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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your letter of Friday 16 October.

Unfortunately, as the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and I referenced in our briefing with the Devolved Administrations in advance of the announcement on the scheme, we are unable to bring the claims date for the expansion to the Jobs Support Scheme forward from 1 November to 23 October due to the limitations in HMRC delivery timelines. My officials have been speaking to yours this morning to communicate the detail on this.

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) remains in place until the 31 October, and flexibility in the system means if an employer is required to close in October, employees, who have previously been on CJRS for at least 3 consecutive weeks any time between 1 March and 30 June 2020, can be re-furloughed until 31 October. The new Job Support Scheme starts on 1 November, with payments from early December. The employee will continue to be paid throughout this period.

This is part of the wider, unprecedented action to support businesses, jobs and livelihoods across the UK with around £190 billion of support and £20 billion in the Winter Economic Plan.

Best wishes,

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