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Dear Mr. Turner,

Business Questions on Thursday 13 June

Thank you for your correspondence of Friday 14 June relating to my exchange with Ms Valerie Vaz MP at last Thursday's Business Questions. As you are aware, in my response to Ms Vaz I recalled that during Justice Questions on 21 May 2013, my colleagues detailed several meetings with stakeholders on transforming Legal Aid proposals. I mistakenly recollected this included the Criminal Bar Association. However, I am aware that you met with Lord McNally, lead Minister for legal aid at the Department to discuss this issue on 30 May 2013.

I am happy to clarify this position and have written separately to Ms Vaz and have placed a copy of my response to her in the House of Commons Library.

Yours sincerely,


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