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I am writing with regards to the Oral Question on Smart Meters in the Lords Chamber on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (Official Report, Column 2073-2074), to which I would like to make a clarification.

In answer to your supplementary question on the Government's current estimate of how much each household will benefit from the Smart Meter Programme, my predecessor, the noble Lord Duncan of Springbank answered that it will be '£175 per year'. To clarify, this figure represents the estimated average bill savings for households over the appraisal period, to 2034.

Please do not hesitate to contact my officials should you have any questions.

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

Kind Regards

Lord Callanan