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Dear Nicky

Department for Education's Review of Asbestos Management in Schools

I wrote to you on 9 December 2014 highlighting the unacceptable delays in the publication of the above Review and asking for a date when the findings would be published. You replied on 5 January, setting out that you understood our frustrations and that you looked forward to sharing the results of the review with us 'early in the New Year'.

We are now well into the New Year, it is a year since the call for evidence closed and we are fast approaching the pre-election period and dissolution of Parliament on 30 March.

Having been given numerous assurances that publication was imminent, I regret to say that we are now beginning to doubt the sincerity of these assurances and are concerned that there is an intention to simply sweep this problem under the carpet. That would be totally unacceptable. I can see no good reason why the Review findings cannot be published immediately.

As you are no doubt aware, the findings were originally due to have been published in June 2014. In the intervening 9 months staff and pupils have continued to be put at risk.

Can you please, as a matter of urgency, confirm that the Government is still committed to publication of the findings of the Review before the period of 'purdah' begins and that there is no intention to abandon the review and leave the problem for the next government. Such a course of action would be deeply disappointing to NUT

members, many of whom have recently been in contact with their MP about the problem of asbestos in schools

I look forward to your response.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Blower". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'C'.

Christine Blower
General Secretary