you will be aware, the report was published while the Department was still reviewing responses to the earned settlement consultation. I strongly believe it is appropriate to provide the Committee with a comprehensive Government response once the consultation outcome is published, enabling us to address its recommendations fully in the context of final policy decisions.

Officials continue to assess the consultation responses and are taking the Committee's recommendations into account as part of that process. Our current expectation is that the Government's response to the consultation, together with its response to the Committee's report, will be published in the Autumn. Should there be any change to that timetable, I will ensure that the Committee is informed.

In the meantime, I would like to assure you that the Committee's report is being carefully considered as part of the Department's ongoing work on earned settlement reform. We will provide a full and substantive response once that work has been completed.

With best wishes,

Mike Tapp MP
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