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Dear *Ros*

I am writing further to the House of Lords Debate on 9 January 2025, on 'National Insurance: Employer Contributions'.

At Hansard Column 798, you asked, "The Government's new burdens doctrine has been in place since ... can the noble Baroness explain why the Government are not following their own guidance in this case?"

To which I responded, "... the local government funding settlement saw a **3.7% real-terms increase** in funding."

I should have instead said, "...the local government funding settlement saw a **3.5% real-terms increase** in funding."

Please accept my apologies for this error and I trust there has been no misunderstanding as a result.

I am copying this letter to all Peers who contributed in the debate and the editor of Hansard. I will also place a copy in the House library.

I would also like to thank you for a productive and helpful meeting yesterday with your National Association of Local Councils colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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