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Dear Claire,

Appointment of the Commissioner for Shale Gas

Thank you for your letter of 4 December in response to the questions, detailed in our letter of 23 October, concerning the various public consultations on shale gas, the appointment of a Commissioner for Shale Gas, the creation of SERG and the seismicity monitoring system for shale gas and fracking.

While your response provides some details regarding the appointment of the Commissioner for Shale Gas, the Committee still has some outstanding concerns regarding the appointment process, not least because some of the specific questions I asked in my letter of 23 October were not answered in your response. I would therefore appreciate it if you could provide us with the outstanding information that we asked for as follows:

- Application pack
- Length of the recruitment campaign
- Declaration of interests and CV of the successful candidate

It would also be helpful if you could clarify what discussions the Department has had with the Commissioner for Public Appointments regarding this role and the appointment process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Betts', written in a cursive style.

Clive Betts MP
Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee