

**ORAL (EVENTUALLY WRITTEN) REPLY**

**FOR WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2007**

**ANDY REED**(Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State, Department for International Development, What assessment he has made of (a) the UK's and (b) other G8 countries' contributions to reducing poverty in the last two years following the Gleneagles summit. [142248]

**ANSWER**

**HILARY BENN :**

There has been some good progress on reducing poverty in the last two years as set out in DFID's annual report to Parliament. Globally there has been a significant rise in global aid – by 25% to just over \$100 billion since 2004. However there is still much more to be done and it is a priority for the UK government to work with others to ensure the Gleneagles commitments are implemented.