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Dear Ms Hillier,

New tax reliefs statistics published by HMRC: 'Non-structural tax reliefs – additional cost estimates'

I am writing to draw your attention to the new tax reliefs statistics publication from HMRC published on 20 May.

The Committee recommended in their report on HMRC's Performance 2017-18 that "HMRC should set out, by April 2019, an approach for improving its understanding of the cost for those tax reliefs where it does not already have that information." In Sir Jonathan Thompson's letter of 30 April 2019, he informed the Committee that HMRC had prioritised analytical resource to undertake a project to publically provide more information on the costs for reliefs where none are currently published.

I am pleased to tell you that on 20 May HMRC published the first set of cost estimates as part of this project. HMRC published single-year cost estimates for 47 non-structural tax reliefs where cost information was previously unavailable. HMRC plan to add cost estimates for further tax reliefs in an autumn 2020 update to this publication and will continue to expand coverage into 2021 and 2022.

Yours sincerely

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