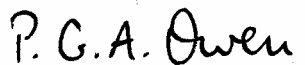


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Please find enclosed a copy of an issues paper, published today by HM Treasury and Communities and Local Government, seeking your views on reform of the Local Authority Business Growth Incentives (LABGI) scheme. This document is also available electronically on the Communities and Local Government website within the LABGI pages at <http://www.local.communities.gov.uk/finance/labgi.htm>.

We would welcome responses, to the address provided in the issues paper, by 12 December.

Yours sincerely,



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