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Dear Viscount Eccles

I am writing to you following the Oral Statement Repeat on the Skills for Jobs white paper on Tuesday 26 January to clarify the work on Local Skills Improvement Plans.

When responding to you I referred to local skills improvement panels, instead of Local Skills Improvement Plans. Apologies for this, but to clarify, Local Skills Improvement Plans will be led by business representative organisations in a small number of trailblazer areas in 2021. The plans will bring employers, colleges and other providers, and local stakeholders together to set out the key changes needed to make technical skills training more responsive to employers' skills needs. We will engage employer and provider groups to ensure we create the most effective models of employer representation before wider rollout.

This will deliver on our ambition to put employers firmly at the centre of local skills systems to ensure people learn the skills they need to get great jobs.

I hope this information is useful. I will place a copy of this letter in the House Libraries.

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