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Dear Len

**Re: Update on compatibility of Work Programme with Olympic vacancies**

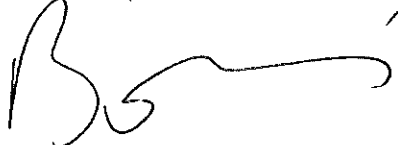
You will have recently received my response to your report the employment and skills opportunities of the 2012 Games-time period.

In my response I highlighted some issues which Prime Contractors had raised with my officers, about the compatibility of the Work Programme incentive structure with short-term LOCOG contractor jobs. I am delighted to advise that, since our response was drafted, DWP have issued additional guidance on how periods of sustained employment can be counted. This means that, while Games-time jobs will still not, in themselves, trigger a job outcome payment, they will be able to count towards such a payment, and a return to benefit after such a job would not 'reset the clock'.

The Prime Contractors with whom we have been in discussion, having clarified the exact position with DWP, confirmed to my officers last week that they will now be stepping up their involvement in the Olympic and Paralympic Games recruitment process.

I am sure that you will agree with me that this excellent news for workless Londoners.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London