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Dear Sir Geoffrey,

DCMS management of COVID-19 loans: rugby union follow-up

Thank you for your response on 10 March 2025 regarding the Premiership Rugby League (PRL).

The Government has no current plans to issue further grants or loans to PRL clubs. The Sport Survival Package provided emergency support to organisations who were negatively impacted by Covid restrictions, and was not intended to protect organisations in perpetuity. The Department has always needed to balance the interests of the sector with the need to ensure value for money in use of public funds. The responsibility for the day-to-day financial management of PRL clubs rests with the owners and directors, working alongside the rugby union governing bodies.

Yours sincerely,

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