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Dear Mr Friend,

Thank you for your further letter of 15 January regarding the June 2023 Climate Change Committee progress report.

On 26 October, the Government published its response to the Climate Change Committee's (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 report can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/committee-on-climate-change-2023-progress-report-government-response.

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.

As the CCC's own analysis shows, we still need oil and gas as we make the transition to net zero. It makes economic and environmental sense to use our own domestic supplies. The carbon footprint of domestically producing UK gas is also around one-quarter of the carbon footprint of importing internationally produced liquified natural gas – so ours is a pragmatic, proportionate and realistic approach.

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).

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

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