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Dear Baroness Sheehan,

Joint Oral Evidence Session Follow-Up

Thank you for your letter on 12th February requesting further clarification on points discussed during the oral evidence session held on the 15th January.

Working with DEFRA on methane and reducing emissions in agriculture

Domestically, DESNZ works across relevant Departments to develop policies to deliver against our Carbon Budgets and NDCs. On methane emissions, we work closely with DEFRA on domestic action across the agriculture and waste sectors, including key policies that contribute to our carbon budgets such as the introduction of methane suppressing animal feed and the near elimination of biodegradable waste going to landfill from 2028.

The Government is committed to reducing emissions in the farming sector and a transition to more climate friendly practices goes hand in hand with food security and farm productivity. The Government provides a range of incentives and grants to farmers to decarbonise agricultural emissions through adopting sustainable land management approaches, new technology, and innovative practices to improve farm efficiency. Alongside the upcoming food strategy and farming roadmap we will deliver a credible plan to decarbonise food and farming, working closely with stakeholders to design and implement solutions.

Internationally, DESNZ engages closely with DEFRA on action to deliver against the Global Methane Pledge - for example, both Departments are contributing to the UK co-chairing the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to drive forward our international methane and air quality objectives. We also worked together to ensure the UK signed the Declaration on Reducing Methane from Organic Waste at COP29.

The Government's response to the Environment and Climate Change Committee's report, *Methane: Keep Up the Momentum*, was published on 12th February.

Clean Power governance structures

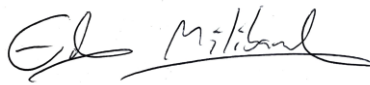
The Clean Power 2030 Unit reports to the Secretary of State as its primary decision maker, with oversight from the Ministerial Clean Energy Mission Board. The Board, chaired by the Secretary of State, has the status of a Cabinet Committee and reports to the Prime Minister. The Clean Power 2030 Unit provides regular progress reports to the Ministerial Clean Energy Mission Board as well as ad hoc papers on specific subjects.

The Ministerial Clean Energy Mission Board meets regularly and will be the primary forum for engaging other Secretaries of State across Whitehall to achieve Mission objectives.

The Clean Power 2030 Unit is also advised by the Clean Power Commission, a group of eight senior experts with a range of knowledge and experience relevant to delivery of the mission. The Commission meets fortnightly or as required.

I hope you will find this reply helpful.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Miliband', with a stylized, cursive script.

RT HON ED MILIBAND MP
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