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*Dear Mary,*

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE CONSULTATION PAPER INQUIRY

The Chancellor has asked me to respond to your letter to him on 23 May, requesting that the Treasury presents its view at the Environmental Audit Committee's inquiry about environmental governance.

The government is committed to setting up a new independent statutory body to hold government to account on the environment, and we have published a consultation seeking views on how to do this. Defra is the lead department for this issue and the consultation, and therefore it will be a matter for Defra ministers to respond to the Committee's inquiry.

I am happy for the Committee to publish this response alongside your original letter.

*Yours ever,  
Robert.*

Robert Jenrick  
Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury