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**Ref: PQ88888**

Dear Mr Bhatti,

**Re: PQ88888: To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Curriculum and Assessment Review, published on 5 November 2025, if she will instruct Ofqual to release the analysis quoted on the impact of reductions to allocated exam times.**

The Minister of State (Education), Georgia Gould, has asked Ofqual to respond directly to your recent Parliamentary Question. A copy of this response will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Ofqual can confirm that it holds information submitted to the Curriculum and Assessment Review Panel on the potential impact of reducing allocated exam times. However, this information will not be released at this stage because it relates to the formulation and development of government policy, which remains ongoing and subject to public consultation.

The purpose of withholding this information is to protect the integrity of the ongoing policy-making and consultation processes and maintain a safe space for the free and frank provision of any advice. Disclosure at this stage would be likely to prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs, lead to misinterpretation and public confusion, and undermine Ofqual's ability to provide objective advice to government.

Relevant information is already available in the published Curriculum and Assessment Review report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ian Bauckham'.

**Sir Ian Bauckham CBE**  
Chief Regulator, Ofqual