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Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP  
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Dear Philip,

I am writing to update the Committee on recent developments relevant to the Inquiry, *Fixing fashion: follow up*, launched in October 2020.

The Government submitted written evidence in November 2020 with input from Defra, the Home Office, FCDO and BEIS. I am writing to let you know that we published our new draft 'Waste Prevention Programme for England - Towards a Resource Efficient Economy', for consultation on 18 March (available at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/waste-prevention-programme-for-england-2021/>). This sets out the government's approach to improve resource efficiency and reduce waste in seven key sectors, including textiles. The consultation document announced that we will develop a proposal for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for textiles, supported by measures to encourage better design and information, and will consult with stakeholders on options by the end of 2022. This builds upon our commitment in the Resources and Waste Strategy (2018) to consult on EPR and other measures such as product standards for five priority waste streams, including textiles by 2025, with two by 2022.

The consultation on the draft Waste Prevention Programme will run until 10 June and we hope stakeholders in the fashion and textile sector will take the opportunity to submit their views.

We plan to take an integrated policy approach and consider EPR alongside measures such as separate textiles collection requirements, and ecodesign and information requirements to drive action higher up the waste hierarchy.

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