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To: All Peers

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My Lords,

THE SUBSIDY CONTROL BILL: PUBLICATION OF ILLUSTRATIVE REGULATIONS, GUIDANCE AND STREAMLINED ROUTES

I am writing to you to inform you that we have today published Illustrative Regulations, Guidance and examples of Streamlined Routes for the Subsidy Control Bill.

Second Reading of the Bill took place on 19 January and I would like to thank noble Lords for their contributions to that debate. The Bill will now move to more detailed consideration at Grand Committee, which will begin on 31 January.

My officials have prepared illustrative regulations, guidance and Streamlined Routes (also known as Streamlined Subsidy Schemes in the Bill text) that I hope will support noble Lords' scrutiny of the Subsidy Control legislation at Grand Committee. Streamlined Routes will offer public authorities a way to award subsidies more quickly. They are intended to promote confidence and legal certainty among public authorities and businesses undertaking projects that are routine and low risk or aligned to UK priorities.

I am sharing these products in order to provide more information about some of the Bill concepts; to give an indication of how Government may use these elements to support its priorities; and to encourage comments on the proposed policy direction.

The areas covered in the documents are:

1. Illustrative regulations and explanatory note on Subsidies or Schemes of Interest and Particular Interest;
2. Illustrative Guidance on the subsidy control principles outlined in the Bill; and
3. Illustrative examples and a policy statement on Streamlined Routes.

These documents can be accessed on GOV.UK¹. I will also deposit copies of these documents in the libraries of both Houses under the following titles:

- Policy statement on Subsidies or Schemes of Interest and Particular Interest
- Illustrative regulations: Subsidies or Schemes of Interest and Particular Interest
- Illustrative guidance on the practical operation of the subsidy control principles
- Policy statement on Streamlined Routes: Objectives, Operation and Next Steps
- Clean Heat: Illustrative example of how a Streamlined Route would operate
- Research, Development and Innovation: Illustrative example of how a Streamlined Route would operate

I will be hosting an All-Peers briefing on the Bill ahead of Committee Stage on 31 January and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have in general or on these specific products that we have published today. I am grateful to your continued support and comment on this important piece of legislation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martin Callanan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/subsidy-control-bill-2021-illustrative-regulations-guidance-and-streamlined-routes>