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Dear Kwasi,

COVID passports and employment

As part of my Committee's inquiry *The impact of Coronavirus on workers and businesses*, we would like to understand the Government's policy intentions regarding the use of so-called 'COVID passports' in the workplace.

It has been suggested in recent news reports that employers may have discretion on the development and use of certificates to prove someone's COVID 'status'. However, on Tuesday the Prime Minister suggested in the media that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster will be leading a review of proposals to introduce a passport or certification system alongside the vaccine rollout.

Please can you confirm what role your Department will be playing with the Cabinet Office on the development of these proposals and the ongoing review, what guidance you intend to provide to employers and employees about their use, and confirm what intentions the Government have in respect of any potential legislation or regulation.

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