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STAGE 1 REPORT ON THE CONSUMER SCOTLAND BILL

I am writing in response to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Stage 1 report on the Consumer Scotland Bill. I thank the Committee for its careful consideration of the delegated powers contained in the Bill.

I am pleased that, following the response from the Scottish Government, the Committee is now content with the powers in sections 8(2)(d), and 8(6)(a) and (b).

Following on from the Committee's recommendation in paragraph 27, the EEFW Committee recommended that further consideration be given to whether any public bodies who would be subject to the consumer duty, could be named on the face of the Bill. I responded to the EEFW Committee on 15 January 2020 and committed to giving open consideration to any specific proposition advanced as the Bill is taken forward.

I hope the Committee finds this information helpful.



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