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Dear Mr Jack

As you may know, your letter of 25 September to the Prime Minister has been passed to this Department for response. You wrote asking the Government to appoint a Minister for Older People. I have been asked to reply.

More people living longer are a cause for celebration and are a direct result of enormous progress over the past 60 years. The Government values the contribution that people in later life can make to society and is looking at innovative ways to support and engage with communities and individuals to change cultural attitudes. However, there are no plans to appoint a Minister for Older People.

Older people have made and will continue to make a tremendous contribution to our society. The support and inspiration they provide through their work, through caring, volunteering, supporting their families and their local communities are just a few examples. The Government ensures that each Department considers the implications of an ageing society in policy development.

In this Department we have addressed the implications of working longer through our Fuller Working Lives Strategy, put in place a new flexible and simpler State Pension system and introduced automatic enrolment to encourage more people to save for their retirement. This Government is committed to making any further reforms a success and ensuring that public services meet the needs of older people and will continue to engage and consult on policy. All parts of Government will continue to work together with our partners to make this a success.

I hope this helps to explain the position.

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