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Dear Roger

CMA ENERGY MARKET INVESTIGATION

We note the CMA's deadline of 7 April 2016 to provide written submissions on the provisional decision on remedies.

The Scottish Government has engaged with the CMA throughout its investigation, including through a submission to the CMA of 19 December 2014. That highlighted that the retail energy supply market in Scotland is relatively more concentrated than in GB as a whole and exhibits a number of characteristics which may mean that suppliers are able to segment the market and offer different terms to certain groups for both behavioural and structural reasons. The remedies proposed by the CMA need to be assessed in the Scottish context to determine their potential impacts.

During the pre-election period of the Scottish Parliamentary elections, there are restrictions on what public statements the Scottish Government can make. The Scottish Government may therefore wish to provide a contribution following the election of the new Parliament at Holyrood.

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