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Dear Ms Brankin,

**CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS PE1098 & PE1223**

Thank you for your letter of 26 January seeking news of any discussions I have had with Mike Penning, Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport, about school bus safety.

I spoke with Mike Penning by telephone on 8 February. Following that conversation, his office have contacted me regarding the next steps for a possible transfer of similar powers to the Scottish Parliament as have already been given to Wales.

For this to proceed it is necessary for me to write to Mike Penning (with a copy to David Mundell, the Scotland Office Minister) to formally request a transfer of powers. I have, therefore, now asked my officials to prepare a draft letter.

I will ask that a copy of the letter, when issued, is sent to the Committee Clerk.

I trust this is helpful.

**Keith Brown**

