Cheques

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Written Question

To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer

(1) what arrangements he plans to put in place to mitigate the adverse effects on small businesses and individuals arising from the phasing out of cheques;

(2) what recent discussions he has had with the UK Payments Council on alternative methods of payment to replace cheques.

Mark Hoban (Financial Secretary, HM Treasury) I have written to every Member of the House to set out the Government's position on cheques.

Treasury Ministers and officials have discussions with a wide variety of organisations in the public and private sectors as part of the process of policy development and delivery. As was the case with previous administrations, it is not the Government's practice to provide details of all such discussions.

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