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I was both surprised and concerned to read, in the *Guardian* of 28 May, an article by one James Randerson headlined "Government's chief scientific adviser hits out at climate sceptics: Professor John Beddington dismisses 'unreasonable' comments from groups including Nigel Lawson's thinktank, as Royal Society responds to critics with new climate science guide".

It went on to claim that you had made "a veiled attack on the former Tory chancellor and arch climate sceptic Nigel Lawson", and implied that you were "highly critical" of my statement that "global warming... is not at the present time happening" – a statement that was explicitly based on the global temperature series published by the Met Office.

I have little doubt, in the light of the civilized and reasoned discussion that began with our meeting at the House of Lords and continued in our recent correspondence, that Randerson has seriously misinterpreted what you in fact said. But only you can set the record straight.

I should be most grateful if you would do that, by means of a letter to the Editor of the *Guardian*, for publication on its letters page, so that we may continue our dialogue in the spirit in which it has begun.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nigel Lawson".