

2018-02-19 (1) Minister to Heidi Allen MP

From: XXX DWP DWP MINISTER FOR WELFARE
DELIVER AND LORDS MINISTER

Sent: 19 February 2018 16:09

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child
Maintenance; XXX STRATEGY
INTERNATIONAL

Subject: FW: Heidi Allen 10MRB Child Maintenance Service Bill

...and more

XXX | Diary Manager to Kit Malthouse Minister for Family Support Housing
and Child Maintenance and Baroness Buscombe | DWP Private Office | XXX

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From: XXX@parliament.uk]

Sent: 19 February 2018 16:06

To: XXX DWP DWP MINISTER FOR WELFARE DELIVER AND LORDS MINISTER

Subject: RE: Heidi Allen 10MRB Child Maintenance Service Bill

Hi XXX,

So sorry, I forgot to include the summary of clauses – copied below for you!

Clause 1: addresses the ‘other income’ data and provides that other income from
HMRC be included as

part of the standard calculation for child maintenance payments.

==> The draft arrears strategy includes steps towards this by saying they will ask for
this data from

HMRC if there is an indication that this is relevant when a receiving parent makes their

application. But the strategy stops short of including this data as part of the standard calculation.

Clause 2: provides that 'assets' are restored as grounds for variation.

==> The draft arrears strategy also suggests the Govt intends to reintroduce this variation and the

clause addresses some of the more complex assets and how they might be calculated.

Clause 3: seeks to restore lifestyle as grounds for variation.

Clause 4: provisions to scrap the 12 month rule which allows paying parents to end court-agreed

maintenance payments after 12 months by applying to the CMS, even if their circumstances are

substantially unchanged.

==> Sections 4 and 7 of the Child Support Act 1991 allow existing consent orders to be replaced by a

statutory maintenance liability which undermines agreements made based on full disclosure of

income and assets. It was felt this should not be allowed in cases where circumstances remain

the same.

Clause 5: seeks to provide that the Secretary of State must produce a report on the effectiveness of the

Financial Investigations Unit and lay the report before both Houses within 6 months of passing the Act.

Clause 6: requires the commencement of the 2008 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act's power

to allow disclosure to the CMS of financial information obtained in family proceedings.

==> Currently, family courts can require full disclosure of income and assets, but this can only be

made available to the CMS with the court's permission. Section 39 of the 2008 Act would allow

for this disclosure to the statutory child maintenance system without needing court permission

but it has not been brought into effect yet.

Clause 7: is consequential to Clause 1 i.e. accepting Clause 1 would make Regulation 59 (2)(b) ineffectual

so would need to be removed.

Clauses 8-10 include financial provision, definition of key terms and commencement etc.

From: XXX

Sent: 19 February 2018 15:57

To: XXX DWP DWP MINISTER FOR WELFARE DELIVER AND LORDS MINISTER'

<XXX>

Subject: Heidi Allen 10MRB Child Maintenance Service Bill

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Lovely to chat just now.

As mentioned, please find attached a copy of the Bill thus far ahead of the meeting tomorrow with Kit.

And thanks again for your help in getting this set up!

All the best,

XXX

Parliamentary Researcher

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2018-02-19 (2) Minister to Heidi Allen MP

From: XXX STRATEGY INTERNATIONAL

Sent: 19 February 2018 15:59

To: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
DISADVANTAGE; Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN
FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Cc: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child

Maintenance

Subject: FW: Heidi Allen 10MRB Child Maintenance Service Bill

Attachments: Allen - Child Maintenance Bill.docx

Copy of the Bill from Heidi Allen's team. Actually very useful.

Best,

XXX

From: XXX DWP DWP MINISTER FOR WELFARE DELIVER AND LORDS
MINISTER

Sent: 19 February 2018 15:58

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance; XXX DWP
MINISTER FOR

WELFARE DELIVERY

Subject: FW: Heidi Allen 10MRB Child Maintenance Service Bill

FYI

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2018-02-19 (3) Minister to DWP Policy

From: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child
Maintenance

Sent: 19 February 2018 18:13

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child

Maintenance; McCormack Tom DWP CHILD

MAINTENANCE GROUP; XXX DWP CHILD

MAINTENANCE GROUP; Gault Julia STRATEGY

CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Cc:XXX DWP CMG DIRECTOR'S OFFICE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN,
FAMILIES AND

DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY

CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; XXX

STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Subject: RE: MfFSHCM Update 16/02/18

Hi All,

I think I was expecting the briefing for the meeting with Heidi Allen from XXX today.

Can anyone give an update on its progress?

Thanks,

XXX

XXX | Assistant Private Secretary to Kit Malthouse MP, Minister for Family Support, Housing and Child Maintenance | Department for Work and Pensions | Caxton

House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA | Tel: XXX

From: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Sent: 19 February 2018 11:18

To: McCormack Tom DWP CHILD MAINTENANCE GROUP; Minister for Family Support Housing and Child

Maintenance; XXX DWP CHILD MAINTENANCE GROUP; Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES

AND DISADVANTAGE

Cc: XXX DWP CMG DIRECTOR'S OFFICE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES &

DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Subject: RE: MfFSHCM Update 16/02/18

Hi Tom,

That might be helpful. I think XXX is co-ordinating the briefing for the meeting and is due to send

something up today so Kit can review it first thing tomorrow. Please can you co-ordinate input with

him?

