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Rt. Hon. Jack Straw MP
Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor
Ministry of Justice
Selborne House
54 Victoria Street
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24 January 2010

Dear Jack,

Re: APPG on Extraordinary Rendition Proposals to Criminalise UK Involvement in Extraordinary Rendition

I am writing to you in response to your Written Answer to Jo Swinson MP, of 12 January 2010:

Rendition

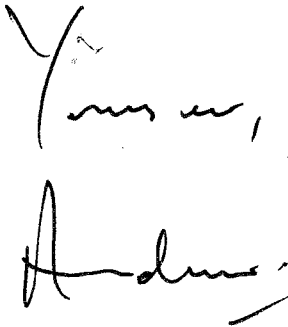
Jo Swinson: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice if he will now respond to the proposals put forward by the hon. Member for Chichester for draft legislation on extraordinary rendition. [310113]

Mr. Straw: I wrote to the hon. Member for Chichester (Mr. Tyrie) on 14 December in response to proposals contained in a consultation paper by the all party parliamentary group to tighten the criminal law with respect to the practice of extraordinary rendition. I said then that I had asked officials across Government to study the consultation paper carefully, and added that it would be helpful to see any responses to the consultation as we can feed those into that work. I have today placed a copy of my letter of 14 December in the Libraries of both Houses.

On 8 January 2010 I wrote to you, setting out that I will publish responses to the APPG's proposals where authors give consent once we have reviewed and digested them, some time early this year. Separately, one of your officials had earlier been in touch with my office for information as to the consultees of the proposals. My office informed her that those thanked in the foreword were consulted prior to publication.

Your Answer to Jo Swinson MP implies that your response to the APPG's proposals is being delayed as a result of my reluctance to share information with you. I am sure you will agree that this is not the case. I look forward to receiving your full response to the proposals.

I am copying this letter to the Foreign Secretary. I am placing a copy of this letter in the public domain.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Tyrie', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

ANDREW TYRIE

Chairman, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition