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The Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP
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[By email]

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Dear Secretary of State,

On 8 January 2025, Emma Pinchbeck, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Change Committee [told](#) the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee that she had written to Secretaries of State for Departments involved in the delivery of Net Zero to offer briefings on the then forthcoming Seventh Carbon Budget advice. On 7 April, she [confirmed](#) to the Environmental Audit Committee that this invitation was sent to eight Departments, including the Department for Business and Trade.

Subsequent [correspondence](#) to the Environmental Audit Committee has outlined that the Department for Business and Trade was one of only two Departments not to have a briefing.

Given the Government's mission to make Britain a clean energy superpower, and the choice of the Clean Energy Sector as one of the eight growth driving sectors at the heart of the forthcoming industrial strategy, please can you outline why your Department chose not to take up this invitation?

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee and the Chair of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of the Business and Trade Committee