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Sovereign Grant: Royal Family

Thank you for contacting me about the Royal Family and the Sovereign Grant.

I support the British monarchy and believe it is a great institution; it is a symbol of national identity, continuity and pride. I value and respect the contribution of Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family to British national life and support the constitutional role of the monarchy in our democracy.

On the issue of the Sovereign Grant, the original act provided greater flexibility to the Royal Family and the Household by replacing the three separate grants into one overall grant. This is to ensure a greater level of scrutiny, and a better balance between the public interest of allowing the Queen to carry out her official duties while also protecting the interests of the taxpayer, to guarantee further accountability and provide value for money. The Government have worked hard to put costs on a sustainable footing, and the annual cost of the Sovereign Grant is currently about 65p per person.

I believe that it is right that Parliament should exercise a suitable level of oversight. The Sovereign Grant is set at 25 per cent of Crown Estate profits.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Whittaker'.

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