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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 11 November, making a representation ahead of the Spending Review. The Treasury has received unprecedented amounts of correspondence since the start of the coronavirus outbreak in the UK. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has asked me to write to you directly.

While the Government would have liked to outline plans for the rest of this Parliament, the right thing is to focus entirely on the response to COVID-19 and supporting jobs – that's what the public would expect.

The Government has put in place considerable support for businesses, families and the economy throughout the current crisis and will continue to show flexibility and creativity in its response.

The Government is grateful to you for drawing their attention to the issues set out in your letter. While it would not be appropriate to respond in detail to the points you make at this stage, please be assured that the contents of your letter have been registered with HM Treasury.

I hope this is helpful. If you have any questions about this reply, please email public.enquiries@hmtreasury.gov.uk quoting reference MC2020/41579.

Yours sincerely,

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