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Dear Patrick

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NORTHERN IRELAND GRAND COMMITTEE (NIGC)

Thank you for copying me your letter of 20 December to Tony Newton enclosing the responses from the UUP and UKUP to our proposals for changes to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee. I have also seen Michael Forsyth's letter of 9 January.

I was interested to see the suggestions which have been put forward and agree that we should resist any suggestion that the membership or legislative powers of the Committee should be changed. I agree your proposals for taking matters forward.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Tony Newton, Michael Forsyth, William Hague, Robert Cranborne and Alastair Goodlad.

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