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Dear Ray,

I am writing to follow-up on the question you raised on 9 February, following Lord Lancaster's question on the Overseas Territories' preparedness for humanitarian and disaster relief operations.

You asked what mechanism was in place for Her Majesty's Government to support the Overseas Territories manage disaster risk and disaster risk governance. I would like to clarify my response.

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) is located in Barbados not Bermuda. The multinational co-ordination cell that would coordinate with international partners in the event of a major hurricane impact could be established alongside CDEMA, but due to the current COVID crisis is ready to operate on a virtual basis.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the House of Lords library.

Yours sincerely,

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