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Intellectual Property and the IPO

Dear Darren,

As Minister for science, research and innovation, innovation and creativity play a key role in underpinning both economic and social prosperity. IP and innovation increases productivity, grows markets and creates jobs.

Our intellectual property creates jobs and economic growth and helps to propel Britain to the forefront of innovation. As part of my mission to boost the UK's innovation economy, I am keen to ensure the UK continues to deliver a world class IP rights granting service, an effective enforcement mechanism, and a strong IP environment to support and encourage economic growth in the UK.

The role of Parliament and the work of your Committee plays a key role in ensuring the work of the IPO, the wider IP system and the legislation that underpins it continues to work for businesses and creators alike.

To this end, I would like to arrange an introductory call or meeting to begin a regular interaction with you, to brief you and your Committee members on the current and upcoming work that my officials at the IPO are undertaking.

I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Yours ever,

GEORGE FREEMAN MP
Minister for Science, Research & Innovation