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Dear Graham

Social Security Bill Subordinate Legislation Procedures

You may be aware that the Social Security Committee took evidence on 25 January on the role of the Scottish Commission on Social Security, proposed by the Scottish Government in a series of amendments to the Social Security Bill last week.

Overall the Committee is supportive of the creation of an independent scrutiny body, and indeed called for one in its stage 1 report. However, the evidence session raised concerns amongst Committee members about the procedure being proposed for the consideration of regulations under the Bill, in particular the role of the Commission v Parliamentary Committees at the consultative draft stage.

The Social Security Committee would be very keen to receive the views of your Committee on the proposals, in particular we would like to be alerted to any concerns that you may have. The earliest that my Committee would be considering the relevant amendments would be at our third meeting to consider the Bill at stage on 22 February. It would therefore be helpful to receive any response by 16 February to be able to circulate to members in advance.

I am attaching the Official Report of our evidence session on 25 January together with the Minister's amendments and covering letter and note.

Yours sincerely

Clare Adamson

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Official Report Link:

[Social Security Committee Official Report, 25 January 2018](#)

Letter and Note from Minister:

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S5_Social_Security/Inquiries/Letter_from_Minister_for_Social_Security_and_Stage_2_Amendments.pdf