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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 27 June and your good wishes, and the commitment you express, on behalf of the UK Government, to engage constructively with the Parliament and its committees. I agree that positive engagement between Whitehall and Holyrood will be especially crucial during this session, in view of the further transfer of powers (including in the justice field) under the Scotland Act 2016 and of other political developments. Both institutions will be judged by the results of our engagement and the spirit in which it is conducted.

It is very likely that the Justice Committee will from time to time during this session seek to engage with the UK Government and its officials in furtherance of its key scrutiny role. For my part, as Convener, I will seek to ensure that our working relationship is a fruitful one.

I have asked the clerks to publish this exchange of correspondence, which has been notified to other Committee Members.

*Best wishes,
Margaret*

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