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Dear Collette,

Thank you for your letter of 7 November arising from the committee's scrutiny of Mark Griffin MSP's Member's Bill, the Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill. You ask whether there is any scope for the Scotland Act 2016 to be amended to allow the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council (IIAC) to provide advice to Scottish Ministers on relevant devolved benefits.

In 2015, as part of the transfer of powers being made to the Scottish Parliament through the Bill which became the Scotland Act 2016, the UK Government considered whether IIAC should become a cross-border public authority advising both the UK and Scottish Parliaments. It was decided, for the sake of clarity, that IIAC's remit should remain unchanged, and that it should continue to advise only the UK Parliament on relevant matters. This remains the UK Government's position.

Arrangements for provision of advice on devolved matters are, of course, a matter for the Scottish Government.

I am copying this letter for information to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to write and I hope you will find this reply helpful in clarifying matters.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister of State for Disabled People, Health and Work