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Chair, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Darren,

REQUEST TO ATTEND DECARBONISING HEAT IN HOMES INQUIRY

Thank you for your letter of 21 June seeking the participation of a HMT Minister as part your Committee's inquiry into decarbonising heat in homes.

I welcome the opportunity to provide the committee with evidence on the comprehensive package of measures the Government is currently developing to set us on a path to decarbonising all homes and buildings. As your Committee has highlighted, this presents a huge challenge, but we will do this with affordability and fairness at the front of our minds.

However, as you are aware many of these policies are not yet at a stage where they can be made public, and I believe it would be more appropriate to appear before the committee once the Heat and Buildings Strategy, Net Zero Review and Net Zero Strategy have been published. I feel it is vital that the committee gets the opportunity to scrutinise the Government's policies on decarbonising buildings before I provide evidence, so that we can have open and comprehensive discussions to maximise the effectiveness of this inquiry. Without the contents of these documents, and with the Spending Review process yet to begin, unfortunately my current ability to support the Committee would be limited.

While I understand you are eager to progress your inquiry at pace, given your recent extension of the inquiry to December, I request that I am able to join you,

with the BEIS Secretary of State, at a slightly later date to provide more time for the policy package to progress.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kemi Badenoch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'K'.

Kemi Badenoch
Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury