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**Our Ref: SUB/1278/2024**

Dear Eoin

**RESPONSE TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER ON  
13 MAY IN RESPECT OF TOPICAL QUESTION (AQT 262/22-27)**

During Topical Question time on 13 May 2024, you asked if the deputy First Minister '*... will be aware of calls from victim support organisations for an extension to the deadline for applications for backdated payments. Does she support that call? What representations has she made to the UK Government to that effect?*'.

We can confirm that we wrote to the Secretary of State on the 17 April 2024 and again on the 21 May 2024 in support of the extension of the deadline for eligible applicants to avail of backdated payments, to align with the closing date of the Scheme.

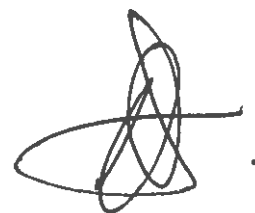
We have had no response to date from the Secretary of State.

We hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely



**Michelle O'Neill MLA**  
**First Minister**



**Emma Little-Pengelly MLA**  
**deputy First Minister**