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Dear Andrew,

I am writing in response your letter dated 29 November asking for further information on the details and process of the upcoming review of the impact of VAT and APD on tourism in Northern Ireland.

I am pleased to hear that you welcome the commitment made by the Chancellor at Autumn Budget. The government recognises the importance of tourism to the Northern Ireland economy and will publish a comprehensive call for evidence as the first step in a full review of matters relating to both VAT and APD, and their impact on tourism, including the impact of APD on air travel in Northern Ireland.

A call for evidence will enable the government to fully engage with and understand the concerns of industry, in turn helping the government to develop a better understanding of the economic costs and potential impacts of these taxes on tourism in Northern Ireland. Furthermore, HM Treasury will continue to engage and collaborate with industry at official level.

On timescale, the announced call for evidence considering the impact of VAT and APD on Northern Irish tourism will be published early in 2018, to report at the next Budget.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to get in touch and would like to reassure you that the government values your input in this area, and is committed to updating the Committee on progress wherever possible.

As always,

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