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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of 23 February regarding the High Street Rates Relief Scheme.

With reference to how the High Street Relief will be allocated, my officials have worked closely with Local Authorities to develop this scheme, the details of which I announced in my statement on 17 February. Funding will be allocated to Local Authorities based on the estimated number of eligible ratepayers per authority area. Local Authorities will then administer the scheme and provide relief to eligible ratepayers. Ratepayers can contact their individual Local Authorities to find out what support they may be entitled to.

In relation to the non-domestic rates statistics requested, the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) produces statistics on the number of businesses in different rateable value bands for both England and Wales. Attached is a link to where these statistics can be found:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/non-domestic-rating-stock-of-properties>

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Please note that the information for 2017 is not yet available. However, your petitioner may wish to contact the VOA at statistics@voa.gsi.gov.uk to see what information the organisation is able to provide.

Best wishes,

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