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ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON LIBEL

In my speech in yesterday's adjournment debate, I inadvertently referred to Mr Simon Singh as being your constituent rather than Mr Hardeep Singh, who has also been involved in recent defamation proceedings.

I apologise for this error. I was concerned to hear of the difficulties which Mr Hardeep Singh has been experiencing, and hope that my explanation of the Government's position will have reassured you of our determination to take action to reform the law of defamation to ensure that a fair balance is struck between freedom of expression and the protection of reputation.

I am copying this letter to David Davis and will place a copy in the House library.

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