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Dear Mr Ward,

Thank you for your letter of 22 September regarding the Government's approach to reaching net zero and the Climate Change Committee (CCC).

On 26 October, the Government published its response to the CCC's June progress report, fulfilling our duty under the Climate Change Act. In the report, we reiterate the Government's priorities and demonstrate the actions we will be taking this year, addressing the CCC's main areas of concern, and responding to all the CCC's recommendations. Our report demonstrates the progress we are making towards net zero against the metrics outlined in the Net Zero Strategy.

The Government is partly or fully acting upon 85% of the CCC's priority recommendations and is acting on the majority of the remaining 273 recommendations demonstrating our commitment to seizing the economic opportunities presented from the energy transition and net zero and the value of the CCC's advice.

We are proud that the UK has overdelivered on all our carbon budgets to date and the CCC acknowledge in their report that their confidence in the UK meeting the Fourth Carbon Budget (2023-2027) has increased in the last year. The actions set out in our response show how we are working hard to ensure delivery of Carbon Budget four, five and six, and our 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

As the Prime Minister set out in his speech on 20 September, the Government is committed to delivering both net zero by 2050 and our world leading NDC by 2030, doing so in a way which is fair, pragmatic, and avoids unnecessary costs for ordinary working families. Our response to the CCC reiterates our commitment to seizing the economic opportunities presented by the transition, whilst minimising the financial burden on the public.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

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