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Dear Toby,

The Government's Plan for meeting Carbon Budgets 4-6

I am writing to inform you that today, we are making a statement to Parliament setting out our updated approach to meeting carbon budgets 4 to 6, and the benefits this brings to the British public and industry – delivering growth, increasing energy security and lowering bills.

I am proud of the progress the UK has made to date, but further action is needed to build on that success and fully embrace the opportunities clean energy and climate action present for our country.

Today, we made a written statement and laid in parliament the following two statutory reports required under the Climate Change Act (CCA 2008):

The Carbon Budget and Growth Delivery Plan (CBGDP), setting how we will meet our targets while driving economic opportunity and delivering for those across the UK. This also serves as our “section 14” report under the CCA 2008. As required by the act, I have confidence the policies and proposals in the plan will enable carbon budgets for CB4-6 to be met. The plan provides an explanation to Parliament as to how the proposals and policies are intended to meet the statutory targets, including quantification of emissions savings, and the timescales over which those are expected to take effect. It also explains how the proposals and policies affect different sectors of the economy.

The government response to the Climate Change Committee's 2025 Progress Report in Reducing Emissions, which

- highlights the actions this government has taken since December 2024 to reduce emissions and seize on the economic opportunities of net zero.
- sets out the government's action and future plans to respond to the CCC's 43 recommendations to the UK.
- sets out the proactive progress being taken by devolved governments in response to the CCC's 52 recommendations to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

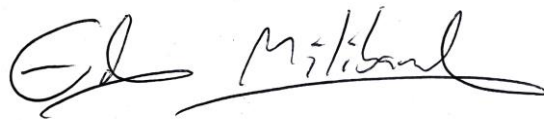
Alongside these statutory reports we also published an **Investor Prospectus**, signposting the opportunities for companies and investors that will drive clean economic growth. The final document published was **the UK's Methane Action Plan**, forward looking and action-focused, this details the key methane abating policies we have developed as part of our carbon budgets, alongside highlighting progress the UK has made so far. Together, these publications demonstrate the

breadth and pace of government action to deliver on our mission to become a clean energy superpower.

As you know, we will set Carbon Budget 7 (2038-2042) by June 2026, in line with our statutory duties. I look forward to working with your new inquiry on 'The Seventh Carbon Budget', which will inform the government's work on Carbon Budget 7 before it moves to legislate the budget level. In line with the CCA 2008, the government will publish a delivery plan for CB7 as soon as reasonably practicable after Parliament has approved the CB7 budget level.

We remain committed to working in partnership with civil society, communities and business, and welcome continued engagement with your committee as we deliver on our shared goals.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Miliband', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RT HON ED MILIBAND MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero