12 July 2019

Dear Ms Hillier,

**HEARING ON OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE HELD ON 8 JULY 2019**

Further to the Committee's request, I am writing to clarify the figures for ODA spending on climate finance (Question 111 from Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

The UK Aid Strategy sets out the commitment made by the Prime Minister in September 2015 that the UK would spend at least £5.8bn over the next five years on climate finance, an increase of 50% compared to climate finance spending between 2011 and 2016. This includes spending at least £1.76bn in 2020/21 as part of the UK's role in delivering the international commitment that developed countries will provide, from both public and private sources, $100bn annually in climate finance to developing countries by 2020.

The UK is aiming for an even split between spending on mitigation and adaptation activities. Page 10 of the NAO report notes that ‘Actual expenditure to date in this area is in line with the annual plan agreed as part of the Spending Review in 2015.’

Yours sincerely,

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