



Lucy Reed

Sent by email

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Dear Lucy,

**STATEMENTS MADE REGARDING FAMILY COURT TRANSPARENCY – REQUEST FOR  
CORRECTION OF THE RECORD**

Thank you for your email of 19 July 2021 regarding a response to a Parliamentary Question made by Minister Philp and an interview given by the Lord Chancellor to the Family Law Bar Association's (FLBA's) 'Family Affairs'.

Due to the Family Courts falling under my portfolio of responsibilities at the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), your correspondence has been passed to me for a response.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me. I understand and share the concerns you have raised regarding the published inaccuracies, and the potential impact on the public as a result of these inaccuracies.

My officials have investigated the Parliamentary Question response and I can confirm that the answer given was inaccurate. The situation occurred because of mistakes that were made during the drafting process and not subsequently identified during the clearance process. I have asked officials to put in place changes to ensure that this does not happen again.

My colleague, Minister Philp, has written to the MP who raised this question to explain the circumstances that led to the mistakes being present in the original response. A corrected version will be published officially in due course to ensure that the public record is accurate.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the work you have done to support transparency in the Family Courts, particularly your support of the Legal Bloggers pilot.

Kind regards,

**LORD (DAVID) WOLFSON  
OF TREDEGAR, QC**