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Mrs Gisela Stuart MP  
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Dear Mrs Stuart,

Further to my letter of 14 August I am writing to let you know about the package of measures being introduced over the coming weeks and months which further increase the support we offer unemployed people. This incorporates new support for young people and the long term unemployed in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance together with extensions to existing help for lone parents and for customers on Incapacity Benefit.

**Backing Young Britain** is a cross-Governmental campaign to encourage employers to do everything possible to give every young person help to find a job or training or work skills and experience. Jobcentre Plus is playing its part by offering **increased support for unemployed young people** aged 18 to 24. From day one of a JSA claim, our young customers are now offered group jobsearch sessions early in their claim, Work Trials access and, soon, mentoring support. After three months on JSA, customers will be eligible for up to two weeks of work experience placements. An extra hour of one-to-one Adviser time will be available during the 3 to 6 months period on JSA. After six months on JSA young people will be eligible for internships whether they are graduates or non-graduates.

Under the **Young Person's Guarantee** from early 2010 there will be a guarantee of a job, training or meaningful other activity for all 18-24 year olds across the UK before they reach a year on JSA. There are four elements to this guarantee; Sectoral Routeways, the Future Jobs Fund, Work-focused training, and the Community Task Force.

The development of **Sectoral Routeways** will help young people get a permanent job in a key employment sector. Sector-specific pre-employment training will be available and there is a recruitment subsidy for employers. Later this year, three routeways will be available: Retail; Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism; and, in three pilot areas, Adult Social Care. In January 2010 the Adult Social Care routeway will be extended nationwide and a further three routeways will be introduced in Facilities Management; the Green Sector; and Security. Further routeways are planned for later in 2010.

The **Future Jobs Fund** aims to create 150,000 jobs lasting at least 6 months. 100,000 will be for those aged 18-24 who have had 10 months on JSA with 50,000 for other jobseekers in the UK's most disadvantaged wards. All these