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Dear Llywydd

I am writing following my 'Update on Deposit Return Scheme' Oral Statement delivered in Plenary on 22 September 2026.

I have identified from the Record that there were two places in my contributions where I had intended to make clearer that I was referring to the arrangements for glass within the scheme, rather than the scheme as a whole. Therefore, in order to ensure that my intended contributions are conveyed, I want to set out where they were specific to glass as shown in bold below.

#### Paragraph 417

It's a deposit. It's a deposit; it's not an additional cost. Yes, those return points need to be accessible, of course they do, but there is no deposit payable **on glass** in the first four years. This is a process of education, a process of working now with Exchange for Change to make those points as accessible and as easy to reach as possible. They won't only be in retail. I can imagine there'll be public spaces where those return points will be available as well. Where people tend to go or gather, we can provide them. And that as well is something that I think we need to keep in mind.

#### Paragraph 420

Some people want to scaremonger. There are legitimate issues that will need to be addressed over the next 12 months, but that's the point: we work up to October and the start date. I can't wait for us to get a point where, in five years' time, potentially, when the deposits **for glass bottles** actually kick in in terms of people paying, we will see a real material difference on the ground.

I hope this clarification is helpful and ensures that the correct position is clearly alongside the Record of Proceedings.

I would be grateful if this letter could be published alongside the Record.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Llyr Gruffydd', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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