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Dear Andrew,

We are most grateful to you for your letter of 4 July 2011, presenting the final report of the Commission on the Funding of Care and Support.

We can assure you that Government welcomes the excellent work of the Commission and will consider the recommendations within the report carefully.

As you will be well aware, the questions of how to fund care and support now and in the future are not simple. There are no easy solutions and difficult trade-offs must be made.

The Commission's report is a most valuable contribution to meeting the long-term challenge of an ageing population. It makes important recommendations about how as a society we will organise and fund social care and we will consider your recommendations with great care.

We should like to put on record our personal thanks for your commitment to this task. We know that you have brought a great deal of energy and fresh insight to this debate and we are grateful to you, Norman Warner, Jo Williams and your whole team for your hard work.

We hope that you will continue to be closely engaged in this important area of public policy.

GEORGE OSBORNE
Chancellor of the Exchequer

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