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Dear Dianne

You tabled the Parliamentary Questions below, and I said that I would write with the substantive answers.

To ask Her Majesty's Government, in relation to their target for the installation of smart meters, whether they will report on the quality of the training and certification of installers of those meters. HL6888

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the training and qualification of installers of smart meters, and (2) the sufficiency and independence of the system of oversight, in the light of the need to ensure consumer safety. HL6890

All smart meter installers are required to be trained and accredited by a National Skills Academy for Power (NSAP) accredited training provider or equivalent before they can install smart meters. Installers are required to attain a NVQ level 2 diploma or equivalent in smart metering. All installers undertaking gas installations have to be GasSafe registered.

The safety of the rollout of smart meters is a key priority for the programme. The Government works closely with all industry parties, the Health and Safety Executive and NSAP on safety matters. NSAP monitors training quality against an accredited national training standard.

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will review the smart meter programme to ensure that safety requirements are being met in relation to consumers. HL6889

Ensuring the safety of rollout of smart meters is a key priority for the programme both for consumers and those involved with installations. The programme is built upon an existing strong health and safety culture within the energy sector.

Energy suppliers are already required to comply with a number of existing regulations and requirements relating to safety, including: the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations

(1998) and The Meter Asset Managers Code of Practice (MAMCoP) and the Metering Installation Code of Practice (SMICoP).

The Programme works closely with the energy industry on these matters, including regular dialogue on safety performance.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of the House.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Prior'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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