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Dear Chris,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 August, to Edward Davey about a recent United Nations ruling relating to European Union renewables policy. I am replying as the new Minister of State.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change takes its legal obligations extremely seriously, including those which relate to accountability to the public and access to information.

The drafting of the UK National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAP) used the content and analytical work contained within the Renewable Energy Strategy, published by the UK Government in July 2009. In developing that Strategy, the Government published a consultation in June 2008, together with Impact Assessments of proposals for renewable electricity, renewable heat and transport.

The consultation made specific reference to security of supply, including the benefits of renewable energy can have in reducing our exposure to fossil fuel price and availability risks.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN HAYES

P.S. As you know, I am looking at
this matter closely. Regards.