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PLEASE QUOTE ON CORRESPONDENCE
Our Ref: MS/Newport/MF27712

Dear James,

Response to Leader of RDC – Winter Fuel Payment

I understand from your webpage, <https://www.jamesnewport.co.uk/winter-fuel-allowance/>):

"To date (27th October 2024), I have not received a response from the Chancellor or Mark Francois. I will update this post if and when I receive future responses."

Therefore, I have attached to this email the letter I sent to you at the RDC Council Offices on 18 November, along with the attachments of the two documents also enclosed with the letter, in reply to your correspondence of 30 September.

I would be grateful if you would now "update this post", to advise that you have received a response from myself. Furthermore, with the Winter Fuel Support to Council Resolution item being brought at the upcoming Full Council to be held on 17 December, I would hope you will also update the members and officers present, of my reply.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Mark Francois MP
Member of Parliament for Rayleigh and Wickford

PLEASE NOTE THAT I AM USING UP OLD LETTERHEAD (TO SAVE PUBLIC MONEY) AS DUE TO BOUNDARY CHANGES, I NO LONGER REPRESENT CANEWDON, PAGLESHAM OR STAMBRIDGE. THESE AREAS NOW FALL UNDER THE NEW SOUTHIEND EAST AND ROCHFORD CONSTITUENCY.

*PS. I HAVE ALSO ATTACHED A COPY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ORIGNAL REPLY –
NOT FROM THE CHANCELLOR BUT FROM THE PENSIONS MINISTER, EMMA REYNOLDS MP*