



## Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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[By email]

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Dear Kemi,

### **RE: Decarbonising heat in homes**

Further to the correspondence between your Department officials and my Committee Clerks, I am writing to formally request that an HMT Minister provides evidence to my Committee on Tuesday 20 July at 11:30am, as part of the Committee's inquiry into *Decarbonising heat in homes*. Should this time not be convenient, my Clerks would be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date before summer recess.

Achieving the Government's Net Zero target demands that we move to decarbonising all buildings by 2050. Our inquiry has found that incentives and support schemes have failed to encourage a significant take-up of low carbon heating. With the termination of the Green Homes Grant and the impending conclusion of the Renewable Heat Incentive, there are no support schemes or incentives that could significantly encourage take-up and meet the Prime Minister's target to install 600,000 heat pumps per year by 2028. Moreover, our inquiry has heard about the high overall projected costs of decarbonising heat in homes, and the need to minimise and distribute the costs associated with decarbonising domestic heat. Part of these costs will be covered by the Government and the taxpayer. This clearly sits within your Department's remit.

Given the centrality of your Department's policy to decarbonising heat, you will appreciate that my Committee has a legitimate interest in hearing from an HMT Minister, alongside the responsible BEIS Minister.

My Committee would be grateful for a response by close of play Tuesday 29 June. We may publish this letter, and your response, on our website.

My Committee looks forward to your response.

Darren Jones MP  
Chair, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee