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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 August 2013

Dear Lord Avebury,

Thank you for your letter of 19 July about Helen Grant MP and a possible breach of the Ministerial Code.

I have considered the letters you enclose and I am clear that there is no breach of the Ministerial Code.

The letters from the Minister for Women and Equalities to key stakeholders set out the Government's stated policy in this area and do not mark a break from the approach we have set out to Parliament.

The Minister makes clear our intention to continue to pursue the legislation necessitated by amendments to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill. She also rightly highlights the complex nature of these issues and the need to ensure the legislation is both suitably focussed, and supported by a robust evidence base and proper public consultation.

I know this is an area of particular interest and concern to you and I hope you have had sight of the legislative timetable published on 29 July. As the Minister for Women and Equalities makes clear in her correspondence, we will be encouraging key partners and stakeholders to contribute fully to the consultation process.

I am copying this reply to Helen Grant MP.

Yours sincerely,

David Cameron

The Lord Avebury