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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter of 13 May, and your enclosed article setting out your suggestions for Prime Minister's Questions, which I have read with interest.

Prime Minister's Questions is an important part of our modern, democratic process – a way for Members of Parliament to hold the Prime Minister to account on a whole range of issues and an opportunity for them to raise constituency matters. As you say in your article, suggested reforms have been mooted over the years. Some have worked better than others but, ultimately, PMQs has a long tradition of robust exchanges and debate and, while we all have a responsibility to ensure that the session is conducted in a respectful manner, the behaviour of Members must remain a matter for The Speaker.

I am sure that you will share your views and ideas with Mr Speaker.

I am,
David

Mr Paul Flynn MP