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Dear Rachel,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 June 2019 where you ask for an update on the Government's position regarding the use of "flexibilities" available under the Climate Change Act 2008.

As you are aware, the UK overperformed the second carbon budget cap of 2,782 MtCO_{2e} by 384 MtCO_{2e}. The UK has a world-leading record in tackling climate change, and we are rightly proud of our performance against our carbon targets.

Please find attached my letter to the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) where I set out my decision on overachievement from the second carbon budget. As I explain in my letter to the CCC, we are carrying over a small proportion of that surplus, but have no intention of using this overperformance to meet the third carbon budget, which we are on track to exceed.

We remain absolutely committed to tackling climate change and meeting our carbon budgets through the ambitious plans and policies set out in the Clean Growth Strategy.

I will be placing a copy of my letter to the CCC in the Libraries of the House along with a copy of this letter.

Yours ever,

CHRIS SKIDMORE MP