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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about restructuring at BT.

Obviously, I regret any loss of jobs in the UK as a result of redundancy and I appreciate the efforts of BT staff to keep communication lines open during a period where many people have relied on them to work or learn from home.

Ministerial colleagues regularly engage with BT about a range of topics, including their UK workforce, at both the Official and Ministerial levels. Ultimately, however, BT is a private company so decisions about its structure and employment are a matter for its Board. I am aware that BT's approach is to minimise redundancies through natural attrition and to provide opportunities to re-skill and redeploy workers whenever possible.

Ministers are committed to boosting job creation. The 'Plan for Jobs' announced during the Summer Economic Update makes up to £30 billion available, with a clear goal to create, protect and support jobs, and to spur the UK's recovery following Covid-19.

The plan includes three main points: supporting people to find the jobs that are out there, creating new jobs through investing in our infrastructure and housing, and protecting jobs by revitalising the hard-hit sectors upon which many jobs depend.

More generally, the Government is committed to delivering nationwide gigabit connectivity as soon as possible and is investing £5 billion to deliver gigabit-capable services to the hardest to reach parts of the UK. Nationwide gigabit rollout will create thousands of high-quality jobs in the UK and help the country build back better from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
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