

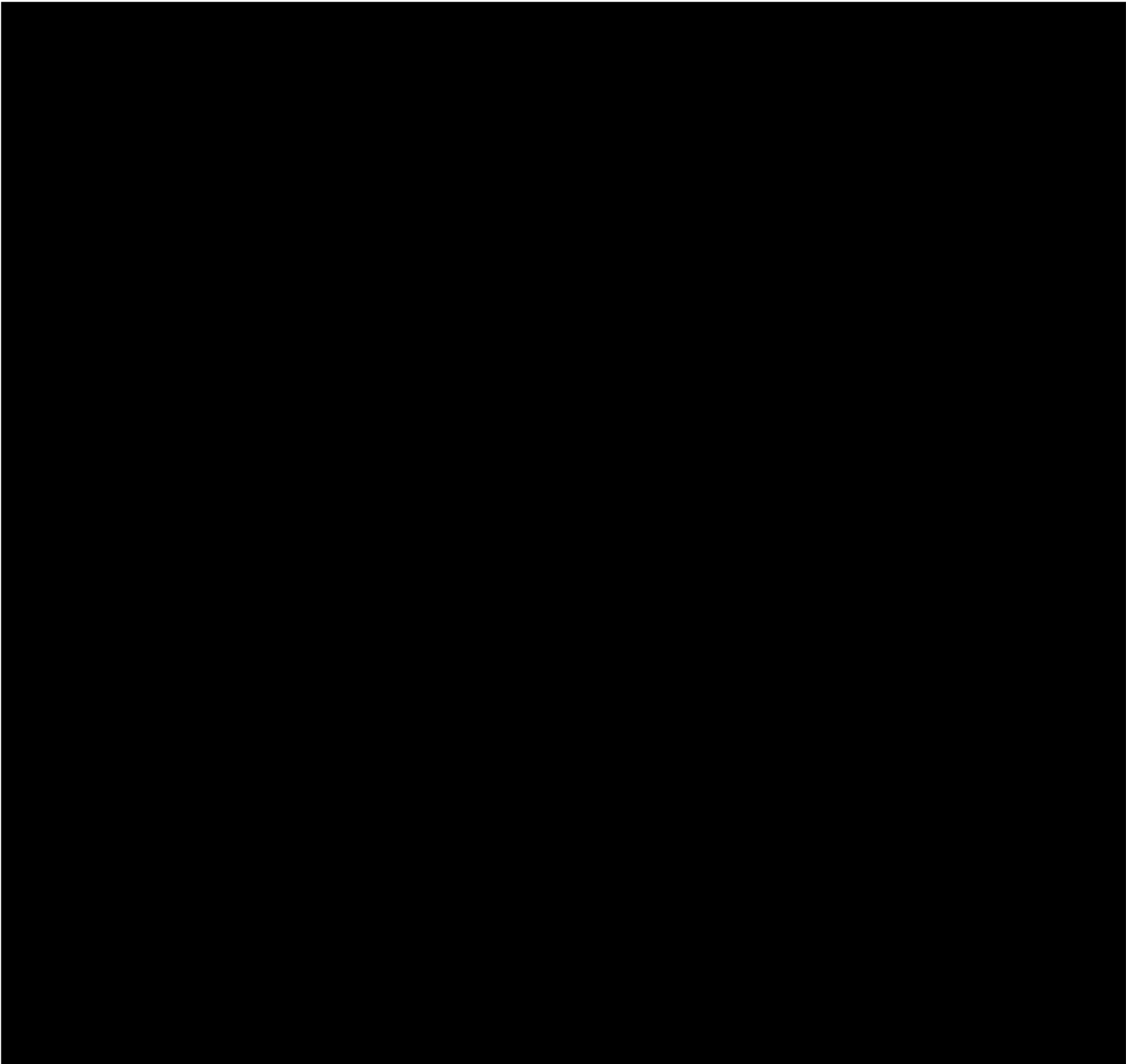


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I would also like to respond to your correspondence dated 21st May, addressed to Catherine Atkinson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice. As you set out, while I cannot speak to matters within the remit of the Ministry of Justice, I am responding given the recent recommendation from Baroness Amos' independent national investigation into NHS maternity and neonatal care that reported recently on 30 June. She has now set out an urgent action for the government to publish the response to the 2019 consultation seeking views on introducing coronial investigations of stillbirth cases in England and Wales.

Policy work on this issue had been previously undertaken, however we wanted to ensure the Government's final conclusions reflected any relevant findings from the independent investigation.

We have committed to deliver this action and will do so in the context of any wider changes made to the system of investigating when things go wrong in maternity and neonatal care.

Thank you for your ongoing work to ensure that all families are able to receive the answers and support they deserve.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JM', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

RT HON JAMES MURRAY MP