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Dear Yavid

At its meeting this week, the Business Committee considered a paper from the Government regarding a supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 4) in relation to the UK Government's Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill.

The LCM relates to amendments to provide that the Secretary of State may make regulations which prohibit an NHS employer from discriminating against a prospective employee because he/she has previously made a protected disclosure (a whistle-blowing declaration).

As the Bill is at a very late stage in its progress through Parliament and due to the time constraints, the Business Committee agreed not to refer the LCM to a Committee for scrutiny and noted that the Government would schedule the LCM for debate in Plenary on Tuesday 17 March 2015. However, as the subject matter of the LCM falls within the remit of Health and Social Care Committee, I am writing to draw your attention to the LCM, in case the committee should wish to pursue the matters covered by the LCM in any way.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee to note the decision of the Business Committee.

Dame Rosemary Butler AM

Presiding Officer

Chair, Business Committee

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