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Dear Dr Marsh-Smith,

Thank you for your letter of 3 August 2017, to Greg Clark MP, regarding the proposed Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon and the Hendry Review. I am replying as this matter falls within my Ministerial portfolio.

The issues considered by the Hendry Review are complex as they relate to an untried technology in the marine environment at a time when the costs of other renewable energy technologies are changing rapidly. It is right, therefore, that the Government takes the necessary time to consider how tidal lagoon power delivers against the Government's priorities for security of supply, low carbon generation and affordability. This will ensure that all future decisions made regarding tidal lagoon energy are in the best interests of the UK and represent value for money to the consumer.

A Government response to the Hendry review will be published in due course.

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