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### **Follow up to the Oral Question on Japanese Knotweed HoL 12 March 2020**

Dear Lord Clark

At the recent Oral Questions on Japanese knotweed, you asked if details of experiments using Japanese knotweed to tackle Lyme disease could be added to the libraries of the House.

My officials have looked into this, and as far as we are aware the only available research into this has been conducted in the United States of America. We have attached the relevant research paper which is entitled "Medicines for Activity Against Growing and Non-growing Forms of *B. burgdorferi*". The paper was written by Jie Feng, Jacob Leone, Sunjya Schweig and Ying Zhang, and published by Frontiers in Medicine on 21 February 2020.

A copy of this research paper has been attached as a separate Annex, and it is also freely available online. I am copying this letter to all Peers who spoke and a copy of this letter and annex will be placed in the House libraries.

Yours ever,  
John