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Lord Palmer of Childs Hill
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Dear Monroe,

I am writing following the Lords' Oral Question on Engineered Stone and Silicosis on Monday 15 January. Thank you for the question that you raised. I am writing to you to clarify information provided in my response.

In my response to your question, I originally said:

Our information is that nobody has suffered any long-term exposure to silicosis. There are instances of non-compliance, which have reduced from 19% to 11%, but the HSE has been tackling exposure to RCS for many years through a mature regulatory model that combines targeted inspection activity on high-risk activity, communications activity and working with stakeholders.

The below amended response clarifies the information provided:

*Our information is that **there are no official cases of silicosis reported in GB due to artificial stone exposure.** There are instances of non-compliance for silica generally, which have reduced from 19% to 11%, but the HSE has been tackling exposure to RCS for many years through a mature regulatory model that combines targeted inspection activity on high-risk activity, communications activity and working with stakeholders.*

I will place a copy of this letter in the House library.

*With best wishes,
James*

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