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*Dear Margaret,*

During the Oral Question on arm's length bodies secured by Baroness Thornton on 14 June, I promised to follow up the issue that you raised about animal medicines and health.

Animal medicines and health is not an issue covered by the current Department of Health arm's length body review. I have asked officials to keep this issue in mind as they take forward the Department's work on its arm's length bodies.

I am copying this letter to all Peers who participated in the debate and placing a copy in the Library.

*Yours ever,*

*Freddie*

**EARL HOWE**

cc:  
The Earl of Onslow  
Bns Thornton  
Bns Greengross  
Lord Faulkner  
Lord Alderdice  
Lord Warner  
Lord Rea