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STATEMENT OF THE NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ACCOUNT 2019-20

FOREWORD

Under Section 32(1) of the Energy Act 2004, the Secretary of State must prepare a Statement of the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account (the Statement). The Statement for 2019-20 is set out on page eight.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) became fully operational as a non-departmental body of the Department of Trade and Industry (now the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) on 1 April 2005. It is responsible for the decommissioning and clean up of all designated civil public sector nuclear sites.

In addition to its decommissioning responsibility, the NDA is also required to operate existing commercial activities on its sites until current contracts with the United Kingdom (UK) and overseas customers have been met. The Government is committed to funding the full costs of the decommissioning and clean up of the civil nuclear liabilities arising at the NDA's sites.

The Statement sets out the notional funding available from the Consolidated Fund for use by the NDA during 2019-20 on its activities and the funding that the NDA drew down from the Consolidated Fund during that period. The underlying funding is accounted for within the Consolidated Fund, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 and the NDA's Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20.

Sarah Munby
Permanent Secretary and Principal Accounting Officer

1 September 2020

THE REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

The Secretary of State is responsible for the preparation of a Statement of the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account (the Statement) in accordance with section 32(1) of the Energy Act 2004. The Statement shows the debits and credits recorded in the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account during the year ended 31 March 2020 under section 32(2) of the Energy Act 2004 and the determination made by the Secretary of State made under section 31(4)(c) of the Energy Act 2004.

My responsibility is to examine and report to Parliament on the Statement in accordance with section 32(5) of the Energy Act 2004. I plan and perform my examination so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary to provide me with sufficient evidence that the Statement is consistent with the requirements of Section 31 of the Energy Act 2004. In addition I read all the information in the Foreword to identify material inconsistencies with the Statement and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the examination. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account is a reflection of the notional funding available to and used by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. Consequently, my examination does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the contents of the Statement. I have examined the Statement of the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account for the year ended 31 March 2020. Based upon my examination I am satisfied that:

- The entries recorded in the Statement are consistent with the requirements of section 31 of the Energy Act 2004; and
- The Statement has been prepared in accordance with section 32 of the Energy Act 2004.

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23 September 2020

STATEMENT OF THE NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ACCOUNT 2019-20

	2019-20		2018-19	
	Funding used (debits)	Available funding (credits)	Funding used (debits)	Available funding (credits)
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Opening Balance		8,667		7,897
Determination		3,449		3,506
Commercial receipts		620		655
<i>Total funding available</i>		<i>12,736</i>		<i>12,058</i>
Total funding drawn down from the Consolidated Fund	3,317		3,391	
Closing Balance		9,419		8,667

Sarah Munby
Permanent Secretary and Principal Accounting Officer

1 September 2020

THE NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ACCOUNT DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 31(4) OF THE ENERGY ACT 2004

As required by section 31(5)(d) of the Energy Act 2004 (the "Act"), I am publishing the determination I have made for the purposes of section 31(4)(c) in accordance with the statement to the House on 7 December 2004 (Column 86WS) under section 31(6)(a) of the Act, which sets out my policy with regard to the determination of amounts to be credited to the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account ("the NDFA") under section 31(4)(c) of the Act.

Determination under section 31(4)(c) of the Energy Act 2004:

I hereby determine that the amount to be credited to the NDFA in relation to the financial year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 under section 31(4)(c) of the Act is £3,449,000,000.

The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP
Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

19 September 2020

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