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Janet Anderson MP
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Dear Janet,

It was a pleasure to debate on the issue of child support with you on 10th February.

Having reflected on the debate and what was reported in Hansard, I would like to clarify the meaning of one of my statements.

I said:

My hon. Friend also asked why, in this instance, it was not possible to transfer when transfers can be made in some instances. Broadly speaking, transfers can be made in two situations. The first is when both parents agree that that should be done. As my hon. Friend said, that is unlikely to be so in this case. The second is if a significant change in circumstances has occurred. That does not mean that one person's income has gone up or down; it could be that one parent has been re-partnered and new children have come into the equation.

Hansard 10 Feb 2010: Column 319WH

When I talked about transferring cases "when both parents agree that that should be done", I was not intending to refer to a transfer of cases from the old to the current scheme but rather to the situation where both parents agree to enter into private arrangements instead of remaining within the statutory schemes.

I will place a copy of this letter in the House library for the benefit of other Members.

I hope that you will find the information in this letter useful.

*Yours
Helen*

Helen Goodman MP