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Dear Baroness Seccombe,

Thank you for your question of 17 October 2022 in the House during the debate on reduction of out of work benefits. I wanted to write to you as promised on the topic of Restart.

Restart is a mandatory contracted employment programme giving jobseekers who have been out of work for 9 months or more, intensive support to find jobs in their local area, breaking down employment barriers that could be holding them back from finding work.

Through regular contact with participants, Restart providers develop a strong understanding of an individuals' employment history, skills and aspirations to develop the right tailored package of support, to help each participant succeed.

Restart has been running since July 2021 and due to the relative infancy of the programme information on the proportion of the people who have started the programme, gained work and are still in employment six months later, is not currently available.

We will assess if this type of information can be collated and published and if so when this might be available.

I will place a copy of this letter in the House library.

With best wishes,

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MINISTER FOR WORK AND PENSIONS (LORDS)