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Secretary of State for the Environment  
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Dear Secretary of State

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**ABOLITION OF DOMESTIC RATES ETC (SCOTLAND) BILL  
CLAUSE 5: TIMING OF REVALUATIONS**

Thank you for your letter of 21 November.

I note your concern that the provisions in clause 5(1) and (2) of the Legislation Committee print of my Bill could be interpreted as casting doubt on our commitment that revaluations should take part north and south of the border in 1990. These provisions were included in the Bill simply in order to place the statutory framework north and south of the border on a similar footing. I can accept, however, the concerns you express and in the light of the assurances you have given including your intention, in due course, to reintroduce a requirement for regular revaluations I am content to remove subsections (1) and (2) of clause 5 from the Bill in the version in which it will be published.

I am copying this letter to members of E(LF), to L Committee, to Norman Lamont and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely  
Malcolm Rifkind

**MALCOLM RIFKIND**

Approved by the Secretary of State  
and signed in his absence



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