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Dear Stuart

The Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Functions and Transfer of Property etc.) Order 2019

During my appearance before the Committee on 28 October 2025, I offered to write to provide an update on the timetable for the Scotland Act Order related to the above-named instrument once it had been agreed. This update also follows on from my letter to you on 14 January 2026.

I am pleased to inform you that good progress has been made with the Order and a timetable has been agreed by all parties.

Once the Order has completed its drafting, checking, and other key steps in the Scotland Act Order process, the Order will be subject to final Ministerial agreement between both governments. As per the agreed timetable, the intention is for the Order to be considered by the Privy Council at their October meeting. The Order would then be laid in both Parliaments for scrutiny and, subject to the outcome of that process, would come into force in mid-November of this year.

Yours sincerely



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