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Dear Seema Malhotra,

The Department for Education (DfE) has asked me to respond to you directly regarding the following Parliamentary Question:

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many SMEs sit on a Trailblazer employer group convened by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. 11502.

Typically, we would expect the number of employers in a Trailblazer to be between 10 and 20. Whilst we do not specify how many of these should be from SMEs, we require the make-up of any Trailblazer to be representative of the likely users of the apprenticeship in terms of sector, size, and geographical location. This means that, in practice, the proportion of Trailblazer members from micro, small, medium, and large employers will vary from group to group.

Yours sincerely,



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