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On Tuesday 12 of December 2017, during the debate on European Structural and Investment Funds, it has been brought to my attention that in error I inadvertently provided incorrect information, and I apologise for this.

Namely I refer the noble Lords to Official Report, column 1495, when I stated that the UK's total allocation for the 2014-2020 EU Structural Funds was worth "some £8.6 billion over that period". I should have said that the allocation as worth £8.4 billion over that period.

The recently agreed financial settlement with the EU means that, if the Withdrawal Agreement with the EU is implemented, the UK will retain its full allocation of funding for the 2014-2020 European Structural Funds.

I hope that this provides suitable clarity, and once again I apologise for this mistake. I will be placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of the House.

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