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Dear Andrea,

As we continue to fight coronavirus, the Prime Minister is determined to deliver on his commitments to level up the whole of the UK, fulfil his vision of a Global Britain and transition to a Net Zero economy by 2050. With this third commitment in mind, I am writing about the CMA's contribution to meeting our shared goals to deliver a Net Zero and more environmentally sustainable economy.

In March, we announced in our plan to Build Back Better that the government will lead Britain's recovery from coronavirus by driving growth that is green. Achieving this will require innovation and leadership. Last year, we set out in our Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution how we will seize the opportunities presented by the shift to Net Zero. This year, the UK is using its presidencies of COP26 and the G7 to put tackling climate change and environmental sustainability at the top of the international agenda.

Our collective success will require each part of government to consider what contribution it can make. I therefore welcome the CMA's work on misleading environmental claims, its market study into electric vehicles and its publication of information to businesses on sustainability agreements.

Tomorrow, the Government will publish a consultation on an ambitious set of proposals to reform competition and consumer policy. Alongside this, I would welcome the CMA's advice on how the UK can better use the tools available under competition and consumer law to achieve our Net Zero and sustainability goals, which includes climate adaptation. In particular, I would welcome the CMA's advice on the following questions.

- i. If, and how, do current competition and consumer legal frameworks constrain or frustrate initiatives that might support the UK's Net Zero and sustainability goals?
- ii. Are there changes to the UK's competition and consumer law that would help to achieve the UK's Net Zero and sustainability goals?

- iii. Are there other opportunities within the UK's competition and consumer policy toolbox that would support the UK's Net Zero and sustainability goals, which the government should be considering?

I would be grateful for your advice in early 2022. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwasi Kwarteng', written in a cursive style.

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