



Work and Pensions Committee
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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From the Chairs

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Dear Jon

Carillion

Following the compulsory liquidation of Carillion Plc and its subsidiaries announced on 15 January 2018, the Work and Pensions and Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committees have launched a joint inquiry into the group.

There have been reports describing how Carillion squeezed its suppliers, delaying payments as a means of short-term borrowing. We are concerned that such practices could also have been extended to payments of tax. Keith Cochrane, the interim chief executive confirmed in his witness statement to the High Court on 15 January that the company were seeking to defer their tax liabilities in January 2018. Given that, we would like to know:

- a) Did Carillion and its subsidiaries regularly pay their tax liabilities on time, in respect of both direct and indirect taxes?
- b) What was the outstanding liability of the Group across all taxes to HMRC at the date of compulsory liquidation?

We would be grateful for a response by Monday 5 February.

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Chair, Work and Pensions Committee

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