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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 3 June on behalf of the Petitions Committee, regarding the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak on barbers and hairdressers.

The Welsh Government recognises the incredibly difficult and uncertain circumstances currently being experienced by businesses and individuals. We are absolutely committed to providing the support and assurance the business community needs.

In Wales we have put in place the most generous package of help for businesses in the UK – a total of £1.7 billion of support – and we have now launched the new eligibility checker for the next phase of Economic Resilience Fund support.

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/>

A decision about further changes to the lockdown will be taken at the next review on 18 June and will depend on the scientific and medical evidence and about what the R rate is in Wales.

We want to restart activity as soon as possible if the conditions allow. We will continue to work closely with the public sector, trade unions, businesses, the third sector and others to achieve this.

In the meantime, we have published [guidance and other resources for businesses and employers](#).

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

You will note we have also published in-depth guidance to support a safe return of the manufacturing sector and further key sector guidance will be published over coming weeks.

The restrictions are essential to slow the spread of coronavirus, protect the NHS and save lives.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke above the letters.

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