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Dear Jean-Luc, Environmental Audit Committee : Questions to the Minister about MCZs.

I want to draw your attention to deficiencies in the Defra Minister's replies to the questions put to him about Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) at a session of the Environmental Audit Committee on 2nd April 2014; and equally importantly, to deficiencies in the line of questioning pursued by the members of the Committee.

We drew both deficiencies to the attention of the Committee in a letter dated 5th April 2014, and asked for the Committee to submit a further line of questioning to the Minister.

The Clerk of the Committee replied to us on 22nd April, and asked us to provide more detail.

Accordingly we have responded to the Clerk on 24th April, and a copy of this response to the Clerk is to be found on the reverse of this advice to you. Also enclosed is a copy of our original letter of 5th April to the Committee, along with our response to the Committee's requested additional explanatory information about the new line of questioning for the Minister. This is inserted below each of our original questions.

I would be most grateful if you would read the enclosed papers, and provide me with your assessment of what we perceive to be serious deficiencies in the work currently being undertaken, on the public's behalf, by both the Minister and this Committee of Parliament.

Yours sincerely

David Levy
Chair, Marinet