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*Dear Lord Grantchester,*

**RENEWABLES OBLIGATION (AMENDMENT)  
(ENERGY INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES) ORDER 2017**

Thank you for your letter dated the 26 January in which you raised a further query in response to my letter dated the 13 December following the debate on the above order.

The Control for Low Carbon Levies (the Control) covers all existing and new low carbon electricity levies, including: Contracts for Difference, Feed-in-Tariffs and the Renewables Obligation (RO). The Renewables Obligation (Amendment) (Energy Intensive Industries) Order 2017 does not support low-carbon electricity technologies, but exempts certain energy intensive industries from up to 85% of the indirect costs of the RO by redistributing these costs to non-eligible electricity consumers. Therefore, the EII exemption from the indirect cost of the RO is not under scope of the Control. The EII exemption does not change the total cost of the RO and therefore does not change the total amount paid across all consumers.

I will be placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of the House. I hope this letter answers the question you raised.

*Yours,*

*Vere of Norbiton*

**BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON**

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