



Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP
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Dear Kwasi,

Future of the UK's Industrial Strategy

In the new “Plan for Growth” strategy, launched yesterday alongside the Budget, the Government said at page 18:

“The 2017 Industrial Strategy set out a cross-economy approach to boost productivity. But much has changed since 2017, so it is right that we create a new framework for how we will build back better. This document details our focus on infrastructure, skills and innovation.”

The BEIS Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into the future of the Industrial Strategy, in line with your Department's position that it is being ‘refreshed’. Only this Tuesday, we heard from members of the Industrial Strategy Council and today it has been reported that the Council is to be abolished.

Given the implications of the Plan for Growth and the significant change in government policy I request that you make an urgent statement to the House to update Parliament on the future of the Industrial Strategy.

Darren Jones MP
Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee