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Dear Mr Crawford,

Committee Report: Changing Relationships: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Intergovernmental Relations

I am writing in my capacity as the UK Government Minister responsible for Constitutional Reform, including intergovernmental relations, to thank you for sending the UK Government / Secretary of State for Scotland a copy of the Committee's report, "*Changing Relationships: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Intergovernmental Relations*".

Your report is well timed as we continue the work to develop a revised Memorandum of Understanding which was commissioned by the Prime Minister and the heads of the Devolved Administrations at the Plenary meeting of the Joint Ministerial Committee in November 2014.

As part of this process, the four administrations are considering the reports of the Silk and Smith Commissions, as well as other recent reports on intergovernmental relations including, of course, your own.

This work is continuing, and will require careful consideration and discussion between all four administrations of the UK. The four administrations will set out the conclusions of this process in due course, and we will of course keep you closely informed of developments.

I would like to thank you again for your report, which will prove useful as we continue this process.

Yours truly,

OLIVER LETWIN