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**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SELECT COMMITTEE**

I undertook at the Committee's meeting on 22 February to write to you with about the publication on 11 January of the consultation paper on delivering a legal, fair and decisive referendum on Scottish independence. The decision to publish the consultation document was taken in mid-December 2011. The decision resulted from the significant number of Ministerial discussions of this issue which have taken place since the Scottish Parliament elections in May 2011.



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*P.S. As I said at the hearing, I was myself  
involved in the discussions — so I can  
testify personally to the fact that they were  
prolonged.*

