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Dear Robert,

Thank you for your email of 22 October to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on behalf of your constituent, Jean Ball of 72 Crowstones, Buxton, Derbyshire, about the Right to Repair. Your letter has been passed to Defra and I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

The Government recognises the importance of using products and materials more efficiently to reduce carbon emissions as well as for other reasons. This is reflected in our new draft Waste Prevention Programme: Towards a Resource Efficient Economy, which sets out our broad approach to product design and labelling:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/waste-prevention-programme-for-england-2021/>

To date, the Government has updated the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Regulations for a range of industrial and domestic energy-related products (including household fridges, washing machines and televisions, electric motors, dishwashers, welding equipment and commercial refrigeration). These requirements came into force on 1 July and will promote the reparability of these products in order to increase their lifespan. They include requirements that spare parts are available for a specified minimum number of years after the placing of new products on the market, and that parts can be replaced with the use of commonly available tools.

The Government will consult on reforming the existing producer responsibility scheme for waste electronic and electrical equipment to better incentivise manufacturers to design more environmentally friendly electrical products that reduce associated wastes, for example by making products easier to repair and therefore longer lasting.

The Government will continue to assess the best ways in which to ensure that products are designed and manufactured for both durability and reparability, so as to increase their lifespans and minimise their environmental footprint.

I hope this reply is helpful to your constituent in explaining the current position. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance with this or any other matters in the future.

Kind regards,

**JO CHURCHILL MP**