

Lord Avebury asked Her Majesty's Government

Further to the comments by Baroness Stowell of Beeston on 22 April (HL Deb, col 1319), whether they expect to launch their consultation on caste discrimination before the parliamentary summer recess. [HL431]

**BARONESS STOWELL OF BEESTON**

The Government is considering what work is required to implement the new provisions on caste discrimination in the Equality Act 2010. As was widely recognised in recent Parliamentary debates on the issue, public consultation needs to be thorough and wide-ranging, as part of a process which will take time to complete properly. The Government will announce a timetable for this work shortly. We expect to be in a position to outline the timetable before the Summer Recess.

*Stowell of Beeston*

*This means the consultation won't be launched until after the summer recess!*

*Eric*

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Further to the comments by Baroness Stowell of Beeston on 22 April (HL Deb, col 1319), whether the forthcoming business plan for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport will include details of the timetable for their consultation on caste discrimination. [HL432]

**BARONESS STOWELL OF BEESTON**

As made clear in answer to question HL431 from my noble friend, the timetable for the consultation process on caste legislation has not yet been finalised, and is therefore not appropriate for inclusion in the forthcoming business plan for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

*Stowell of Beeston*