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Dear Darren,

I am writing to you today to announce the publication of the results of the Government's Research and Development Roadmap survey.

In July 2020, we published our ambitious R&D Roadmap to ensure the UK is the best place in the world for scientists, researchers and entrepreneurs to live and work, while helping to power up the UK's economic and social recovery and level up the UK.

Alongside the Roadmap, we published a survey asking key questions about the UK's R&D system. We received nearly 400 responses from a wide range of individuals and organisations across the UK and internationally, which were overwhelmingly supportive of the Roadmap's ambitions.

Since publication of the Roadmap, we have taken action and are making good progress in addressing many of the themes that arose from the survey, including:

- reducing bureaucracy in the higher education and research system;
- announcing plans to reform the Research Excellence Framework;
- beginning work on one of my personal priorities, a People and Culture Strategy for R&D which will set out how government, in partnership with funders, employers and individuals, will facilitate a culture that puts people at the heart of R&D;
- convening both the Innovation Expert Group and R&D Place Advisory Group, who have provided advice on driving up the UK's productivity through innovation and in developing an ambitious Places Strategy.

These are just a few of the areas where we are making progress in delivering the Roadmap that I wanted to highlight. Further details are set out in the document.

I will be placing a copy of the R&D survey responses summary in the Libraries of the House, along with a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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