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Dear David

I am writing again about your letter in which you suggested that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee might wish to conduct an inquiry into proxy voting in light of the introduction of a pilot at the House of Commons.

The Committee discussed your letter at its meeting on Thursday 28 February.

The Committee noted that the pilot scheme in the House of Commons has just begun and is scheduled to last 12 months. We understand that by the end of the 12 month period, the Procedure Committee of the House of Commons will have carried out a review of the scheme.

The Committee thought it would be helpful to await the outcome of this review in order to determine what lessons could be learned about how proxy voting had worked in practice – and whether these might be applicable to the Scottish Parliament. The Committee therefore intends to return to the issue of proxy voting as part of its future work programme.

Thank you again for bringing this issue to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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