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*Dear Meg*

## DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT CONTINGENT LIABILITY

On 5 November 2019, the Secretary of State for Transport wrote to you notifying you that his Department had entered into a contingent liability in respect of guaranteeing contingent funding in connection with Transport for the North's new property lease.

My team has reviewed the notification in the context of our audit knowledge. I note the straightforward nature of the liability, justification in line with the Department's remit, and relatively low financial exposure. There appear to be no unusual circumstances in this case, and so my recommendation in this case is that no response to the minister is necessary.

*Yours,  
Gareth*

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