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Dear David,

EXECUTIVE APPROACH TO CORONAVIRUS DECISION MAKING

I refer to your above named letter dated 6 May 2020, thank you for opportunity to comment.

Whilst this is an improvement on the previous iteration, it nonetheless requires further refinement.

There are a complex myriad of issues to consider but it is important to strike a balance between the need to strategically map a way forward for society as a whole, and consideration of the practical implications and operationality of any measures the Executive might commit to.

The way forward needs to be sustainable and capable of achieving buy-in from the public at large, whose whole-hearted support is absolutely essential to achieve any successful and safe changes to the current status.

Yours sincerely,

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