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Dear Colleagues,

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At the Queen's speech debate on Tuesday 22 October, Baroness Blackwood promised the Government would write with further details on the implementation of our Institutes of Technology (IoT) programme.

As she explained at the debate, the Government is investing up to £290m of capital funding to enable every region in England to establish a high quality Institute of Technology.

IoT's will be the pinnacle of technical training; unique collaborations between further education colleges, universities and businesses offering higher technical education and training (mainly at Levels 4 and 5) in key sectors such as digital, construction, advanced manufacturing and engineering.

IoT's, with their capital funding to invest in state of the art equipment and facilities, and employers in the driving seat, will give businesses the skilled workforce they need to drive growth and productivity and get more people into rewarding jobs.

We are investing £170m in the first 12 IoT's. They were selected through a rigorous two stage competition and are currently in the process of going live. Further details of those IoT's can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/institutes-of-technology--2>

We have now announced additional funding of up to £120m to enable the establishment of up to eight more IoT's in parts of the country that do not currently have access to one. We will provide further details on the second competition in due course. All new IoT's will be held to the same high quality standard as the first 12 IoT's.

I hope this answer has been useful and will place a copy in the house libraries.

You Sincerely
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