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The Rt. Hon. Harriet Harman Q.C. M.P.,
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Dear Harriet,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Joint Committee on Human Rights. Since its inception the Committee has played an important role in scrutinising bills which have human rights implications. The Government appreciates the Committee's consideration of its bills and the value that its reports bring to the legislative process.

I am committed to providing appropriate time in Parliament for members to consider Government bills and, where possible, will seek to allow time between the introduction of a bill and Second Reading for your Committee to carry out its valuable role. As a former Leader of the House, I am sure you will appreciate the challenges of the parliamentary timetable and the balance to be struck between ensuring sufficient scrutiny with the delivery of the Government's legislative programme but I accept that all members will benefit from the considered work of the Joint Committee on Human Rights where legislation engages Convention rights.

With every good wish,

*Yours ever,
Jacob*