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Dear Boris,

Many thanks for your answer at Mayor's Question Time on 26 February to my question on the disproportionately high rates of unemployment among Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) young people.

I'm very pleased that you agree that the figures I quoted, taken from the Department for Work and Pensions' recent report, are unacceptable for BME young people across our great city.

Could I just ask for further information on the steps you have taken – and will take – to ensure that BME young people, specifically, are not left behind when it comes to employment? I appreciate that there is a wider, longer piece of work that needs to be done around education and levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy in our schools, but I would like to know details of what you are doing for those BME young people who are not in education, employment or training and need a solution sooner rather than later.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office.

Best,

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