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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about cancer research and clinical trials.

Cancer survival rates have increased year-on-year over the past decade. Investment in research has been vitally important in achieving this and I recognise the important that we continue to invest properly in cancer research so that we can continue to drive up survival rates. Over £882 million in government funding has been spent on cancer research across the UK since 2010. However, I also know that the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on cancer research, in particular through reduced access to funding for new projects. Therefore, I welcome the announcement in the Spending Review 2021 that the Government will commit £5 billion over the Spending Review period for health-related research and development, this is an increase of £1.2 billion on previous commitments.

The Government funds ground-breaking medical research through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). Research is crucial in the fight against cancer.

The Government invests £1 billion per year in health and care research through the NIHR. The NIHR expenditure on cancer research has risen from £101 million in 2010/11 to £132 million in 2018/19, the largest investment in a disease area.

I also recognise the indispensable contribution made by charities in driving forward research into cancer. Through the NCRI, 21 major funders of cancer research across the UK co-ordinate their research to maximise the impact of research for cancer patients. Figures from the NCRI show that these 21 partners have together spent over £669 million on cancer research in the year 2019-2020.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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