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Devolution (Further Powers) Committee

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Dear Mr Melding,

Re: Parliamentary oversight and reporting of intergovernmental relations under the new provisions in the Scotland Bill

Thank you for your letter dated 5 October 2015. I noted with interest that your Committee is currently scrutinising similar issues to the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee with regard to parliamentary oversight of intergovernmental relations. There does appear to be a complementary interest between our Committees in the area of scrutiny of inter-governmental relations. If you considered it appropriate I would be delighted to open an informal dialogue on this topic. The Clerk to the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee would be more than happy to facilitate arrangements in this regard.

In relation to your other point, my role as Convener of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee place a degree of limitation upon my ability to provide evidence on wider constitutional matters. I would therefore suggest that it may perhaps be more appropriate for your Committee to receive evidence on this issue from Scottish Government Ministers. Again, the Clerk to the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee would be more than happy to facilitate an approach to the Scottish Government on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener