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Tēnā koe Scott Fisher

Thank you for your email dated 2 March 2022 regarding your recent research into the offsite construction sector, completed in association with the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry).

Thank you also for your commitment to partnering with the Ministry to support entry level employment in the offsite construction sector. I appreciate the championing you have done for the Ministry in your wider engagement across the Construction and Manufacturing sectors, including Government partners looking to invest in offsite construction to meet critical needs for housing, especially social housing. I also acknowledge the support you are giving to create regional and local relationships between your organisation and the Ministry, that will enable the respective organisations to learn more about each other.

The research you have completed gives clear evidence that qualifications are not a barrier to commencing employment in what is a highly technical and innovative industry, and your membership are prepared to upskill and train, and offer career paths for people to attain some of the more highly skilled technical and design roles. There is evidence too that the sector supports diversity, including employing more women on average than the rest of the construction sector. While these are important points to be shared with the construction sector, they also highlight potentials in the future of work, with the ability to offer long-term sustainable employment, highly adaptive to future industry needs. The development of the Virtual Reality product to support attraction to the Offsite sector is evidence of this.

I look forward to hearing of progress and outcomes that are achieved as a result of your partnership with the Ministry, and I know that Amanda and Jamie in the Ministry's Industry Partnerships team will keep me informed. I also look forward to visiting and meeting with some of those employers achieving outcomes for Ministry clients and jobseekers under the partnership in the future.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Ngā mihi nui

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Hon Carmel Sepuloni
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