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Dear Lord Clement-Jones,

I am writing to clarify the record following your involvement in the debate held recently on 5th January 2026.

The debate focused on the critically important matter of the use of the social media platform X by Government departments.

During the course of the debate, a specific statistical reference was made that has been identified as factually inaccurate. This reference was made in the context of describing the reach and role of the platform X within the United Kingdom. Specifically, it was stated that X serves as a "main news source" for 10.8 million families.

I must apologise unreservedly for the confusion it may have caused. While the figure of 10.8 million families is correct in itself, the qualification of how those families interact with the platform was incorrectly articulated.

The accurate statement should have been that "**10.8 million families use X**". This distinction is crucial. Using the platform encompasses a variety of activities and does not necessarily imply its primary role as a source of breaking news or political information.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I am copying this letter to all those who contributed and will place a copy in the House library.

**Yours sincerely,**

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