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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Dr. Roberts,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 28 June.

We very much welcome the engagement of the UKBCSE in the UK and international policy process on climate change and energy and the support it has offered us during our G8 Presidency on this important issue.

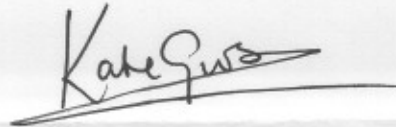
You will have seen the Gleneagles communiqué on climate change. It is an important and real step forward because the agreements reached – including commitment to a dialogue beyond the Summit – will help to set the scene for future negotiations under the UNFCCC. It also sent a very clear signal that climate change is real and that carbon constraints will have to be factored into business plans for the future. The Gleneagles Plan of Action includes measures to finance the transition to cleaner energy. In doing so, the G8 expressed its support for market-led approaches and agreed a dialogue covering, inter-alia, market-based instruments such tradable certificates for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

The dialogue beyond Gleneagles with countries with significant energy needs will be on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Development. It will address the strategic challenge of transforming our energy systems to create a more secure and sustainable future. It will, of course, take time for the fruits of these discussions and those in the UNFCCC to develop into new frameworks to support business decisions but direction of travel is clear.

We are also grateful for the help the UKBCSE have also provided so far in preparing for “Climate Change: the Business Forecast”, a major international conference to be held on 5-6 October in London. The conference will look at climate change issues across a number of business sectors, and we are working closely with UKBCSE on the power sector sessions.

Unfortunately, on this occasion, the Prime Minister will not be able to meet you. However, I understand that you will be meeting Alan Johnson in the autumn and rather than replying in detail now on the many points in your letter, I suggest that the substance of your letter could be covered then.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Gross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

KATE GROSS

Dr John Roberts CBE