



The Leader of the House of Lords

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Dear David

Equality Bill and Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee

During the debate in Committee on 9 February [Official Report column 706] you and I had an exchange about Government amendments to what were then clauses 195 and 200 (now clauses 196, and 205) during which we both referred to further comment from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee.

My officials have discussed this matter with the legal adviser to the Committee who drew our attention to paras 29 and 30 of the Committee's Guide to Departments which make clear that the Committee does not as a rule enter into correspondence with Departments about the Government's response to a report from the Committee. The Committee had indeed seen the Government's proposals but had not made any comment on them and will not comment on them.

I am copying this letter to Lord Lester of Herne Hill and placing a copy in the House Library.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Royall', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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