

Rt. Hon. Caroline Spelman MP  
Secretary of State  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

## Corporate reporting on carbon emissions

Dear Mrs Spelman,

One of the most urgent and important challenges we face is to decarbonise our economy while also fully exploiting the new jobs and business opportunities that will come from a green economy.

Requiring companies to report their carbon emissions in a way that is consistent with international reporting standards would be an extremely useful tool to help deliver this. It would reward those companies taking a lead in the green economy and help businesses to manage and reduce their emissions. Having comprehensive, reliable and comparable information would also greatly help investors make sustainable long-term decisions to support a low carbon future.

The Government has committed to report to Parliament by 1st December 2010 on the benefits of carbon reporting. We urge the Government to take this opportunity to commit to introducing mandatory carbon reporting for large companies by 2012.

