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Dear Mr Lindhurst,

Re: BiFab, the offshore wind sector and the Scottish supply chain

Thank you for your letter dated 16 December to the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP, regarding the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee at the Scottish Parliament inquiry on BiFab. I am replying as this matter falls within my Ministerial portfolio. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in my response.

In that letter you included a request for the recommendations from the inquiry to be taken into account as part of the consultation on changes to Supply Chain Plans and the Contracts for Difference (CfD) contract. I am responding as I have taken over the energy portfolio from Kwasi.

I have extended the closing date for responses to the consultation on changes to Supply Chain Plans and the CfD contract until the 28 January 2021. This extension is to allow consultees to see the new Supply Chain Plan Questionnaire, which we are now consulting on, before responding so they have a full understanding of what Developers are being asked for in their Supply Chain Plans.

I hope this extension provides sufficient time for your Committee to finalise the report and its recommendations can then be taken into account as part of the consultation.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

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