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Dear Chancellor,

Projected increase to the energy price cap

We heard today from the energy regulator, Ofgem, that energy bills will increase by another £830 to an average annual bill of £2,800 this October.

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy was unable to answer questions from my Committee about further help for billpayers, advising us to request further information from the Treasury instead.

Given that Ofgem has indicated the projected price cap for this October so early, we call on you to bring forward your expected announcements on further help for billpayers as soon as possible. As part of any announcement, I assume that you will set out how such support will be paid for – be it from general taxation, national debt, or one-off measures such as a windfall tax.

Please can you confirm that these announcements will be made urgently and no later than before Summer recess?

Please can I have an answer to this letter no later than Friday 27 May?

DARREN JONES MP

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