



## Liaison Committee

Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP  
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**By email**

13 March 2024

Dear Claire,

### **Scrutiny of the Seventh Carbon Budget**

I attach a copy of a letter you received from the Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee, Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP, dated 6 February.

This was raised at yesterday's meeting of the Liaison Committee and the Committee agreed that there should be much more opportunity for Parliament to scrutinise how the Seventh Carbon Budget is set.

We noted that this is also the view of the Prime Minister, and we attach great importance to your reply to the Environmental Audit Committee. We hope you will respond soon, and certainly before the Prime Minister next appears before the Liaison Committee on 26 March.

*Yours ever*

**Sir Bernard Jenkin MP**  
Chair of the Committee

**Cc: Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP, Chair, Environmental Audit Committee**