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Dear Mick

Thank you very much for sending me the report you commissioned from Sir Paul Silk which considers how a Speakers' Conference could work in practical terms. The paper sets out very helpfully the key issues to be considered. The range of possibilities regarding how the function and locus of such a body could be established merit detailed exploration and Sir Paul Silks paper is a valuable contribution to such a discussion.

I remain open-minded and very much welcome the continued engagement of your committee and other Members on the very important matter of effective inter-parliamentary mechanisms. Any settled view I develop on this matter should be guided by the opinions of Assembly Members and Committees.

I propose that prior to the next meeting I have with fellow Speakers, I develop a sense of what Members believe would be their preferred model of a Speakers' Conference. I therefore suggest that you consider utilising the commissioned paper for the purposes of the discussion at your inter-parliamentary forum in April and that we arrange a meeting between us and the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee following the forum. This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the various models set out in the paper and to gauge the appetite of Members on which possibilities they think should be pursued and the best avenues for achieving this.

Yours sincerely

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