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Dear Damian

I am writing with regards to employment figures in my Bury St Edmunds constituency, for recent statistics show a rise in unemployment since December 2015.

The figures show a steady rise in unemployment, with 568 registered unemployed in December 2015, now compared to 704 claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance and Universal Credit for August 2016.

This month, the Government has delivered 74.5% into employment, a record figure and an outstanding achievement; testimony to the strong economy we are building. Therefore, I am interested to understand why, when employment is growing nationwide, it is falling in my Bury St Edmunds constituency?

Furthermore, I wish to know what steps are being taken by the Department in response, to help deliver more into work particularly those leaving school, in rural areas like my constituency.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Churchill MP