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The Rt Hon. the Lord Trefgarne
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By email

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Dear Lord Trefgarne,

In a debate on 6th February 2024 your Lordship asked me where ministerial responsibility for the Met Office sat within government. I mistakenly suggested that this was with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). I am writing to correct the record on this matter.

Whilst Defra is an important customer of Met Office science, the ultimate responsibility and accountability for the work of the Met Office is with the Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Innovation. Day-to-day ministerial oversight and the formal business ownership role are delegated to the Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation.

I will place a copy of this letter in the House Library.

Yours sincerely,

LORD DOUGLAS-MILLER