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Dear William,

I am writing in response to your letter dated 23 April titled "Petition P-04-523- Protect the Elderly and Vulnerable in Care Homes".

Firstly, I would like to once again thank the Committee for their patience in waiting for Dr Margaret Flynn to produce her independent report into the circumstances surrounding Operation Jasmine. I am happy to provide an update on the revised timetable.

I had originally requested that the report be submitted to me by the end of 2014, but at the beginning of December 2014, Dr Flynn received a significant amount of vital new evidence that needed detailed review. During my meeting with Dr Flynn in January to discuss the progress of her report, she requested an extension to allow her time to consider and analyse the new evidence. I therefore agreed with Dr Flynn that she present her report to me in May.

Following my decision to extend the deadline, I met with members of Justice for Jasmine, a group of families and friends closely affected by Operation Jasmine, to explain the reasons behind my actions and to outline this revised timetable.

I should also inform you that in December 2014, Dr Flynn separately submitted a letter outlining proposals in terms of legislative change. I met with Dr Flynn and the Minister for Health and Social Services to discuss her thoughts at length with regard to the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill.

Yours sincerely

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