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Dear Sir Simon,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 August 2018 responding to my correspondence concerning the imminent refurbishment of the UK's Washington Embassy. There are some outstanding questions that I would appreciate further clarification on:

- When is work on the Embassy due to start, how long will it take, and what will it cost?
- What are the additional costs incurred due to housing the Ambassador and his family at an alternative location?
- Are there contingency measures in place for business and hospitality purposes at an equivalent capacity and quality as the Embassy for when the functioning of the Embassy is disrupted by the building works?

I look forward to your response by the end of August. We will be placing this letter and your response in the public domain.

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Tom Tugendhat MP
Chair