



HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

End Fuel Poverty Coalition
c/o NRFC
PO Box 42872
London
N19 4XU

18th August 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

WARM FRONT

Thank you for your letters to the Chancellor of the Exchequer of 17 June and 19 July on fuel poverty and the future of the Warm Front programme. Your proposals were considered as part of the Budget process and I apologise that you have not received a response until now.

As your letter of 19 July indicates, decisions on Warm Front will be taken by the Department for Energy and Climate Change following the Spending Review in the autumn. Through the Spending Review, we are analysing and considering the full range of public spending so that we use the resources available most effectively to achieve our aims, thinking innovatively about the role of government in society and of new ways to deliver services, with fairness as one of our guiding principles. By taking decisions in this way, we can best achieve the Government's objectives. You will be aware that we face a difficult but necessary task in tackling the country's fiscal deficit. Given the scale of action required, it is vital that the Government takes its decisions strategically.

At this point it would pre-empt the Spending Review to commit funding to Warm Front beyond the end of the current financial year at the Budget however, in this financial year, Warm Front has £345m allocated and will continue to deliver heating and insulation measures to vulnerable households.

Best wishes,

JUSTINE GREENING