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Response to Tidal Power – March 2017

Thank you for contacting me about tidal power.

After years of underinvestment by Labour, the Government is delivering on its promise to create a secure, affordable, clean energy future for Britain. Renewable electricity capacity has tripled in the UK in recent years and will expand significantly during this Parliament.

Tidal lagoons have the potential to make a significant contribution to the UK energy mix, and I believe exciting projects such as the Swansea Bay lagoon deserve serious consideration. This is why the Government commissioned an independent review into the feasibility and practicality of tidal lagoon energy in the UK. It is important to have clarity over the role that tidal lagoons can play in providing secure, clean and affordable energy for families and businesses across the country. Ministers will now consider the recommendations and determine what decision is in the best interests of the UK energy in the long term.

A full copy of the report on the Independent Review of Tidal Lagoons can be found here:

<https://hendryreview.wordpress.com/>

The Government's Energy Act is making it easier for the private sector to invest in a variety of low carbon energy sources. The Act works towards decarbonising the UK's energy sector at the lowest possible cost to the consumer, and has put Britain firmly on track to meet the 2050 target to reduce emissions of all greenhouse gases by 80 per cent.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

Craig Whittaker MP