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Dear Constituents

Thank you for your email.

As part of the Government's roadmap for recovery from Covid-19, Ministers have launched the Cultural Renewal taskforce which will develop plans for reopening across the entertainment sector. I understand that this work is supported by the Entertainment and Events working group, which brings together representatives from key sector bodies and organisations in the entertainment sector. This will let audiences once again enjoy our thriving entertainment sector.

I understand that Ministers are committed to supporting the cultural sector through this pandemic and getting the curtain up at venues across the country as soon as it is safe to do so. I am informed that Ministers have worked closely with the sector to provide tailored support packages to go alongside the unprecedented financial support that the Government has previously announced. This tailored support includes the £160m Emergency Funding Package announced by Arts Council England, which was made possible by Government funding.

£90 million is being made available to National Portfolio Organisations and Creative People and Places lead organisations. £50 million is being made available to organisations that are not in receipt of regular funding from the Arts Council in order to maintain their survival through this crisis. Finally £20 million of financial support is being made available to individuals, so they can better sustain themselves, and their work, in the coming months.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and if I can ever be any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely,

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