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Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Chair  
Science and Technology Select Committee  
House of Commons  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dear Norman'.

Thank you for your letter concerning your Committee's inquiry into quantum technologies.

The committee is correct that quantum technologies and associated research represent a huge opportunity for the UK. In recognition of this, UK Research and Innovation's councils were awarded £270m at Autumn Statement 2013 to fund the first phase of the UK National Quantum Technology Programme, which has solidified the UK's competitive advantage as a world leader in this field.

It is important that the UK maintains its lead as a pioneer of new technologies, innovation and entrepreneurship. That is why, through the National Productivity Investment Fund, UK science and innovation has received an additional £7 billion investment since Autumn Statement 2016 – the biggest increase to public R&D investment in 40 years. This funding has enabled us to support the commercialisation of our world-leading expertise in quantum technologies through the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund.

I am pleased today to demonstrate further this Government's commitment to UK leadership in quantum technologies by announcing an £80 million extension to funding for the National Quantum Technology Hubs, subject to business case approval.

I understand that Sir Mark Walport will be assisting your inquiry in the coming days, and as CEO of UKRI and co-author of the report you cite, I look forward to he, and my colleague the Science Minister, laying out their further plans for quantum technologies in the UK.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Philip Hammond'.

PHILIP HAMMOND