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Dear Chi

Thank you for your letter of 2 June, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, Ms Ruth O'Rourke of 118 Wingrove Avenue, Fenham, Newcastle regarding the importance of languages to Britain's economic recovery and community cohesion. I am replying as the Minister responsible for the school curriculum.

I note the points your constituent raises. I agree that language learning skills are key to the economic future of the country.

I will certainly bear Ms. O'Rourke's comments in mind as we continue to develop our education policies in these early months of the new Coalition Government.

With best wishes.

Yours minister
Nick

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