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Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP
Chair, Welsh Affairs Committee
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Dear Stephen,

Coronavirus Business Lending and Job Retention Scheme Data for Wales

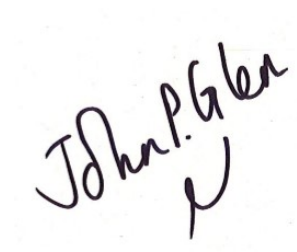
Thank you for your request regarding data on the uptake of the government's financial support schemes, including the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS), Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS) and Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BLS), and the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), in Wales. These schemes are critical components of our economic response to the Covid-19 pandemic across all four nations of the UK, and it is vital that we continue to give viable businesses the support that they need to get through this crisis.

You will be aware that the government has published UK-wide application and approval figures on all three lending schemes on a weekly basis since 12 May. The latest data published on Wednesday 27 May showed that there had been 608,069 approvals for BLS loans at a value of £18.9 billion, 43,045 approvals for CBILS facilities at £8.15 billion, and 154 approvals for CLBILS facilities at £0.82 billion.

HMRC has similarly been publishing figures on the level of support provided under the CJRS. The latest data, published on Wednesday 27 May, showed that, as of midnight on Sunday 24 May, 1 million employers are using the scheme, 8.4 million jobs have been furloughed and £15 billion has been claimed.

The government is considering what further data it will be possible or appropriate to publish in future, including whether it is possible to provide breakdowns at the level of the devolved nations and on a regional basis. I will of

course write to the Committee if we are in a position to publish the data you have requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Glen" with a stylized flourish underneath.

JOHN GLEN