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Dear Michelle,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 June to the Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, regarding the Economic Recovery roundtables. I am responding on behalf of the department, and I apologise for the delay.

Over 100 representatives across business sectors, business representative groups, research bodies, partner organisations and academia attended the roundtables from the four UK nations. These business invitees represent over a third of the UK economy. Additionally, we have received over 500 pieces of written evidence from more than 300 businesses across the UK.

This engagement was hugely important in informing Government thinking and has been reflected in both the Prime Minister's and Chancellor's recent speeches. We do not intend to launch a formal economic recovery plan, but we are analysing all the information gathered, to inform our priorities and ongoing approach to working with business and other stakeholders. This is critical as we seek to support a green and resilient recovery and ensure the UK is at the forefront of emerging industries.

The Secretary of State recently joined one of Minister Zahawi's quadrilateral meetings with Fiona Hyslop MSP, Ken Skates MS and Diane Dodds MLA where we discussed the economic recovery roundtables and our recovery priorities. Ms Hyslop provided an update on the Scottish Government's Advisory Group on Economic Recovery's report and their response. It was agreed that these conversations should continue, and we look forward to future discussions.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

PAUL SCULLY MP

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