

Chair, Work & Pensions Committee &
Chair, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee
House of Commons
London
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Dear Rt Hon Frank Field, MP & Ms Rachel Reeves, MP,

Carillion

Thank you for your letter dated 15 March 2018. I can confirm the following with respect to your questions set out therein:

- 1) Fitch Ratings did not assign a credit rating or indicative rating to Carillion Plc's debt;
- 2) We are not in a position to assess the impact that Carillion's reverse factoring facility would have had upon its credit rating as that is only one factor that a full credit rating analysis would have considered, and as stated above, we did not carry out such an analysis upon Carillion;
- 3) We are not in a position to comment for the reasons cited above;
- 4) See our response to (5) below; and
- 5) We have seen reverse factoring used by other companies, but there is a great deal of variance as to how it is used and disclosed. Consequently, as there is no standard practice, we are not in a position to comment on whether Carillion's use of reverse factoring was unusual.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Linnell
President, Fitch Ratings