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Dear Darren,

Clarification of statements to the Committee

I am writing to clarify my statements on 19 January to the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee.

In response to question 219, about the Government meeting its carbon budget targets, I said that "there will be legislation in the summer which will seek to put into law the carbon budget 6 targets that were put forward by the CCC".

While the Government will set the sixth carbon budget in legislation by the summer, this will follow careful consideration of the CCC's advice and any representations from devolved administrations. We are undertaking that process now, in accordance with statutory requirements, before taking a decision on the budget. A full impact assessment will accompany the legislation setting out the issues we have considered, including those required by the Climate Change Act 2008.

In answer to question 235, I said that hydro projects would be considered as part of the North Sea Transition Deal.

I should have been clear that hydro projects are not explicitly covered by the North Sea Transition Deal but my officials have been engaging with industry on a route to market for these and other long-duration storage projects.

Yours ever,

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