Dear Convener,

I am writing to inform you that the Finance and Constitution Committee recently published its Interim Report on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill’s LCM. The Report covers a number of themes which may be of interest to your Committee but I am writing to bring to your attention a specific recommendation in relation to proposed UK common frameworks—

“101. The Committee also recognises that significant further work is required in relation to the scrutiny of developing and agreeing common frameworks. In particular, the Committee heard evidence on the application of the general principles of EU law to common frameworks including the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. The Committee believes that this is a critically important area of work and will consider it further. The Committee will also be writing to relevant subject committees inviting them to begin considering what common UK frameworks may look like in areas covered by their respective remits.”

The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to invite your Committee to begin considering what common UK frameworks may look like in areas covered by its remit, should this be appropriate.

If you have any queries, the Finance and Constitution clerks would be happy to discuss them with your clerks in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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