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Correction to the Official Report

At Oral Questions on 25 November 2010 – reference 26231 I stated:

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The correct answer should have been:

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For your additional information, the review which will start in January will also look at the scope for allowing authorities to retain locally-raised business rates. We aim to provide local authorities with genuine and significant incentives to support long-term sustainable growth and to free them up from reliance on central government grant.

Such reforms will make councils more accountable to their local communities, rather than Whitehall, and together with Tax Increment Financing, which they would complement, provide them with the tools they need to support local growth.

I have provided the corrected answer to the Editor of Hansard, and the Leader of the House and have placed a copy of this letter in the House Library.

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