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(Sent by email)

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Dear Rishi,

The Treasury Committee is continuing its inquiry into the *Economic Impact of Coronavirus*. As part of that work we have been taking an interest in the wider modelling of the effects of the pandemic. We note that the [minutes](#) of the fifty-eighth SAGE meeting on Covid-19, 21 September 2020 referred to work led by the Chief Economist to analyse the economic impacts and associated harms of all interventions, alongside the epidemiological assessment. I raised this with you in the House of Commons during your Economy Update on [22 October](#). The minutes state:

- 5. All the interventions considered have associated costs in terms of health and wellbeing and many interventions will affect the poorest members of society to a greater extent. Measures will be urgently needed to mitigate these effects and to achieve equity and social justice, some of which could be introduced relatively quickly. Policy makers will need to consider analysis of economic impacts and the associated harms alongside this epidemiological assessment. This work is underway under the auspices of the Chief Economist.**

I would be most grateful if the Treasury could provide the Treasury Committee with its analysis of the economic impacts and the associated harms of the interventions, referred to in the SAGE minutes, including analysis of the specific lockdown that the Government intends to introduce on 5 November.

It would be helpful if this analysis could be provided prior to the vote in the House of Commons on the new lockdown measures on 4 November.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP
Chair of the Treasury Committee