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Dear Hansard,

I would like to make some clarifications to remarks I made during my oral statement on Protecting What Matters on 9 December, which was recorded in Volume 782.

In response to Carla Denyer MP (Volume 782, Column 91) I said: "There is **£5 million** of new funding in the report, but Departments across Government will have sources of funding that also can be used to disseminate the new definition."

I should have instead said that: "There is **up to £4 million** of new funding in the report, but Departments across Government will have sources of funding that also can be used to disseminate the new definition."

Additionally, in my opening statement, I said: "We have now committed £5.8 billion to almost 300 constituencies and begun to set up neighbourhood boards so that local people can decide for themselves how that money is spent."

I should have instead said: "We have now committed £5.8 billion to almost 300 **areas** and begun to set up neighbourhood boards so that local people can decide for themselves how that money is spent."

I am copying this letter to the Shadow Minister, Paul Holmes MP and Carla Denyer MP. A copy of this letter will be placed in the libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,

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