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*Dear Caroline*

Thank you for your letter of 26 January to George Osborne, making a representation ahead of the Budget. I have been asked to reply as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I am grateful to you for drawing to my attention the issues set out in your submission. My officials are examining your ideas and suggestions. While it would not be appropriate to respond in detail to the points you make at this stage, I can assure you that your suggestions will be used to inform the policy making process for the Budget.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to contribute to the Budget process.

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