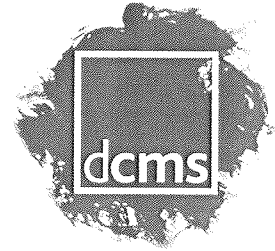


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Dear David and Katy,

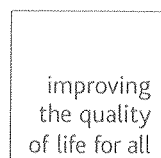
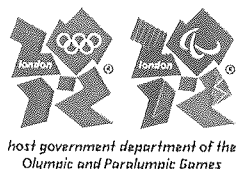
**LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES (AMENDMENT) BILL:
COMMONS COMMITTEE STAGE GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT**

I am writing with details of the amendment I have tabled today in relation to changes to parliamentary procedure for the advertising and trading regulations (clause 2) of the Bill (copy attached for ease of reference).

This is a minor, technical amendment which would provide for the new procedure for making Scottish Statutory instruments.

Clause 2 amends the Parliamentary procedure and notice provisions to which advertising and trading regulations are subject under the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 (the 2006 Act). This is intended to provide a practical means for the regulations to be amended if, for example, a Games venue or the scheduled time for an event needs to be changed at short notice after the principal regulations have been made. This provision mirrors those in the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Act 2008 (an Act of the Scottish Parliament) for advertising and trading regulations around Commonwealth Games events.

The Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 contains provisions on the making of Scottish statutory instruments in the Scottish Parliament. UK Acts passed after 6 April 2011 will have to make specific provision, where appropriate, for the new procedure of making Scottish statutory instruments.



The 2006 Act gives Scottish Ministers powers to make advertising and trading regulations in Scotland and clause 2 of the Bill amends the Parliamentary procedure for this. Accordingly, the proposed amendment ensures that the Bill reflects the changes for making Scottish statutory instruments in the Scottish Parliament.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to members of the Committee. I am also placing a copy on the DCMS Website.

Yours etc,

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