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Dear Minister,

Answer to PQ from Rachael Maskell MP

I wrote to you on 13 December about your answer to this parliamentary question. I don't believe that I've had a reply.

The issue remains important – indeed, even more so now that Covid related restrictions in the community are being dismantled so completely while prisons lag far behind. It has always been acknowledged that progression through the recovery stages, even where it happens, does not guarantee anything approaching a normal regime nor even that the same regime will be delivered on a consistent daily basis. I understand the operational pressures that justify that approach, but it makes accurate and honest reporting of what is actually delivered all the more crucial.

Rather than debate the wording of the PQ response, perhaps you could say how many prisoners were unable to spend more than an hour out of their cell last weekend?

I am copying this letter, as before, to Rachael Maskell MP.

Yours sincerely,



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