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Dear Angus,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 March 2020 on COVID-19.

As you note, the COVID-19 outbreak brings significant economic challenges that require rapid policy responses – from my Department and others.

I agree that the role of Parliamentary scrutiny is important, now as ever, given the importance of the crisis and the speed at which government is operating. Many officials within the Department are under considerable pressure dealing with the immediate crisis. You have requested a response by Wednesday 8 April. Although I do not anticipate replying by that deadline, I do expect to respond in due course.

Kind regards,

Best wishes,

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Secretary of State for International Trade
& President of the Board of Trade