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Dear Damian,

The Committee would appreciate details at your earliest convenience of the impact—both direct and indirect—of the failure of Carillion on areas within the Department for Education’s responsibility.

Given the scale and nature of the services provided by Carillion to almost 900 schools and colleges, it is essential that the impacts of the firm’s collapse are understood and steps taken to ensure the continuity of services such as school catering and facilities management across the country.

The Committee discussed the matter at our meeting on Tuesday. We are aware of several specific cases in constituencies including Gateshead. It would be helpful if the Department published an analysis by constituency or local authority level of where the impact of Carillion’s collapse will be felt.

The Committee would also welcome information on how the Government will safeguard the 1,400 apprenticeships operated by Carillion Training Services, along with an assessment of how many apprentices may be affected through the longer Carillion supply chain.

The Committee understands that the Education and Skills Funding Agency is working closely with the Construction Industry Training Board and hope that this will result in no learner losing out through no fault of their own. This could have serious consequences not only for individuals but also for providing the skills that the economy needs.

I am copying this letter to David Lidington.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP
Chair of the Education Committee