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Dear Bruce,

Thank you for your letter of 21 January regarding the Written Ministerial Statement I tabled in the UK Parliament on 11 January. Your letter identifies some particular areas of interest for the Committee.

The Written Ministerial Statement set out the position and progress on these and other areas which the Smith Commission Agreement identified as requiring non-legislative action or further consideration between the UK and Scottish Governments. I note the Deputy First Minister wrote to you about these matters on 8 February.

I will be pleased to keep the Committee updated on these and other areas of the Smith Commission Agreement, as per my letter of 3 February regarding the Scotland Bill and fiscal framework.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Mundell'.

**Rt Hon DAVID MUNDELL MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND**