



# Treasury Committee

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Dear Greg,

As you may be aware, my predecessor as Chair of the Treasury Committee, now Lord Tyrie, wrote to the Chancellor in 2016 about the assurances offered by the Government to Nissan, which persuaded the car manufacturer to stay in Sunderland.

Lord Tyrie also wrote to Sir Amyas Morse KCB, Comptroller and Auditor General of the National Audit Office, regarding the assurances offered by the Government to Nissan.

Neither the response from the Chancellor or the Comptroller and Auditor General made any mention of direct financial assistance from the Government to Nissan.

Yet today's edition of The Times reports that:

“Ministers are considering withdrawing a £60 million package of support for Nissan after it broke a pledge to build the latest version of one of its sports utility vehicles in Britain.”

Can you explain how much direct financial assistance the Government provided to Nissan, what this package of support consists of, and why this financial support was not in the Chancellor's response to Lord Tyrie?

Lord Tyrie called for the letter from yourself to Nissan (dated 21 October 2016), which was followed six days later by an announcement from Nissan that it would build two new model in their Sunderland plant, to be published. I echo my predecessor's request and urge you to publish the letter immediately, especially as it appears that the letter is now in the hands of an unknown number of third parties, and Nissan has said that “the letter is no longer commercially sensitive”.

I will be putting this letter, and your response, in the public domain. I am copying this letter to the Chancellor.

Yours ever,

Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP  
Chair of the Treasury Committee