



Work and Pensions Committee
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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From the Chairs

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Mr Mike Cherry
National Chairman
Federation of Small Businesses

Dear Mr Cherry

We are writing in the context of our joint inquiry into the collapse of Carillion to seek further information that you may have on the treatment of small businesses and sub-contractors by that company.

In advance of hearing from former directors of Carillion, it would be helpful to hear the views of your members on payment practices of the company: did it follow best practice, how did payment practice change in the few months leading up to its liquidation and in general, how did its payment practice compare to similar organisations? Could you also provide us with the information you have on the number of small businesses that have failed as a direct or indirect result of the collapse of Carillion? In terms of the liquidation process, we would value the views of your members on the speed of action by PWC in reallocating contracts and on the terms on which they have been let.

It would be helpful to have an answer by Wednesday 31 January.

Many thanks

Rt Hon Frank Field MP
Chair, Work and Pensions Committee

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