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**Rt Hon Alex Chalk KC MP**

Dear Lord Chancellor,

**Brook House Inquiry**

In September 2023, I published my Report into the mistreatment of individuals who were detained at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre in 2017, in which I made 33 recommendations. As I have stated, both in the report and in my public comments, it is crucial that a response to the recommendations is published within six months.

Recommendation 32 relates to the Ministry of Justice, and I would be grateful if you could provide some information about the steps the department has, or intends to, put in place in order to review and formally respond to the recommendations that were directed to the Ministry of Justice. I have also requested the same detail from the recipients of my other recommendations.

Many of the Core Participants in this Inquiry have expressed the view that there should be a monitoring phase following the publication of my Report. I am aware that Core Participants remain keenly interested and therefore I would like to share information regarding the steps that are being taken to respond to my recommendations before the Inquiry closes.

I would be grateful for a response at your earliest convenience but no later than 15 January. Please note, the Inquiry intends to provide a copy of this letter to Core Participants and will also publish a copy on the Inquiry's website, in due course. Any response that is provided will also be published.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KE", located below the "Yours sincerely," text.

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