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THE PRIME MINISTER

Friday, 7 February 2014

Dear Catherine & John,

Thank you for your letter of 30 January.

I agree that Climate Change is an important issue, and I am proud that this Government has an ambitious and effective programme of policies to cut emissions.

As you point out, the Climate Change Act was a world first, and we are fully committed to reducing UK greenhouse gases by 80 per cent by 2050. Emissions are already down by 25 per cent since 1990.

I believe it is important that we pursue a cost-effective approach to decarbonisation. I am clear we must focus on the industries which will help "green growth", and try to ensure consumers are protected from rising energy costs.

And since the Coalition Government came to power, I am proud that we have created a £3 billion Green Investment Bank; set up the world's first incentive scheme for renewable heat; committed £1 billion to support carbon capture and storage and provided £400 million for ultra-low emissions vehicles. Our Energy Act will also unlock £110 billion of low carbon investment to 2020, decarbonising our power system even further. I can assure you that we do take the issue of climate change seriously and we remain committed to being the greenest government ever.

I hope you find this reassuring and thank you, once again, for your letter.

With all good wishes,

Yours,

David

Ms Catherine Budgett-Meakin and Mr John Mead