



From Lord Avebury

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Dear Prime Minister,

Please may I draw your attention to a breach of the Ministerial Code by Helen Grant MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the DCMS and at the MoJ. I enclose a copies of letters from the Minister to Gauri Das of the Alliance of Hindu Organisations, and to Salish Sharma of the National Council of Hindu Temples UK, dated May 9. These letters repudiate S 97 of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill making caste a protected characteristic as an aspect of race in the Equality Act, moved by the Government on April 23, 2013

Paragraph 2.1 of the Ministerial Code provided unequivocally that Ministers should maintain "a united front when decisions have been reached". These letters directly contravene that provision, and I formally request you to take appropriate steps accordingly.

I am copying this letter to Ms Grant

*Yours sincerely  
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