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Dear Nadine and George,

I am writing to you regarding the Public Bill Committee session on the morning of 11 December.

During the debate on Finance (No.3) Bill clauses 79 and 80, on the basis of incorrect briefing I mistakenly stated that advice had been received from the Law Officers. The Law Officers did not personally advise on the provisions, and furthermore there is a constitutional convention not to refer to any advice from them or the officials at the Attorney General’s Office. In order to be accurate I should have said that it is the government’s position that the measure is not retrospective.

I am copying this letter to members of the Committee, and a copy of this letter has also been placed in the Library.

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RT HON MEL STRIDE MP