

Committee on Climate Change  
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Dear Prime Minister

### Evidence to support the work of the new Cabinet Committee on Flooding

I am writing to offer the new Cabinet Committee on Flooding the help and support of the Adaptation Sub-Committee (ASC) of the Committee on Climate Change. The ASC provides independent, evidence-based analysis and advice to the UK Government and has a duty to report to Parliament on the progress being made in preparing the UK for climate change. We are due to present our first statutory report to Parliament in the summer of 2015.

In advance of this we are gathering a range of evidence that may help your Committee in understanding the country's exposure and resilience to storms and flooding. The ASC considered the drivers and impacts of flooding in some detail in our 2012 progress report, and in relation to coastal change in our 2013 progress report. We are currently gathering evidence for our next report due this July. This will consider the resilience of the economy, infrastructure, public health and the emergency planning system to the present and future climate, including from extreme weather events. These datasets will be directly relevant to the resilience reviews being led by the Minister for Government Policy and the Secretary of State for Transport. I would of course be pleased to brief you on our work in general and perhaps present our findings to the full Committee.

I am copying this letter to members of the Committee and to Sir Mark Walport, the Government Chief Scientific Advisor.



**PROFESSOR LORD KREBS Kt FRS**  
Chairman, Adaptation Sub-Committee