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Dear Mr Stride,

Thank you for your letter of 14 May.

HMRC does not presently hold information on the number of people who had self-employed income as their main source of income at the start of the lock down on 23 March 2020. The reason for this is that the Self Assessment returns relating to the 2019 to 2020 tax year are not due until January 2021, and as a result no assessment of the number of people with self-employed income as their main source of income in 2019-20 is held at this time.

Yours sincerely

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND FIRST PERMANENT SECRETARY**

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