

Baroness Valerie Amos
Chair of the National Maternity
and Neonatal Investigation

7 April 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for reiterating your concerns regarding the Terms of Reference specifying 37 weeks pregnancy in relation to the coronial involvement in the investigation of stillbirths.

In our previous correspondence, I confirmed that the methodology and evidence gathered for the Investigation relating to coronial involvement in stillbirths would not be limited to 37 weeks. That remains the case. I know you have been interviewed by the Investigation team on this issue and I am grateful to you for the evidence you have provided.

As you have noted, the recent Interim Report published by the Investigation was clear that although the original Terms of Reference had specified 37 weeks or later, following family feedback, the Investigation had decided it was important to look more widely at when babies are stillborn, as many of the questions raised about coronial involvement apply once 24 weeks gestation is reached. We will also make this clear when we publish our final report, which will include all relevant evidence we have collected in relation to stillbirths, regardless of gestation.

You also raised concerns that recent Parliamentary Questions had made reference to the Terms of Reference and the wording on 37 weeks. As you are aware, the Investigation is independent of Government and I am not responsible for Parliamentary Questions or the answers given to them by Ministers on behalf of the Government. Any amendment or correction to an answer is a matter for Ministers and Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valerie A.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Baroness Amos