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The Rt Hon Lord Lawson
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Dear Lord Lawson

We have each received a letter from the Director of the Global Warming Policy Foundation. We are happy to learn that the GWPF accepts much of the scientific evidence about climate science, but we do not consider the meeting he proposes is the best way to improve the quality and breadth of the scientific advice available to you.

We should, however, like to confirm that we should be happy to provide you personally with advice on specific climate science issues, as was originally offered by Sir Paul Nurse the President of the Royal Society. The 2010 Royal Society Document, "Climate change: a summary of the science" (<http://royalsociety.org/policy/publications/2010/climate-change-summary-science/>), to which we all contributed, would provide a suitable starting point. Please let us know if there are specific scientific issues arising from this statement on which you would like to have further information and advice.

As you are no doubt aware the Science Working Group of the IPCC will be publishing its Fifth Assessment in late September. There will certainly be widespread climate science discussions following this, and this would also provide an excellent basis for further discussion of any scientific issues that may arise.

Yours sincerely

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