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Dear Baroness Neville-Rolfe,

**Financial Services Mansion House debate: 21 November 2024**

Thank you for your contribution to the debate on the Mansion House Speech. You asked if I could share in writing my reflections about gilt yields, and on your concern for their impact on compliance with the government's fiscal rules.

I am afraid that it would not be appropriate for me to comment on moves in gilt yields. It is normal for asset prices to respond to news and data releases, but it is not for government to comment on specific financial market moves, including in the gilt market.

In the October Economic and Fiscal Outlook, the independent Office for Budget Responsibility confirmed that the government is meeting its fiscal rules. Both the stability and investment rule are met two years ahead of target, from 2027-28. The rules are met with £9.9 billion and £15.7 billion of headroom respectively.

Thank you again for your contributions and question.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Livermore

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