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**MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE CORRESPONDENCE**

As promised in my reply to your Parliamentary Question about correspondence on compensation for Miscarriages of Justice (OR, 15 June, Col 1360W, I am writing with performance figures for the last quarter.

In the past three months 96 letters were received, of which 72 were responded to substantively within the target of 20 working days. The remaining 24 letters all required significant consideration by and consultation with the Assessor, and a substantive reply could not therefore be sent within the 20-day target.

Overall, this means that of the 96 letters received in the period, 80% received a substantive or interim reply within 20 days. The Miscarriages of Justice Team have now taken action to ensure that all letters are replied to substantively, or receive an acknowledgement or interim reply, within the 20-day target.

I am grateful to you for bringing this matter to my attention and I am placing a copy of this reply in the Library.

  
**JOHN REID**