Dear Kevin,

Thank you for your letter of 30 May 2019, advising that you have lodged amendments to one of the regulation making powers of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill. As you outlined, these amendments both broaden and extend the powers in section 9A(6) in relation to the Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel.

The Committee noted that a new power is also taken in subsection (5) of the new section referred to in amendment 60 (“Funding of the Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel”) to replace references to one price index with references to another.

The Committee considered these changes this morning. While it observed that an already wide power would be widened further, the Committee was satisfied with the reasoning for the changes and that they remain subject to the affirmative procedure. Consequently, the Committee did not raise any issues with the proposed changes.

Yours sincerely,

Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee