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Dear Patsy

Peter Garsden, Association of Child Abuse Lawyers

Thank you for your letter of 28 January to Lord Falconer on behalf of your constituent Peter Garsden of the Association of Child Abuse Lawyers. You ask about the Government's plans to accept and legislate upon the Law Commission's recommendations in its 2001 report "Limitations of Actions" (Report 270). I have been asked to reply as I have Ministerial responsibility for this area of policy.

In July 2002, the Government announced its acceptance in principle of the Law Commission's recommendations, subject to further consideration of certain aspects of the report. Legislation to implement those proposals which are accepted will be introduced when a suitable legislative opportunity arises.

I enclose a copy of this letter for you to forward to Mr Garsden, should you wish to do so.

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