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Dear Michael,

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AIRPORTS BILL

You wrote to Nicholas Ridley on 13 January concerning a point you had ^{at Harp.} on the text of the Airports Bill, which was considered at Legislation Committee on 14 January. Since you were not able to attend that meeting, it was not possible to resolve this point and the Bill was approved for introduction this week. I suggest the best way now to carry this forward is for you and Nicholas Ridley to discuss the matter bilaterally and to see if you can reach agreement which could then be embodied in amendments tabled at Committee Stage of the Bill. If you are not able to reach agreement then I suspect that the matter is one that will need to be resolved in E(A) rather than by L as it is likely that it is a policy question that will be involved.

I am copying this letter to members of L and E(A) Committees.

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