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Dear Lord German

**SAFETY OF RWANDA (ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION) BILL: HOUSE OF LORDS REPORT  
STAGE**

I am writing to follow up on the debate in the Lords on day two of Report (Official Report, 06 March 2024, column 1631) regarding advice in relation to consultation with the Channel Islands on the Safety of Rwanda Bill.

As I set out during the debate, Home Office officials meet with officials from the Crown Dependencies on a regular basis, and this engagement includes detail and updates on the Illegal Migration Act and the Safety of Rwanda Bill.

Unfortunately, due to the tight timeframes leading up to the introduction of this Bill, the Home Office were unable to engage with Jersey or any of the other Crown Dependencies in advance; however, engagement since the Bill's introduction has taken place regularly.

The Government remains committed to consulting the Crown Dependencies on legislation which might impact them, and before including a Permissive Extent Clause. Unfortunately, however that was not possible on this occasion, but for the avoidance of any doubt, this particular circumstance does not by any means set any precedent on UK Government engagements with the Channel Islands going forward.

I am copying this letter to Lord Dodds of Duncairn, Lord Dubs, Baroness Lister of Burtersett, Lord Anderson of Ipswich, Lord Falconer of Thoroton, Baroness Lawlor, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, and Lord Coaker, and The Lord Chancellor.

I will also place a copy of this letter in the library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

*Stewart of Dirleton.*

**RT HON LORD STEWART OF DIRLETON KC**