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To: [Chapman Helen \(TPH\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]; [Powell Gareth](#)
Subject: RE: To clear - line to Assembly on 9,000 ZEC taxis and interim targets
Date: 29 June 2018 15:33:59

Thanks – I will feed that back.

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From: Chapman Helen (TPH) [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 June 2018 14:25
To: Heidi Alexander [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] Powell Gareth
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Subject: Re: To clear - line to Assembly on 9,000 ZEC taxis and interim targets

Hi Heidi

I agree the word 'generous' might be seen as provocative.

Suggested a couple of other tweaks as well - include the word 'ongoing' for delivery of the rapid charging network as the trade would argue it isn't yet 'extensive' and also include 'to meet demand' as we know they do have a number of orders to fulfil so some drivers clearly do want to change to cleaner vehicles.

I would delete the words I've put in italics and underlined.

Happy to speak if that doesn't make sense.

Helen

-STARTS-

The Mayor has set out an ambitious programme to improve air quality by tackling emissions from all vehicle types, including from taxis. Zero emission capable taxis first became available earlier this year and since then we have seen an encouraging level of uptake, underpinned by the **ongoing** delivery of an extensive rapid charging network. However, we recognise that achieving the 9,000 zero emission capable taxi target by the end of 2020 – or the equivalent of a 45 per cent reduction in taxi fleet emissions – will be challenging. The target was *based on assurances* provided to the previous Mayor by the taxi trade and reflects the *generous* financial support of approx. £67 million available to taxi drivers to help them switch to the new vehicle models.

You will appreciate that we are still at a very early stage in the roll out of the new taxis; LEVC are still ramping up production **to meet demand** and we are not yet at a stage where it would be possible to adopt interim targets. We have said, however, that we will keep the policy levers available to the Mayor under review so that the 2020 target can be achieved. We will continue to keep the committee updated on this issue.

-ENDS-

On 29 Jun 2018, at 13:42, Heidi Alexander <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Helen

Could you cast your eye over this for me? I primarily wanted to check accuracy of the £67M figure? I wonder whether we should also remove the word “generous” as don’t know that the taxi trade would see it that way?

Any thoughts appreciated – call me if easier – I am on my mobile [REDACTED]

Thanks

Heidi