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Dear Stuart,

Thank you for your letter of 19 December to the Secretary of State for Scotland, in which you asked what progress has been made on discussions between the UK and Scottish Governments in relation to facilitating scrutiny of secondary legislation made by UK Ministers that include provisions within devolved competence. I am responding as intergovernmental relations minister.

The UK Government is committed to working with the Scottish Government to deliver effective outcomes for the people of Scotland. This includes having frequent discussions with the Scottish Government on secondary legislation to be made by UK Ministers that includes provisions within devolved competence. UK Government departments are committed to maintaining good communication with their Scottish Government counterparts when developing such legislation, reflecting respect for the devolution settlements and the roles of the Scottish Government and Parliament.

In addition, the UK and Scottish Governments' central legislation and constitution teams meet regularly to identify and address any issues in making secondary legislation. These meetings are part of the UK Government's wide programme of engagement to work with the Scottish Government and other devolved governments in the interests of people across the UK.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

**Yours sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat McFadden".

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