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Dear Mr Crawford

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

Thank you for your letter dated 7 September 2015. This is an issue in which our committee shares a keen interest. We touched, very lightly, on the importance of inter-governmental relations in our recent report on the UK Government Command Paper: Powers for a Purpose. A copy is enclosed. We would welcome a copy of your report when it is published.

We are likely to consider similar issues when we scrutinise the forthcoming draft Wales Bill. As part of this scrutiny, we are interested in hearing about the Scottish experience of working within a reserved powers model. This is broader than the issue of inter-governmental relations, would this be a matter which you and your Committee could provide a view on?

Yours sincerely



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Chair

