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Subject: For consideration; The Sun, Express; UKSA letter on renewable energy

Hi SpAds,

We've been approached for comment by the Sun and the Express after [the UKSA responded](#) to a complaint on the FM's use of energy figures raised by Stephen Kerr. Specifically, the Sun are looking to us to respond to calls for the FM to apologise to Parliament (comment below), and the Express are asking if the FM has been briefed on this (info also below).

We would recommend reissuing the below lines. Grateful for your thoughts.

Thanks,
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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"Upon identifying this error, the First Minister immediately requested a correction to the Official Report – in line with established procedures for Members to make such amendments.

"The equivalent of 98.8% of Scotland's gross electricity consumption is already provided by renewable energy sources."

Sun query

Alex Cole-Hamilton said:

"The first thing Nicola Sturgeon should do at First Minister's Questions is apologise for misleading parliament.

"Even more than that, she should apologise for her ministers and MSPs repeating her lies over and over.

"The First Minister should level with the people of Scotland, rather than repeatedly try to pull the wool over their eyes."

Express query

The line we are focusing on is this one: Where statements are made in public debate it should be clear what the underlying statistics measure, to avoid misinterpretation. We have asked the Chief Statistician in Scotland to ensure that the First Minister's office is briefed on this matter.

Was wondering if the first minister has been briefed on this and whether she accepts the recommendation from the UKSA?