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Dear Baroness Hamwee,

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

I am writing to follow up on the debate during round two of the House of Lords considerations of the House of Commons amendments (Official Report, 16 April 2024, column 900) regarding the scope of the annual report referred to in the government amendment 9C tabled in lieu.

You asked how far the scope of the annual report in the government's amendment in lieu will go beyond what the Monitoring Committee will be producing separately.

The report in this new provision will be prepared by the Secretary of State with its focus entirely on the operation of Article 13 of the treaty which refers specifically to Modern Slavery. It will be a matter for the Monitoring Committee to determine the scope of their reports which will cover all articles of the treaty.

As set out in the published policy statement¹, the Monitoring Committee will produce a formal written report for the Joint Committee on a quarterly basis over the first 2 years of the partnership setting out its findings and making any recommendations. Following notification to the Joint Committee, the Monitoring Committee may publish reports on its findings as it sees fit. At least once a year, it will produce a summary report for publication.

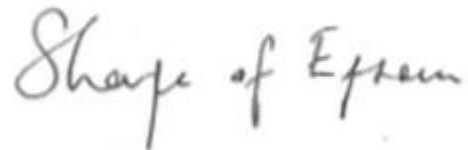
I am copying this letter to Lord Hope of Craighead, Baroness Lister of Burtersett, Baroness Butler-Sloss, Lord Browne of Ladyton, Viscount Stansgate, Lord German,

¹ [Policy Statement \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Lord Craig of Radley, Lord Deben, Lord Coaker, Viscount Hailsham, Lord Falconer of Thoroton.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharpe of Epsom".

**Lord Sharpe of Epsom
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State**