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Dame Meg Hillier
Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
House of Commons
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From Tamara Finkelstein CB

Dear Chair,

I am writing to provide further information on the point raised by you in the hearing on 21 February regarding Government resilience: extreme weather.

The Chair queried funding allocation for coastal adaptation

The Coastal Transition Accelerators Programme (CTAP) is allocating £36m over the six years to 2027 to trial and test innovative opportunities in a small number of coastal areas at significant risk of coastal erosion to support them to transition and adapt as their coastline evolves. The need is assessed by the Environment Agency and advice is put to Ministers. Funds are then disbursed by the EA as activities are completed. North Norfolk and East Riding Of Yorkshire were identified as the areas with proportionally the highest number of properties at risk from coastal erosion in England and will benefit from £15m each, Charmouth and Swanage on Dorset's Jurassic Coast and Bude in northeast Cornwall have also recently joined the programme and will share a further £6m.

Yours sincerely,

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Permanent Secretary