



HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

3 November 2023

Dear all,

Thank you for your letters of 5 April 2023 and 15 September 2023, on tax simplification, and for meeting with me on 10 May 2023. I want to reiterate my appreciation for your time and the valuable insights you shared and am pleased you met my officials over the summer to discuss your suggestions in more detail. I also wanted to extend my thanks to you for meeting my officials on 11 July 2023 to inform the development of potential options for improving the regulatory framework in the tax advice market, which my officials will use to inform the approach to any future formal consultation.

The Government remains committed to simplifying the tax system, while balancing simplification against other objectives for the tax system, such as fairness and supporting growth. At Spring Budget, the Chancellor announced the first steps of this work, including a range of improvements to make it easier for businesses – especially small businesses – to interact with the tax system and I have committed to provide annual updates on the progress on simplification to the Treasury Select Committee.

Simplicity has always been considered as part of policy development, but my officials are strengthening internal processes to embed simplification within all tax policy making across HMRC and HMT. I know that embedding simplification will require strong collaborative working and focus to strengthen our internal processes and determine our priorities for policy and administrative reforms. My officials welcome opportunities for future discussion, and I am grateful for your continued knowledge and support as the Government delivers on its ambition for a simpler tax system.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria Atkins".

VICTORIA ATKINS MP