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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: LEGAL AID.**

Thank you for contacting me recently about legal aid; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

Maintaining access to justice must continue to be at the heart of the Government's reforms, and legal aid resources should be focused on those who most need help. Last year almost £700 million was spent on legal aid in civil cases.

As you highlight, it is presently the case that the Government is assessing the legal aid changes brought in under the *Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012* through a post-implementation review of the legislation, which will report later in 2018.

The Government has also said it wants to increase the support available to those who represent themselves in the family courts. Since 2015, £5 million has been invested to support litigants in person through a range of measures designed to provide additional information, support, and guidance.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes*

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