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Government Response to the ACARD Report "The Food Industry and Technology"

Thank you for your letter of July 12, with the copy of the Government's Response to the ACARD Report "The Food Industry and Technology". The Council was glad to see the publication of the Response on July 16 and the wide circulation which we understand it has been given.

ACARD is grateful that the Government has given close attention to this report and provided a detailed reply. The interest of the Council and Government in seeing a strong, innovative and competitive food industry is well-served by the Response. Several of the recommendations have, I know, already been implemented, and I note that the Response urges further action by industry and by Government to encourage food companies to use available and new technology to greatest advantage.

I do not wish to comment on the reply in detail at this stage but will, in due course, let you have the considered views of the Council.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Sir Keith Joseph, Mr Norman Tebbit, Mr Nigel Lawson, Mr Norman Fowler, Sir George Younger, and also to Sir Robert Armstrong and Dr Robin Nicholson, Chief Scientific Adviser, Cabinet Office.

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Chairman, ACARD

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