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Dear Mr Fletcher

Further to my email to your office of yesterday, I am formally writing to ask you to pass the below point of clarification to Committee Members.

At yesterday morning's inquiry, we discussed how many liable parties there will be under the carbon pricing mechanism. I suggested that there could be "under" 500 and suggested the number could be between 400 and 450. This was a misstatement based on some earlier briefing I had received. The Department's best estimate is that the number of liable parties will be around 500, with the breakdown across states and sectors as outlined in the attached fact sheet.

I apologise for any confusion caused.

Yours sincerely

Blair Comley
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