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(copied to Graham Simpson MSP, Convener, Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)

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Dear James

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill: Delegated Powers and Legislative Reform Committee Report

I refer to the DPLR Committee's report in relation to the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill.

The Local Government and Communities Committee will be aware that I have already expressed a willingness to the DPLR Committee to lodge an amendment at Stage 2 to make any regulations under section 2 that specify any public-facing body or other person in a scheme for the first time subject to the affirmative procedure.

The DPLR Committee, in its report, was also of the view that the Bill should include a statutory duty to consult public-facing or other persons before they are specified in any regulations made under section 2. In earlier correspondence with the DPLRC I said that I didn't think such a duty would add any practical benefit, as consultation would almost certainly take place in any case. By the same token, I recognise that making consultation a statutory duty cannot do any harm. So, in view of the DPLRC's conclusion on this point, I am happy to confirm my willingness to lodge an amendment at Stage 2 to address this concern.

I am copying this letter to the Convener of the DPLR Committee for that Committee's information.

Yours sincerely,

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