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Dear Michelle,

COVID-19 – REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

1. Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2020 regarding the Covid-19 response and your request for further information on the UK government's UK-wide support schemes.
2. The UK government is keen to ensure that information is made available about the various UK-wide schemes that we have implemented. However, rather than providing this separately to your Committee, information is instead being published on a regular basis.
3. The UK government has already published the UK-wide applications and approvals from all three lending schemes on a weekly basis since 12 May. The latest data was published on Tuesday 2 June showing 699,354 approvals for BBLs loans at a value of £21.29 billion; 45,843 approvals for CBILS facilities at £8.92 billion; and 191 approvals for CLBLs facilities at £1.11 billion as of Sunday 31 May.
4. HMRC has similarly been publishing figures on the level of support provided under the CJRS and SEISS. The latest data, again published on Tuesday 2 June, showed that, as of midnight on Sunday 31 May, 1.1 million employers are using the scheme, 8.7 million jobs have been furloughed and £17.5 billion has been claimed. As of midnight 31 May, 2.5 million claims had been made under the SEISS, with a total value of £7.2 billion.
5. HMRC will release Official Statistics covering the CJRS and SEISS from the 11 June. The UK government is also considering what further data it will be possible to publish on the lending schemes in the future, while balancing the sensitive commercial nature of this information for lenders.



6. Alongside these publications, I will continue to work closely and constructively with Scottish Government ministers to ensure we deliver a joined-up UK-wide economic response to Covid-19. This includes regular Finance Ministers' Quadrilateral meetings with the finance ministers from all three devolved administrations.

7. I am also conscious that the UK government is accountable to the UK Parliament so need to proceed with this in mind. As such I do not intend to provide evidence to each of the devolved legislatures. Alongside reporting to the UK Parliament and our ongoing engagement with the Scottish Government, we will continue to publish regular information about UK government schemes.

8. I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Steve Barclay'.

RT HON STEVE BARCLAY MP