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Dame Meg Hillier MP
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Dear Chair,

Target implementation dates for Government response to the PAC's Forty-First Report of Session 2021-22: Achieving Net Zero: Follow up

I am writing to inform the Committee of changes to the target implementation date for the second and third recommendations in the above PAC report.

The PAC report's second recommendation was that "the Department should:

- Include consumer take-up relative to expectations, and how different social groups are being impacted, in its annual progress updates.
- Conduct scenario planning to prepare for and inform situations where consumer take-up falls below expectations.
- Evaluate the causes of any consumer take-up shortfalls, to inform policy responses."

The report's third recommendation was that "the Department should monitor how quickly technology costs are falling and the levels of private investment it is attracting, and set clear triggers for interventions such as new policies and regulations for when things go off course. The Department should write to the Committee every 12 months with an update on its progress."

As we have set out in the Treasury Minute, the government agrees with both recommendations and work is in progress, but their target publication date has changed. The Government launched an independent review of net zero in September 2022, led by Chris Skidmore MP. We expect to say more on the areas covered by the PAC recommendations as well as the wider net zero policy agenda after the Review has concluded. The target implementation date for both recommendations has therefore been revised from Autumn 2022 to Spring 2023.

The government response to the PAC's 'Forty-First Report of Session 2021-22: Achieving Net Zero: Follow up' provides further detail on ongoing work related to the third recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

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