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Dear Madam

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979  
THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)  
DIRECTION 2015  
WORKS TO ROOM 49 – RETROSPECTIVE - AT ROWALLAN CASTLE**

I refer to the Directorate's letter of 21 November 2017.

Since it has not been possible to reach a decision on this case, Scottish Ministers have decided to extend the period for their consideration. Scottish Ministers hereby direct that you may not grant Scheduled Monument Consent before 15 January 2018 for the above mentioned development before hearing from Scottish Ministers who may during that time, require you to refer the application to them for decision.

Yours faithfully

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