

Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Chair
Science and Technology Committee
House of Commons
London, SW1A 0AA

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Dear Mr Lamb

Lord Deben's interests

Thank you for your letter of 25th February 2019 in which you note the concerns raised by members of the Science and Technology Committee concerning the nature of Lord Deben's interests. As requested, I write to set out the procedures in place at the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) to ensure actual or perceived conflicts of interest are identified and properly managed.

I can confirm that the CCC has a clear policy on managing conflicts of interests, a copy of the policy is attached. The policy has recently been reviewed and was updated in April 2018. It is the responsibility of each Committee member to comply with the policy, to recognise and declare any potential conflicts or perceived conflicts and to declare any such conflicts so that further action can be undertaken if necessary. All potential conflicts are reviewed in line with the policy and monitored regularly.

At the start of each monthly Committee meeting we invite Committee members to review their recorded interests and to confirm if there are any new potential conflicts. Where Committee members or staff raise a potential conflict this is recorded together with any actions which are judged as appropriate to mitigate the conflict.

Following the allegations made in the Mail on Sunday Lord Deben has provided formal confirmation to the CCC that he has reviewed all the interventions he has made in Parliament since being appointed as Chairman of the CCC and the activities of Sancroft International Ltd. Lord Deben has stated that, in his view, there is no truth in the allegations of conflict as reported in the Mail on Sunday.

In terms of information which Lord Deben obtains through his role as Chairman of the CCC it is Lord Deben's responsibility to ensure this information is used appropriately. Any commercially sensitive information should be restricted to use within his role as CCC Chairman.

I confirm we have reviewed the transcript of the oral evidence provided to the Science and Technology Committee by Lord Deben on 15 January 2019 and do not wish to amend or supplement the oral evidence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Stark'.

Chris Stark

Chief Executive, CCC