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Dear Greg,

Thank you for your recent comments during the Employment Rights Bill's ('the Bill') Committee Stage on 14 January. I committed to writing to you on the issue detailed below.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> we debated government amendment 190. It ensures that enforcement officers of the Fair Work Agency will be authorised persons for all purposes within section 37 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 ("2022 Act"), enabling them to access powers under section 37 to extract information from electronic devices.

I promised to write to clarify how often these powers have been used in recent times. I can confirm that this power has been used on seven occasions in the last three months by officers of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse authority (GLAA).

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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