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Dear Sean Cirillo

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 January to the Department for Transport, regarding the use of NHS COVID-19 tests for international travel. I am replying as an official in the Department for Transport's Aviation Directorate.

Testing remains an important part of ensuring safe international travel. As most travel is undertaken by choice, it would not be right to use public money to subsidise testing for travel. The Government continues to work with the travel industry and private testing providers to further reduce testing costs, while ensuring travel is as safe as possible.

You may wish to direct any further queries related to COVID-19 testing to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) as the lead department on this area. The DHSC can be contacted at: <https://contactus.dhsc.gov.uk/>.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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