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Dear Ms Betjeman

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING ORDER 337**

Thank you for your letter of 30 November 2005 forwarding a copy of Report 14 of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation concerning section 3 of the *Interpretation Act 1984*.

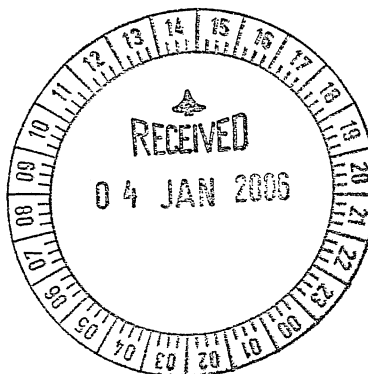
The Government has given consideration to the report and taken advice upon its content, including the appendix, and the recommendation made.

The appendix is, of course, the opinion of Mr Andrew Beech SC. The Government concurs with Mr Beech's opinion, except for his suggestion that it may well be prudent to amend section 3(1) so as to avoid any doubt. In the absence of any challenge to the legal position put by Mr Beech, the Government sees no reason to amend the Interpretation Act as recommended by the Committee. An amendment to section 3(1) of the type suggested may, in fact, give rise to uncertainty in respect to parts of the Act other than Part VI.

The Government is grateful to the Joint Committee for its attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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