



1 December 2009

Dear Mr. Muman,

Mr Speaker has asked me to thank you for your letter of 30 November and to reply on his behalf.

The Speaker has asked me to explain that, although this is a subject about which you feel deeply concerned, the nature of his position requires him to be politically impartial. As a result, he cannot comment on the matters which you raise and which might form the basis of debate in the Chamber of the House of Commons.

As you rightly state, the remaining stages of the Equalities Bill is being debated in the Chamber tomorrow and the rules of debate dictate that only items included in the body of the Bill, or amendments which have been subsequently tabled, may be discussed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter Barratt'.

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