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Dear David North,

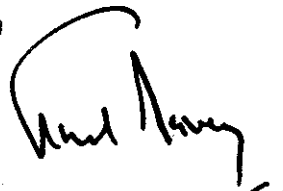
Thank you for your letter of 26 May, and its kind message of congratulations, following my appointment as Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs. I look forward to working with you.

As the Prime Minister has said, the right way to provide this country with the strong, the stable, the good and decent government that we need is to put aside party differences and work hard for the common good and for the national interest.

I see the role of this Department as pivotal in creating the right conditions to stimulate growth, business enterprise and innovation to meet the economic challenge facing all of us. Although these are difficult times, it is exciting to be part of the first coalition Government for 70 years and I am proud to have this opportunity to make a contribution to the country's future.

I appreciate your offer of a meeting. Unfortunately, I regret that I am unable to accept your invitation as my diary is already heavily committed.

Yours,



EDWARD DAVEY