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Apologies for not replying to you sooner, but I had to leave early yesterday afternoon.

The **Tab A** document lists all of the amendments as drafted by the Bill Draftsman that the Department intends to bring forward for tabling at Consideration Stage.

Once the amendment to clause 12 is passed and the Bill reprinted to include the 3 new subsections within clause 12 some consequential renumbering of the following subsections in clause 12 will be made. The amendment refers to the insertion of new subsections (3A), (3B) and (3C). In the future reprinted (as amended at Committee Stage) version of the Bill the new subsection numbers will change to (4), (5) and (6) and the existing subsections (4) to (9) will change to (7) to (12). Also the reference to "Subsections (1) to (4)" currently in subsection (5) will be renumbered as "Subsections (1) to (7)". As these are simply consequential renumbering issues there is no need at this stage to include these details as substantive Consideration Stage amendments to the Bill.

I should also advise you that we are urgently considering a matter which may result in the Department bringing forward a further amendment to the Bill for tabling at Consideration Stage. We will provide you with further details on this as soon as possible.

Regards.

Robert