



The Speaker

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Monday, 22nd January 2024

Dear Karen,

Thank you for your letter of 17 January in response to our update on risk-based exclusion and for the work you have done and continue to do on behalf of the House.

I note that the main point of disagreement remains on the availability of a proxy vote for a Member who is subject to risk based exclusion. You are right that we are balancing potentially competing priorities which include the democratic rights of Members and their constituents, the anonymity of Members subject to an exclusion and the importance of not prejudicing the criminal justice process, the privacy of other Members who have a proxy vote, and the safety of those in the parliamentary community. The Commission is confident that we have struck the best balance we can, but understand that others may hold a different view. We believe that our proposals in their current form should now be put to the House for debate and decision.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP
Speaker

Rt Hon. Karen Bradley MP
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