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Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your letter, dated 13th January 2017, in which you raised your disappointment about the delays surrounding the Government's response to the Science and Technology Committee's report on the 'Digital Skills crisis' and the Government's wider digital strategy.

Following the referendum on 23 June, the Government has been working hard to get the Digital Strategy right, ensuring that it helps to make the UK a country that works for everyone.

I would like to assure you that the recommendations raised by the Committee on digital skills were carefully considered across government and that ensuring the UK has a strong supply of digital skills remains a high priority. That is why we are continuing to work hard to boost this at all levels - from the basic digital skills people need to make the most of being online, to the general digital skills increasingly needed in every job, through to the specialist digital skills for the growing number of specialist digital roles across the economy.

I would of course be very happy to discuss these issues further and I look forward to continuing to work with you and the Committee on ensuring that we remain one of the most digitally skilled nations in the world.

Yours ever

The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP
Minister of State for Digital and Culture

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