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Dear Tessa

Thank you for your letter of 24 May to George Osborne enclosing correspondence from your constituents about Capital Gains Tax. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

The coalition government believes that the tax system needs to be reformed to make it fairer and simpler. We are carefully considering the various options of taxing non-business capital gains at rates closer to those applied to income, whilst ensuring that there are generous exemptions for entrepreneurial business activities.

While it would not be appropriate to respond in detail to the points made ahead of the Budget, I can assure you that your constituents' views will be taken into account.

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to the Budget process.

DAVID GAUKE