



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Response to Beer Duty

Thank you for contacting me about beer and spirit duty.

I recognise the important contribution that pubs make to their local communities, and I welcome the Chancellor's efforts to support this through the taxation system.

I am pleased to see under the 2016 Budget, tax on beer will be frozen in cash terms this year. This will continue the excellent work the Government has done to support local pubs and over 19,000 jobs

But the Chancellor's support did not stop there. The Scottish whiskey industry is a national success story, with exports of over £4 billion per year making up a fifth of UK food and drink exports. Local cider breweries also play a similarly vital role supporting rural communities. I am therefore heartened to see that duty on spirits and most ciders will also be frozen.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

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