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Dear Sir Peter Fraser

Chair of the Law Commission of England & Wales

Review of Surrogacy: Government Interim Response

I am writing in respect of the England & Wales and Scotland Law Commissions' joint report, Building Families Through Surrogacy: A New Law.

Firstly, I wish to thank your team for a comprehensive report about a sensitive and still contended area. There is a lot of detail to carefully consider and the Department of Health and Social care are working with other key Government Departments to review the report's recommendations to inform a full Government response, which we will publish in due course.

This interim response has been made slightly later than the expected six months after publication of your report.

While we appreciate the importance of this work, parliamentary time does not allow for these changes to be taken forward at the moment.

Yours sincerely,

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