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Dear Peter,

Post-riots regeneration funding

I am writing, on behalf of the Economy, Culture and Sport Committee, about the progress in providing immediate support and funding to small businesses directly affected by the riots.

At our meeting on 8 November, you kindly provided an update on the High Street Fund set up to provide emergency financial help to these small businesses. You told us, that in terms of the amount of funding going to London, it was a "good news story" and that you were not aware of any issues with traders obtaining support from this Fund. However, you also said that you thought there might still be a problem with small businesses getting insurance payouts and that this was something that your team was now looking into to see how the Mayor could help.

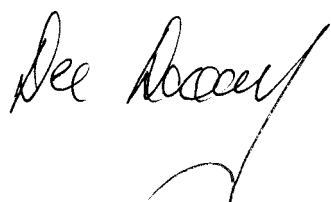
Recently the Committee has been made aware of reports of traders experiencing difficulty obtaining support from the High Street Fund. I am aware, for example, that the Chair of the Assembly has written to you separately outlining concerns raised by residents and traders on Clarence Road in the London Borough of Hackney about the delays they have experienced in obtaining support from this Fund.

Please will you, therefore, provide us with a written update of the work taking place to ensure the small businesses directly affected by the riots receive support? Please can this include details of the number and location of the small businesses which have received support from the High Street Fund to date and the action taken by the Mayor to assist small businesses to obtain insurance payouts.

We would welcome receiving this written update by 31 December 2011, and please copy to Richard Berry in the Scrutiny Team.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of the Economy, Culture and Sport Committee

Cc: Jennette Arnold AM, Chair of the London Assembly