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Harriett Baldwin MP
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Dear Harriett,

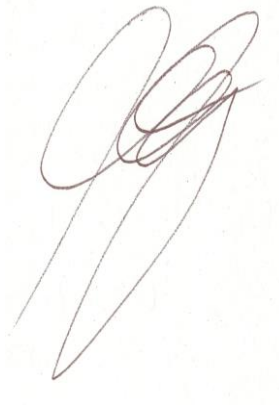
Thank you for your letter of today [23 November] responding to mine of 22 November which contained the Government's response to the Committee's report on '*Jobs, growth and productivity after coronavirus*'.

In my letter I said, "*The Autumn Statement brought forward measures to fight rising costs for households and businesses, such as freezing fuel duty.*" This should have said "*In addition to the Spring Statement 2022's 12-month cut to fuel duty rates, the government has brought forward further measures to fight rising costs for households and businesses, such as the Energy Price Guarantee, the Energy Bill Relief Scheme and the additional Cost of Living Payment*". I would like to apologise to the Committee for this drafting error and any confusion that this has caused. I note that the Chancellor clarified that decisions on fuel duty would be taken in the Spring in his appearance at the Committee on 23 November.

You asked me to clarify the government's position on fuel duty policy. The Autumn Budget 2021 froze fuel duty rates for 2022-23; and then the Government announced at Spring Statement 2022 a temporary 12-month cut to duty on petrol and diesel of 5 pence per litre from March 2022. No changes to fuel duty were made in the 2022 Autumn Statement. The Chancellor will confirm policy in the Budget in the Spring, as has been the case in previous years. Until then, the OBR's forecast is prepared on the Government's longstanding assumption that fuel duty will rise in line with inflation.

As set out above, this was a drafting error. I would like to apologise again to the Committee for any confusion that it caused.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a long, sweeping tail, positioned above the printed name.

James Cartlidge MP
EXCHEQUER SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY

