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*New Victoria Borwick,*

Thank you for your letter dated 2 April enclosing a copy of 'In from the cold?', which I have read with interest.

As announced by the Deputy Prime Minister on the 11 April, a third Energy Company Obligation (ECO) element will be set aside to provide insulation measures to defined areas of low income via the Carbon Saving Communities Obligation. This will ensure that a greater proportion of low income households living in the most deprived areas will benefit from ECO support, and will act to promote an area-based delivery. Further detail on this new element of ECO will be published in due course alongside the Government response to the consultation.

We anticipate that suppliers will work closely with community partners such as local authorities and third sector organisations to identify and engage with eligible households to meet their obligations under the scheme. The Government will also help energy suppliers identify households eligible for ECO Affordable Warmth support through a range of initiatives, including the referral of eligible households who register an interest through the Government-run Energy Saving Advice Service to ensure that a minimum level of support is offered to interested households,

*Yours,  
Edward Davey*

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