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Dear Angus,

**INTER-MINISTERIAL GROUP ON CLEAN GROWTH**

As I made clear when I came to give evidence to the Committee shortly after agreement was reached in Paris, we have an important responsibility to play our part in tackling climate change. There is no question that this Government is firmly committed to the Climate Change Act, carbon budgets, and the 2050 target.

This year we will be setting the Fifth Carbon Budget, and setting out our policies and proposals for meeting the budgets, in accordance with the requirements of the Climate Change Act. This will require action right across Government, and for Departments to work jointly on addressing the challenges.

It is in this context that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster chairs an inter-ministerial group on Clean Growth, which considers issues relating to air quality and de-carbonisation, where these have a cross-departmental aspect. The group meets as and when required and its members include ministers and officials from the relevant departments, including DECC, Defra, DfT, DCLG and BIS.

The purpose of the group is to allow Ministers to discuss direction for relevant strategic issues. Final decisions relating to those matters would be made through the usual mechanisms set out in the Cabinet Manual.

To protect the integrity of the policy making process, we do not comment on specific membership or the frequency and timing of meetings.

I hope you will join me in viewing this inter-ministerial group as a positive development in terms of this Government's commitment to tackling climate change.

**AMBER RUDD**

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