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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about funding for UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). I appreciate your concerns about the level of funding that UKRI will receive this year.

I am proud of the world-class research facilities in the UK that continually contribute to our understanding of so many important areas. UKRI spent nearly £8 billion in 2019, pioneering ideas and leading the way in cutting-edge innovation and research. The Government is currently developing a landmark strategy that seeks to boost innovation across the UK.

It is regrettable that due to the challenging financial situation that has emerged from the coronavirus pandemic, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has been forced to reduce the Official Development Assistance (ODA) allocation to UKRI. However, please be assured that UKRI will work closely with their colleagues and researchers to maximise the benefits from their funding.

The pandemic has been extremely challenging for many industries, but Ministers are committed to building back better.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
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