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Dear Mike

Thank you for your letter of 24 May providing further evidence from the petitioner about holidays in term time and seeking details on the timescale for the independent evaluation of fixed penalty notices. I am grateful for the Committee's continued interest in this matter.

The independent evaluation on fixed penalty notices is currently underway and is due to be completed in the autumn. The outcome of the evaluation will feed into future decisions for any need for changes to current policy and practice that are planned for the wider attendance review which will be completed towards the end of the year. I will let you know the outcome of this work when it becomes available. I appreciate the further evidence provided by the petitioner and I have asked that this is considered as part of the review.

Yours sincerely

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