Thank you for your letter of 13 November on judicial pay following my Written Ministerial Statement to the House publishing the Major Review on Judicial Pay by the Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB).

Let me begin by reiterating the value I place on our world-class judiciary. The Government takes very seriously the threat that being unable to fill key judicial posts represents to the proper functioning of justice and the UK's wider prosperity. We are now carefully considering what changes might be made to the judicial remuneration package to address the particular issues brought to the fore by the SSRB's Major Review.

In parallel, we continue to work closely with the senior judiciary, HMCTS and the Judicial Appointments Commission to analyse current and future demand on our courts and tribunals, so that we can more reliably plan our recruitment to match demand.

I will write to update you on our plans for judicial remuneration once I am in a position to set out the Government's response to the issues highlighted by the SSRB.

Yours ever,

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