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Dear Baroness Andrews,

Thank you for your letter of 19 January 2022 to Greg Hands, Minister for Business, Energy and Clean Growth, and myself on the Late Payment and Radioactive Substances provisional frameworks. These were laid and published on 16 December.

Thank you for the constructive feedback that the Committee has provided on the texts of the frameworks. The responsible teams in BEIS are giving full and proper consideration to the points you have made as they work with the Devolved Administrations on all of the views received from their respective legislatures.

While we are in an interim period for the formation of a new NI Executive, and the framework texts are subject to approval in NI, we will be unable to agree a final version of the frameworks. We hope to be in a position to provide you with a response to the recommendations soon and I am very sorry for the ongoing delay.

As soon as discussions are completed and all recommendations considered, Greg Hands and I shall respond to you with the final versions of these frameworks.

Yours ever,

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and Minister for London