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Dear Joshua Reynolds MP,

I am writing to explain that I have asked Hansard to make a Ministerial correction to the response I gave to your question during DWP Oral Questions on 8 December, with reference to the removal of the two-child benefit limit.

I have copied the question and original answer here for your reference:

Q. “It took the Government a year and a half to confirm that they were going to scrap the two-child benefit cap. What estimate has the Minister made of the number of children who, during that time, were unnecessarily kept in poverty because of it?”

A. “I think it is absolutely right and proper that this Government have the child poverty taskforce to look at not just the issue of the two-child limit, which is obviously very important, but all the other measures we need to have in place to support families. As the Employment Minister, I am particularly pleased that we have measures in the strategy to help parents into work.. [interruption]... I was saying that it is important that there are measures in the child poverty strategy to help with childcare in particular. It is not just that; we have free school meals and the breakfast clubs. There are also the issues of temporary accommodation. The statistic the hon. Gentleman perhaps wants me to give is that I understand 100 children a week were pushed into child poverty through the two-child limit that the previous Government introduced in 2017.”

I would like to clarify that 100 children per day, (rather than per week) were pushed into child poverty through the introduction of this policy by the previous Government.

I will place a copy of this letter in the Library.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Diana Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J'.

Rt. Hon. Dame Diana Johnson MP

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