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I am writing to inform you of the action the Government is taking in delivering on the commitments set out in the Good Work Plan.

Today we have published a consultation to address issues around one-sided flexibility in the labour market, following recommendations from the Low Pay Commission. Exploring these recommendations with key stakeholders and considering how they might be taken forward will be an important next step in addressing these issues. I know this is an area your Committee has taken a close interest in to date, and I welcome your views as this work progresses. I also wrote earlier in the week to set out our proposals to reform the existing labour market enforcement landscape.

Together these reforms represent the next important steps in delivering on the Good Work Plan and our overall commitment to support quality work, ensuring we have a labour market that works for everyone. I wish to express my continued gratitude for your Committee's invaluable work on this agenda, and welcome your further input on the developments we have announced today.

As I referred to in my previous letter, I am very much aware that the Committee has a strong interest in other areas of the Good Work Plan, including work on commitments requiring primary legislation. We are making good progress in these areas, and expect to bring further content to you on this very soon. As you are aware, I have invited the BEIS Select Committee to conduct pre-legislative scrutiny on future legislation, and understand they intend for a representative for your Committee to be involved in this work. I look forward to engaging further on this shortly.

I will be placing a copy of the consultation on one-sided flexibility in the libraries of the House along with a copy of this letter.

I will also be writing to the Chair of the Work and Pensions Select Committee.

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