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Dear Drew,

Thank you for raising your point of order on 8 May in relation to an answer I provided during BEIS Oral Questions on 30 April, bringing to attention that I inadvertently provided incorrect information. I would like to apologise to you, as well as the Rt Hon Claire Perry MP, as I was providing answers relating to the Minister for Clean Growth's portfolio during the session.

Namely I refer to the answer I gave that stated 'over the past eight years since May 2010, under the coalition Government and this Government, 99% of capacity has been deployed. That is 49% of the total investment in the EU. We have installed more than twice as much solar capacity as any other European country—more than Germany, France and Australia combined'.

I should have specified that the figures I quoted; 49% of total EU investment in solar PV occurring in the UK, and the UK installing more than any other European country and Germany, France and Australia combined; were for the year 2015.

I hope that this clarification is helpful. I will be placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of the House.

Yours ever,

CHRIS SKIDMORE MP