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Dear Russell

I am writing to you in response to the question you raised during the oral statement delivered by Minister for Economy and Transport on 6 May regarding the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on the delivery of our broadband interventions.

I provided a response to written question you tabled on the same subject. We are continually monitoring the effect of COVID 19 on project delivery. The Q4 2019/20 figures are indicating a small reduction (c.75 premises) in the number of targeted premises in Lot 2. This was in the main due to flooding across Lot 2 regions.

Our business as usual approach, proactive measures, along with WG monitoring has allowed Q4 to be delivered on target. The Q4 2019/20 figures are going through a test and verification process.

In addition, in response to the current situation, we have streamlined the application process for the Access Broadband Cymru scheme to ensure we are able to provide swift access, particularly to those "front line" workers who require fast, robust broadband, to improved connectivity.

In light of the public sector resource pressure arising from the collective response to the coronavirus situation, we are working with local authorities and social enterprises to agree an appropriate time to receive applications to our Local Broadband Fund. We want to make sure there is capacity across the board to develop schemes locally so that funding can be awarded fairly

Yours sincerely

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