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Dear Mr Harford

Thank you for your letter of 1 May 2017, and the copy of Retail NZ's Election Statement, detailing the 10 key points your organisation is asking the Government to address after this year's election.

This Government has a keen interest in ensuring that we have good tax policy, and all New Zealanders have an important role to play in this. I appreciate your organisation's interest and support in these matters, and the opportunity to discuss these with you at our recent meeting.

The Government's top priorities are focused on promoting and encouraging a strong economy, and supporting businesses and investment that will deliver more jobs and higher wages for New Zealand families. Later this year, an updated Tax Policy Work Programme will be issued that will take into consideration the last 12 months' developments. The updated programme will also address the progress of the projects included in the November 2016 programme.

The collection of GST on low-value goods is an issue that many jurisdictions are grappling with. I can assure you the Government remains committed to investigating all the available options. As work progresses, I envisage that there will be an opportunity for the public, including retailers, to have their say.

Thank you again for writing. I trust that my comments are of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Judith Collins', written in a cursive style.

Hon Judith Collins
Minister of Revenue