



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about precarious contracts.

I appreciate your concern on this issue. While atypical work arrangements, alongside traditional full-time employment, play a valuable role in today's labour market, I can assure you that the Government is live to the issues that come with new ways of working.

That is why Matthew Taylor was asked to undertake his independent review of modern employment practices, which considered job security among a range of issues. I very much welcome that the review highlights the recent success of British business in creating jobs, enhancing earning power and improving life chances across the UK. Employment rates are at the highest since records began, unemployment and economic inactivity are at record lows and minimum wage rates have never been higher.

I understand the Government will now study the report's contents carefully, as well as the public consideration of Matthew's recommendations that will follow, to help inform the development of the Industrial Strategy later in the year. Through the Industrial Strategy, the Government will make sure wherever people are in the country, there are more skilled, well-paid jobs to increase productivity and earning power, benefiting both workers and business.

Ultimately, we have record numbers of people in work thanks to our flexible labour market. That said, the Government recognises that people also deserve to be treated fairly by their employers whatever work they are carrying out and will take action if necessary.

Once again, many thanks for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris".

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
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