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Dear Meg

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## THIRTY-NINTH REPORT OF SESSION 2021-22 DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT: KICKSTART SCHEME – UPDATE REC 1a

In the Committee's report on the Kickstart Scheme (HC655), recommendation 1a asked the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to provide details within six months on how it planned to maintain the administrative processes and relationships established during the Kickstart Scheme.

The department considers this recommendation has been implemented. It is standard practice to carry out a review when any programme or project concludes. The department has captured lessons learned throughout the Kickstart Scheme across all programme strands. These are available as an internal reference source to support the future design of DWP projects.

The department has already applied and built upon the many new relationships built with Kickstart employers during the Way to Work campaign. We used these connections to help get more people back into work faster.

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