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Dear Alison

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON AIR POLLUTION: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Lord Caithness wrote to the Secretary of State for Energy and other colleagues on 13 December asking for comments on the draft Government response to the Environment Committee's report. All have now confirmed that they are content for us to proceed with publication. I am therefore writing to say that the response will be published on Thursday 22 December. I am afraid that the printing arrangements allow us no flexibility about the date if we are to publish before the end of the year. We will announce publication by written PQ (a draft is enclosed) and Press Notice.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of the Prime Minister and the Chief Whip and to the Chief Press Secretary at No 10.

Yours ever

Andrew

ANDREW LEAN
Private Secretary

Ms Alison Smith



DRAFT INSPIRED PQ (to appear Thursday, 22 December)

To ask the Secretary of State for the Environment when the Government intends to respond to the Environment Committee's report on Air Pollution.

Draft Answer

Today. The Committee's Report appeared at a timely moment and addressed a number of issues on which policy has been developing quickly. In our response we broadly welcome the Committee's report; respond to their detailed recommendations; and outline a number of significant developments since the report was published.

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