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*Dear William,*

**Family Justice Review**

In my letter of 16<sup>th</sup> July, I undertook to provide a copy of the final report of the Family Justice Review. I understand my office has sent the link to your Committee Clerk, but I have also included it below for ease of reference:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/policy/moj/family-justice-review-final.htm>

I have also attached the written ministerial statement that I have issued today to the National Assembly for Wales on the publication of the UK Government's response to the Family Justice Review, which can be found at the following link:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/families/a00200548/family-justice-review-final-report>

You will note in particular my plans to set up a new Family Justice Network in Wales, which will provide an opportunity to bring together key players within the family justice system in Wales and will support and inform the proposed Family Justice Board which will be in place by April 2012.

Responding to the range of improvements will be a challenge and, whilst some will happen immediately, others will take longer to implement. I am confident, however, that by working in partnership with key stakeholders, we can meet these challenges and deliver on this ambitious agenda to ensure that children in Wales are provided with a faster system which recognises, listens and responds to their needs and concerns, protects their welfare and secures their safety, and helps them enjoy their childhood in the most stable environment.

*Yours sincerely,  
Gwenda*

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