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Thank you for your inviting me to the Aluminium Federation's annual Parliamentary Lunch on 17 May.

This Government is committed to making the urgent decisions needed on energy and climate change. The Prime Minister has publicly stated that he wants to make this 'the greenest government ever'. Climate change is the biggest challenge we face, and the time we have to address it is short. But it also represents a real opportunity to drive forward innovation, job creation and competitiveness, supporting the UK economy while playing our full part in tackling global climate change.

Unfortunately, my diary commitments prevent me from being able to accept your kind invitation on this occasion. Please accept my best wishes for a successful event.

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