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24 January 2019

Dear Minister,

I refer to the letter dated 21 January 2019, addressed to you by the Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, Chair of the Treasury Committee, and Frank Field MP, Chair of the Work and Pensions Committee. This refers to the figure of £888 million, presented in the recent report on the Motability Scheme by the National Audit Office (NAO) as the NAO’s “estimate of the maximum annual value of tax concessions from which the Scheme benefited in 2017”.

In our view the figure is essentially meaningless, and I enclose a letter which I have written to the Committee Chairs to explain the reasons why.

It goes without saying that if you wish to discuss this further, please contact me.

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