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Ocean protection

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about ocean protection.

I support the establishment of an Antarctic Ocean Sanctuary to create the largest protected area on Earth to help combat the threats of overfishing, plastic pollution and climate change in Antarctica.

I am pleased that UK ministers have also backed the creation of this Sanctuary in the Wedell Sea. However I know that many people are concerned that the UK Government have to made creating an Antarctic Ocean Sanctuary a diplomatic priority in the run up to important international talks in October.

We must do all that we can to ensure the protection and sustainability of our oceans. The UK Government has an important diplomatic role to play, to urge other countries in the Antarctic Ocean Commission to support the creation of the sanctuary. I have raised this issue with the Government in a Parliamentary Question to the Foreign Secretary. You can keep track of all my contributions in Parliament <u>here</u>.

Thanks again to everyone who contacted me about ocean protection.

Best wishes,

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