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Dear A Baron,

Thank you for your letter dated 23 February and for outlining your concerns about poverty.

I can't agree with you that the minimum wage 'harms' poor people by destroying jobs and investment as the evidence on this issue is mixed, and the minimum wage does provide a legal safety net for those in paid work. But it is not enough, and that is what the Living Wage Commission is looking into. Your suggestion of a 'Basic Income' is interesting, and I will pass this on to my colleagues at the Commission.

With every blessing,

Stephen

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