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Dear Dan,

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

In response to your recent Parliamentary Questions:

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of children that have been exposed to asbestos while serving a custodial sentence in the last five years.

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of youth custody establishments which contain asbestos.

Hansard HC Deb 5 March 2015

I undertook to write to you on any incidents of exposure to asbestos in Young Offender Institutions within the last five years, when this information was available.

Any incidents surrounding asbestos or children's exposure to asbestos would be recorded in accordance with Prison Service Order 3802 (inadvertent exposure to asbestos). Our records indicate that no children have been exposed to asbestos while serving a custodial sentence in the last five years at any Young Offender Institution.

Some asbestos containing materials (ACM) are present at each of the Young Offender Institutions commissioned by the Youth Justice Board since April 2010. The Prison Service has a robust Asbestos Management Policy and is committed to implementing all Regulations, Approved Codes of Practice, Health and Safety Executive Guidance and NOMS Policies in relation to safe and effective asbestos management. All Prison Service establishments ensure that measures are taken to manage asbestos containing materials to minimise the possibility of exposure.

I hope you find this information helpful. I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours ever,
Andrew

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