



Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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Tim Martin

JD Wetherspoon Plc

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Dear Tim,

Thank you for your reply today in response to my letter dated 24 March. I welcome that you say you will pay your staff on Friday 27 March and have arrangements in place to pay weekly and monthly paid employees going forward and for those on hourly rates. I also welcome that you say your will add to the maximum payments permitted through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. Can you confirm that this means that you will now top up the full remaining 20%, so that all your staff will now receive 100% of their normal pay?

Since my first letter, it has been reported that Wetherspoons will not pay its suppliers until its establishments can reopen. Please can you confirm whether this is the case? If it is, can you advise me how much is owed both in terms of supplies already received by Wetherspoons and in terms of orders placed by Wetherspoons? It would be very disappointing if suppliers who had supplied Wetherspoons or who had paid others in their own supply chain to fulfill agreed orders were threatened by late payments in the present crisis, with its negative implications for jobs.

I would appreciate a reply by Wednesday 1 April.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Reeves MP

Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee