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Dear Secretary of State,

Government response to the Industry and Regulators Committee's report, 'The affluent and the effluent: cleaning up failures in water and sewage regulation'

I am writing to you regarding the Government's response to the Committee's report, 'The affluent and the effluent: cleaning up failures in water and sewage regulation'. The report was published on 22 March 2023. The Government response was due on 22 May 2023, was received on 1 June 2023, and will be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 13 June 2023. We are grateful for the response.

The Committee will be taking further evidence on the water industry, including the role of Ofwat and the Government, in the coming months. This work will follow up on our previous inquiry and the responses we have received from the Government and Ofwat, as well as other recent developments such as the publication of the Government's Plan for Water.

As part of this work, we will be inviting you to come before the Committee to give evidence. The staff of the Committee will liaise with your officials to agree on an appropriate date.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Hollick

Chair of the Industry and Regulators Committee