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Professor Christopher Hodges OBE  
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Dear Chris,

As the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation, I am writing to welcome the Regulatory Horizons Council's report on the regulation for quantum technology applications. This field, as you are well aware a cornerstone in maintaining the UK's leading role on the global scientific stage.

In line with the UK's ambitious National Quantum Strategy, our commitment of £2.5 billion over the next decade in quantum research and innovation is a clear signal of our resolve to stay at the forefront of this transformative field. Our Strategy's goals, spanning from establishing the UK as a hub for world-class quantum science and engineering to crafting an effective regulatory framework, underscore our dedication to leverage quantum technologies for the greater good of society and protect our national security.

Your report aligns closely with our National Quantum Strategy and its five missions, laying a solid foundation for the future. It highlights the importance of collaborative efforts, bringing together government bodies, industry leaders, regulatory agencies, and academia to navigate the promising yet complex domain of quantum technologies.

As the Secretary of State emphasised earlier this year, we must be unapologetically ambitious in our regulatory approach. The RHC plays an important role in providing advice and challenge to the Government. Though you conclude that further legislative intervention is not yet merited for quantum, we understand that we cannot remain static, especially given the rapid pace at which technology and its applications evolve. Therefore, your advice on actions that the Government and others need to implement, both now and in the long term, is helpful to ensure we stay proactive and responsive to these developments.

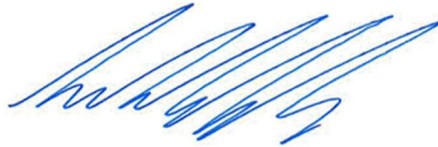
In line with the RHC Charter I am committed to ensuring that the Office for Quantum in DSIT will publish a government response to this report within the next three months.

I look forward to the Office for Quantum in DSIT leading our response to your report. Their work is crucial in ensuring the UK remains a global leader in this

transformative field, fostering a thriving quantum sector, driving economic growth, and building a robust, resilient economy and society.

Thank you for your diligent work. Together, we are not just shaping the future of quantum technology but also reinforcing the UK's position as a global science and technology powerhouse.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Andrew Griffith.

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