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Note for file.

Elizabeth Hodgson  
rang back to confirm that  
Michael Harcourt was <sup>initially</sup>  
contacted to send the letter out  
to industrialists to coincide with  
the announcement. They  
are working a revised draft.

We need to ensure letter  
does not go out before Parliamentary  
Statement.

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*From the Private Secretary*

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I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry), David Normington (Department of Employment) and Leigh Lewis (Minister without Portfolio's Office).

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