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Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP
Deputy Leader, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy
of Lancaster and Shadow Secretary of
State for the Future of Work
By email

Dear Angela

Thank you for your letter to me of 23 November 2021, which followed press coverage regarding Lord Hammond of Runnymede and Oaknorth bank.

You raised concerns about the time taken for the government to respond to my correspondence on the matter and you asked how many other cases were awaiting a response.

As you may be aware, ACOBA's commitment to transparency means it will publish details of any breach. ACOBA also reports breaches of the Rules to the government as the owners of the Rules, or where appropriate, to the devolved governments. It is a matter for them to determine the appropriate action to take.

We have now published the government's response to my correspondence in relation to Lord Hammond and OakNorth bank:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hammond-philip-chancellor-of-the-exchequer-hm-treasury-acoba-advice>

You asked:

- How many more cases are there where the committee is waiting for the government to respond to their inquiries?
- For each of the cases please indicate how long the committee has been waiting for a reply?

There is one case outstanding, which was reported to government in July 2021. Details of the case can be viewed on our website here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001231/REPORTING_TO_HMG_-_DC.pdf

We will publish this correspondence in line with our commitment to transparency

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sairi Pickles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rt Hon Lord Pickles