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Dear Joe,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee to make you aware of the publication of the Committee's third quarterly report for the parliamentary year 2017-18 and to welcome the quality of secondary legislation considered by the Committee during this period spanning 5 December 2017 to 26 February 2018.

The report itself can be found at the following address:

<http://www.parliament.scot/S5DelegatedPowers/Qtr3Report2017-18.pdf>

The Committee was very pleased to note that of the 72 Scottish Government instruments considered during the period, only 7 were drawn to the attention of the Parliament under the reporting grounds as set out in the Standing Orders - and only 5 were reported under non-procedural grounds.

As you may be aware, the Committee began compiling quarterly reports back in 2012. Since then, the percentage of instruments reported each quarter has averaged around 15%. This quarter, less than 7% of instruments engaged one or more of the aforementioned reporting grounds which equates to the lowest percentage witnessed since production of the reports began.

The Committee very much welcomes this significant improvement and encourages the Scottish Government to maintain and build upon these high standards.

Yours sincerely,

Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee