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Dear John,

I refer to your correspondence of 19 March 2020 about payment times for small suppliers from Supermarkets.

I can confirm that I have spoken directly with the Chief Executives of the large grocery retailers and also with George Eustice to request that supermarkets ensure they are paying suppliers promptly, and immediately where possible. I am pleased that the big four supermarkets have now all confirmed they will be making immediate payments to small suppliers to help with cash flow during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fergus Ewing". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end of the last name.

FERGUS EWING