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Dear Peter,

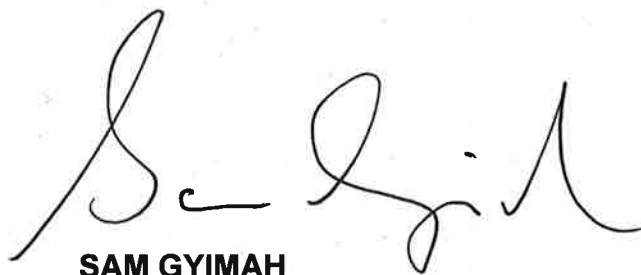
Thank you for your letter to the Prime Minister of 10 December 2014, regarding English votes for English laws. Your letter has been passed to me to answer in my capacity as Minister for the Constitution.

The Government has been clear that just as the people of Scotland will have more power over their affairs, it follows that the people of England, Wales and Northern Ireland must have a bigger say over theirs.

The Government published a Command Paper on 16th December 2014 on the implications of devolution for England, available online on gov.uk. It contains separate proposals from each of the Coalition parties and identifies a number of issues that will need to be worked through in designing a way forward.

The Government is committed to a balanced settlement – fair to people in all parts of the United Kingdom.

I hope you find this useful in outlining the Government's position.



SAM GYIMAH