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From Sir Bernard Jenkin MP, Chair

Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street

By email

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Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Follow up from November evidence session

Thank you for your letter of 15 December, containing further information on a number of points raised at our session in November.

In your letter, responding to our questions on the Climate Action Strategy Committee, you say that it is not normal practice for information about Cabinet Committee meetings to be shared publicly. Given the role that this Committee is intended to play in setting the strategic direction for the UK's efforts to combat climate change, and in particular its purpose in holding Departments to account, it is unsatisfactory that its activities should not be considered appropriate for scrutiny by select committees of the House.

Your answer indicates that you have the discretion to make exceptions from the normal practice which applies to disclosure of the activities of such committees. I would therefore be grateful if you would consider how Government might provide regular updates to Parliament on the Committee's activities, and the steps that it is taking to hold Departments to account for their actions to combat climate change.

I would be grateful if you could also clarify whether the remit of this Committee and the Climate Action Implementation Committee have changed now that the COP summit has concluded?

I look forward to your response.

Yours ever

Sir Bernard Jenkin MP

Chair of the Committee