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Thank you for your letter of 4 March. I am sorry you have not had an earlier reply, but I am now able to give a more helpful answer than I could have done previously.

As you are probably aware, following the Foreign Secretary's statement on 11 February, the House's Modernisation Committee decided to carry out an inquiry into the scrutiny of European matters by the House, including the proposal for a European Grand Committee and possible new ways of dealing with the EU documents my Committee recommends for further consideration.

Both the Leader of the House and the European Scrutiny Committee have presented papers to the Modernisation Committee, and I gave evidence to the Committee yesterday. I enclose copies of both papers. You will see from our paper (paragraph 14) that we have proposed that the National Assembly for Wales and the other devolved assemblies be invited to send representatives to the European Grand Committee.

I would be please to receive any views from you on this proposal and how it might work in practice, and you might also wish to send your views directly to the Modernisation Committee.

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