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BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear Simon,

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill: post-implementation monitoring and evaluation

Thank you for your important and helpful contributions made during the Bill's committee debate on 12 February. I am following up regarding the Government's plans for post-legislative scrutiny.

I would like to reassure you that a post-implementation review will be undertaken, and this will assess whether the legislation delivers the Government's policy objectives. As detailed in the Bill's Impact Assessment, this will include analysis of the costs and impacts on qualifying premises and events. As such, this will naturally include smaller businesses and community-run premises where they fall in scope. The Government's intention is that the review will be conducted, at most, within five years of commencement. This approach aligns with the usual timeframes for a review, and the Government's approach will give sufficient time for the Bill's provisions to embed, and for the required research and evaluation activity to take place.

The Government has developed a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Programme. This work will support the delivery of a post-implementation review by gathering the required evidence and data to: assess whether the Bill is meeting its stated objectives; demonstrate its ongoing and long-term impact; evidence how it works in practice; and enhance ongoing delivery of supporting activities. This will incorporate all sectors in scope of the Bill, including microbusinesses and small community premises where relevant. This work has already commenced and it will continue throughout the Bill's implementation period and after commencement.

I am of course open to discussing these matters further with you at your convenience and would be happy to meet to discuss ahead of report stage.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the House of Lords Library. A copy also goes to the Security Minister.

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