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Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 19 October on behalf of the Petitions committee regarding the hair and beauty sector.

We recognise the enormous efforts businesses have made to become safe places, particularly in the hair and beauty sector. The firebreak period is not a reflection on those efforts and we appreciate that some business environments make only a low or moderate contribution to the risk of transmitting the virus.

However, at this stage, minimising any contribution to the spread of the virus is important, which is why we are requiring certain businesses to close temporarily. We fully recognise the impact the firebreak will have on businesses and are making a further £300 million available to support them through this difficult period.

All business premises, which have been shut since October 23, will be able to reopen on November 9.

You will appreciate that the response to the crisis is evolving rapidly and we are taking regular advice from Public Health Wales. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any assurances around any further measures.

Yours sincerely

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