Dear Claire,

Climate change and health
Thank you very much for your letter of 13 March 2019, responding to questions on the health impacts of climate change that arose from my Committee's 'My Science Inquiry' initiative. I am writing to follow up on your answer to one particular question, which I did not feel fully addressed the question.

We asked you to set out "what actions the Government is taking to investigate the potential impacts of rising CO₂ levels on cognitive performance and building energy use”.

In your response, you indicated that carbon dioxide ventilation is covered by building regulations and standards for certain buildings, such as schools. This does not, however, explain what the Government is doing to investigate the rising levels of carbon dioxide on cognitive performance or building energy use. Not only does your answer not explain what the Government is doing to investigate any potential impacts of rising carbon dioxide concentrations, it also focuses on carbon dioxide concentrations in particular buildings, whereas we asked you about the potential impacts of carbon dioxide levels in the ambient atmosphere.

I would be grateful if you could specifically provide information on "what actions the Government is taking to investigate the potential impacts of rising CO₂ levels on cognitive performance and building energy use" by 3 May.

Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
Chair