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Dear Hansard,

I would like to make a clarification to two remarks I made during the Public Bill Committee (Second Sitting) of the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill on 11 December 2024.

In response to Martin Wrigley (column 77) I said: “The permanent relief will come in at 40% in 2026-27, but we have included a transition period.”

I instead should have said that: “The permanent reduction will come in 2026-27, but we have included a transition period.”

The second amendment (column 78) was in response to Michelle Welsh, I said: “What the evidence says is that there has been provision to ensure that those schools that are mainly or wholly for pupils with special educational needs will not be affected by these measures at all.”

I instead should have said that: “What the evidence says is that there has been provision to ensure that those schools that are mainly or wholly for pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan will not be affected by these measures at all.”

I am copying this letter to Martin Wrigley MP and Michelle Welsh MP. A copy of this letter will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours ever,

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