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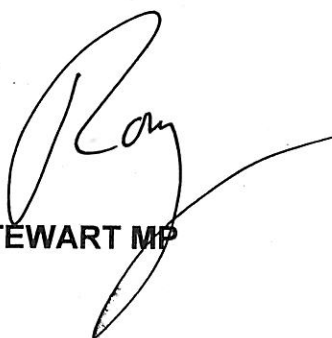
From Rory Stewart OBE MP  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs

Dear Wendy

Thank you for your letter of 24 September about light duty diesel vehicle emissions.

Our priority is to protect the public and give them full confidence in diesel tests. We have been pressing for action at an EU-level to improve emissions tests and will continue to do so. We have also called for a Europe-wide investigation into the use of 'defeat devices', in parallel to the work we are doing in the UK.

In the meantime we are taking robust action. The UK Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) has started its own testing programme to get to the bottom of what the situation is for VW Group cars in the UK and ensure we understand the wider implications for other car types to give all consumers certainty. The programme will initially re-test Euro 5 category diesel cars previously type-approved by VCA that VW group has confirmed contain 'defeat device' software. This re-testing will involve both laboratory and real-world elements. These measurements will be used as a benchmark for further testing, with the final programme to be developed.

Yours  
a/g.  


RORY STEWART MP

