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Dear Paul,

I am writing to response to WQ86555: Will the Minister provide an assessment of the barriers grant fund?

The Barriers Grant Fund forms part of the wider package of support for start-ups offered by the Business Wales service, which also delivers on the Young Person Guarantee self-employment offer.

Launched in October 2020, the Barriers Grant fund has now supported 1,162 unemployed people with business advice and financial support of up to £2,000 to start a business. Awards in the latest phase have been made to 57% female, 26% disabled people and 13% from Black Asian Minority Ethnic communities.

A review is currently underway to assess the impact.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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