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Dear Professor Triggs

Response to request for information regarding the immigration detention and asylum seeker system

Thank you for your letter of 17 September 2013.

I note the concerns raised in your letter. I apologise for the delay in the department's provision of information in relation to this report. I would like to reassure you that the department is committed to openness and accountability in the delivery of our functions and services, and to this end, I am keen to ensure we continue to work closely together.

I appreciated you providing an advance copy of the report in question, and understand that it was subsequently published on 22 October 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your report.

Yours sincerely

Martin Bowles PSM

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