



Public Accounts Committee

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Treasury Minute response – Public charge points for electric vehicles

Dear Interim Permanent Secretary,

Thank you for your recent response to the Committee's report on Public charge points for electric vehicles. I was pleased to see the commitments that the Department has made to provide further information in response to a number of our recommendations. The Committee looks forward to receiving these in due course.

However, there is a response to one of our recommendations (4b) which is unsatisfactory and requires further consideration and clarification. As part of our recommendation on charge point consumer experience and the differential cost of charging, the Committee requested that the Department should set out how it will monitor the cost of public charge point use by different groups in society (something which in the evidence session the Department said it could do in future). The Treasury Minute response seems to have misunderstood our recommendation and simply details how the Department monitors the costs of different kinds of public and private charge points. The Committee would be grateful if you could set out how the Department intends to monitor the impact of these differences in charging costs on different demographic groups.

Furthermore, I understand that the Department has now cancelled the Rapid Charge Fund, originally intended to help future-proof electricity connections along the strategic road network following the June 2025 Spending Review. I would be grateful if you could provide further information on the following points:

- how this may affect your Department's ability to implement the Committee's recommendations in the report (in particular Recommendation 2); and
- what options you are considering to address the gaps in charge point provision following this announcement.



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I would be grateful if you could respond by **14 July 2025**. I am copying this letter to the Comptroller and Auditor General and to the Treasury Officer of Accounts.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts

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