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Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP
HM Paymaster General

16 March 2022

Dear Minister,

I have read your statement laid in Parliament about the compensation framework study completed by Sir Robert Francis QC.

You will be aware that we intend to call Sir Robert Francis QC to give evidence during the next session, which runs from the week of 9 May to the week of 25 July. The report, as written and delivered to you, will need to be available not less than four weeks in advance of the hearing date so that participants are able to read and discuss the proposals and core participants are able to suggest lines of questioning in the usual way.

I note the intention to publish a response to the framework study at the same time as the report. This is of course a matter for you, since the report was commissioned by you, but you may wish to reflect on whether questioning in the independent setting of the Inquiry might not help to inform that response further, and that it might be a pity if those directly affected by its proposals felt that decisions were being made about them behind closed doors without their input.

The Inquiry is currently timetabling witnesses to be heard in the next session. It is therefore important for the Inquiry to know when you expect to publish the report. I should be grateful if you could confirm this in your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian J Langstaff".

Sir Brian Langstaff

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