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GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT ON LONG TERM SOCIAL CARE FUNDING

Dear Clive and Sarah,

I wanted to again express my thanks for the work you and your committees have done to bringing together a wealth of evidence on the long-term funding of social care. As well as gathering views, the report also makes strong recommendations on the way forward. My officials and I are considering the recommendations closely as we work towards the publication of the social care Green Paper this autumn.

I wanted to write to inform you that we are not expecting to publish the response to the committee's report within the two months that government usually works towards.

More significantly however, many of the issues raised relate to policy that government is still developing through the Green Paper process. It would be premature to respond to the committee's recommendations on funding reform in advance of that.

We therefore propose to send you the Government response to the report in the autumn. This will ensure that our response is aligned to the policy proposals that the Green Paper sets out on the long-term funding of social care.

This timing will mean that Government will be ready to respond in full, and I hope you appreciate that the timing of the Green Paper means that the end of the summer is not the right moment to be able to do so.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Dinénage'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

CAROLINE DINENAGE