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Dear Sir Gavin,

Thank you for your email of 4 February, on behalf of your constituent Mr [REDACTED] regarding Mr [REDACTED] previous correspondence which was responded to on 9 February 2026 (MoJ Ref: [REDACTED]).

Mr [REDACTED] has asked why a response from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) was required. As was set out in the then government's factual summary of response in late 2023, the coronial investigation of stillbirths is a matter which concerns both the DHSC and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). This is because DHSC are responsible for the government's wider maternity care and maternity investigation policy. It is normal practice when dealing with matters of collective responsibility that there is cross-departmental agreement to the content of correspondence.

The Ministry of Justice treats correspondence with great care and there are measures in place to monitor and track timely responses. I regret that the target time frame was not met in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON DAVID LAMMY MP

**DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LORD CHANCELLOR AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
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