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Dear Madam Speaker

Thank you for your letters seeking reasons why Written Questions 80, 85, 96, 97, 98 and 114 were not received within 30 days.

Those answers have been provided.

A large volume of Written Questions were received from Opposition and Independent MLAs following the delivery of Budget 2017. Many of these questions would have been easily answered during the Estimates process, relieving some of the additional burden placed on our hard working public service by the refusal of some members to participate in Estimates process.

Nonetheless, this Government's desire to ensure accurate answers to this unusually large number of questions meant that in some circumstances the 30 day time limit was not met.

I note that the attitude and respect of my Government for the Written Question process stands in stark contrast to the performance of the previous CLP Government, who often gave incorrect answers, well after the 30 day time period, or in some cases, simply refused to answer them at all.

Yours sincerely

*Michael*

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