



Treasury Committee

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Rt Hon. David Cameron
By Email

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Dear David,

The Treasury Committee has decided to undertake a short inquiry into the lessons to be learnt from the failure of Greensill Capital. The Committee will focus on the regulatory lessons along with the appropriateness of HM Treasury's response to lobbying on behalf of the company.

To aid the Committee in its work scrutinising the role of Treasury (and its associated public bodies) in relation to Greensill, I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with answers to the following questions:

- Can you provide a timeline of any contact you (or your representatives) had with HM Treasury's (or its agencies' or public bodies') representatives or Ministers in relation to Greensill? Please provide a description of the nature of the contact, and any records related to those contacts. In particular please provide the Committee with the full texts that you sent the Chancellor, referred to by HM Treasury in its response to the Freedom of Information letter published in April 2021, but not provided then.¹ Redaction of the names of more junior staff will be acceptable.
- Can you provide a timeline of any contact you had with any other Government department's (or their agencies' or public bodies') representatives or Ministers in relation to Greensill, where the aim was to influence Treasury policy or any decisions in relation to Greensill? Please provide a description of the nature of the contact, and any records related to those contacts. Redaction of the names of more junior staff will be acceptable.
- The Treasury's response in April 2021, referred to above, states that you "... reached out informally by telephone to the Chancellor, the Economic Secretary and the Financial Secretary on the matter of Greensill's access to the CCFF [Covid Corporate Financing Facility]." Please could you provide a description of those contacts, and any records you hold of them?
- Can you provide a description of when and how you first became aware of any potential financial difficulties or weaknesses at Greensill?
- Can you provide a description of how the lobbying of the Treasury was coordinated within Greensill, including who was involved and how?

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In line with the Committee's previous practice, I intend to publish this letter, and expect the Committee will, in due course, choose to publish your reply. Please could you reply by Thursday 6 May 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mel Stride".

Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP
Chair of the Treasury Committee