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Dear George

Thank you for giving evidence to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on Tuesday, 19 March.

You will recall there were a few points raised at the meeting which you and your officials agreed to come back to the Committee on. For ease of reference, you can now view the [Official Report which sets out these commitments](#).

In particular, the Committee would be interested to hear your response to your commitment to come back in relation to the timings between Parliamentary stages. This is most relevant in cases of Bills where there are potentially significant amendments to delegated powers. The Committee is interested in this area given its formal role considering and reporting to Parliament on any new or substantially amended delegated powers after Stage 2.

Finally, during the discussion on framework bills, you said you had checked and that “we have not had any more such bills than normal”. Following the meeting, the Committee agreed to ask if you could **provide it with the figures you have found in relation to the actual number of framework bills introduced in session 6 compared with other sessions, and any other comparative data you have gathered on this point.**

The Committee would welcome a response to the above, and the other points raised at the meeting, by **Wednesday, 10 April 2024.**

Yours sincerely

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Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee