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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your contribution to yesterday's debate on the Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Bill. As the Minister responsible for taking the Temporary Provisions Bill through the House, I felt your experience helped provide insight and balance on a number of the key issues.

As I noted during my closing speech last night, the Treasury has issued a general Legal Aid license, which means that solicitors representing any designated person entitled to Legal Aid (including European Legal Aid) can be funded without delay, as they do not have to apply separately to the Treasury for a license. There will be no change to this position as a result of the new Bill.

Changes to the way in which Legal Aid is funded overall is a matter for the Ministry of Justice, and therefore will be subject to the outcome of Ministry of Justice's current fundamental look at the legal aid system (as announced on 23 June), and the 2010 Spending Review.

I look forward to discussing the content of the legislation with you as the Bill progresses through the various stages in the House of Lords.

*Thank you so much for your generous words on my summing up
Yours ever
James*

LORD SASSOON