Thanks,

XXX

From: McCormack Tom DWP CHILD MAINTENANCE GROUP

Sent: 19 February 2018 08:05

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance; XXX DWP CHILD MAINTENANCE

GROUP; Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Cc: XXX DWP CMG DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Subject: RE: MfFSHCM Update 16/02/18

Hi XXX

Re' Kit's meeting with Heidi Allen tomorrow – would it be useful to share CMG's operation's

progress on complex earners? XXX as discussed.

Regards

Tom McCormack

Director | Child Maintenance Group | Department for Work and Pensions

XXX

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http://intranlink/1/corp/sites/dsg/guidance/dwp_m130517.asp#TopOfPage

From: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Sent: 16 February 2018 17:05

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XXX DWP COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE; XXX Technology; XXX DWP

PRIVATE OFFICE; DIRECTORS PB2 - XXX (CAXTON HOUSE-XXX); XXX

Technology; DWP CAXTON HOUSE Parliamentary Business; DWP XXX DWP

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE; XXX DWP OED CUSTOMER
COMMUNICATIONS &

INTELLIGENCE; XXX DWP OPS DSDR DEPUTY DIRECTOR; Gault Julia
STRATEGY CHILDREN

FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE; XXX DWP AREA DIRECTOR UNIVERSAL
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XXX STRATEGY PRIVATE PENSIONS AND STEWARDSHIP DIRECTORATE;
XXX DWP SECRETARY OF

STATE; XXX STRATEGY LEGISLATION AND BETTER REGULATION; XXX
STRATEGY

AGEING SOCIETY & STATE PENSIONS; XXX DWP COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTORATE;

Mccormack Tom DWP CHILD MAINTENANCE GROUP XXX DWP DWP GROUP
DIRECTOR, EAST

AND NORTH SCOTLAND; Mills Jonathan STRATEGY DIRECTOR GENERAL;
Minister for Family Support

Housing and Child Maintenance; MINISTERS (CAXTON HOUSE- XXX); XXX
LEGAL GROUP

CAXTON HOUSE; XXX STRATEGY STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES &
DISADVANTAGE; XXX Technology; XXX STRATEGY PRIVATE PENSIONS; XXX
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XXX DWP FINANCIAL SERVICES AND BANKING; XXX DWP MINISTER FOR
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XXX SSAC CAXTON HOUSE; XXX STRATEGY WORKING AGE BENEFITS UC

Subject: MfFSHCM Update 16/02/18

Please cascade as appropriate.

Hi all,

This will be a short update as it's been recess this week; the House will be sitting again on

Tuesday 20 February. Please note that Friday 23rd is a sitting Friday and Kit is the duty Minister.

Next week

Key events are as follows:

- Tuesday: Kit is meeting Heidi Allen to discuss her PMB Child Maintenance (Assessment of Parent's Income) Bill ahead of a potential 2nd reading of this on Friday. It's currently 4th in the order so we are not expecting it to be reached but have to prepare in case.
- Wednesday: There are winter planning activities, and Kit has meeting with Steve Double MP.
- Thursday: Kit is taking a Westminster Hall debate on Child Poverty in London.
- Friday: This is a sitting Friday and Kit is duty Minister for DWP. PMB activity is a risk (see Tuesday above).

As ever, please let us know if you would like any further information or think you should be

attending any of these meetings.

Personal/Team

It's XXX last week next week. We'll be very sad to see her leave, but wish her best of luck in her new role (fortunately still within DWP) where I'm sure she'll be exceptional. XXX

XXX will be replacing her from week commencing 26 February.

If you have any feedback, concerns or questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

XXX

Box arrangements remain unchanged

Currently, Kit's approach to boxes is as follows:

- He will work through most submissions and advise that you put up Monday to Thursday and will only take a weekend box under exceptional circumstances.
- Please normally allow at least five working days for turnaround of a submission (unless agreed otherwise with your relevant PS). Given how closely Kit reads his submissions, it is vital that all officials build in this turnaround time to their clearance plans,

or discuss what they wish to send up ahead of sending this to Private Office to ensure

an approach is agreed.

- Currently, for all submissions, we require a teach in first on the topic so the minister is

familiar with the subject and able to make a considered decision on this (I assume we

are reaching the end of these).

- Where a submission is urgent, please contact us so that we can ensure that Kit deals

with this as a priority and can let you know possible turnaround times, given his diary commitments. To note, given the above bullet, it will be we will need advanced notice of urgent submissions so we can ensure Kit is sighted on the issue and we amend his diary to prepare him for these.

XXX

Private Secretary to Kit Malthouse, Minister for Family Support, Housing and Child Maintenance

Department for Work and Pensions | Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA

Tel: XXX

2018-02-20 (1) Policy to Minister

From: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 20 February 2018 12:39

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Cc: Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Subject: Briefing Material: second reading of Heidi Allen Bill

Attachments: Second Reading briefing packFINAL.docx

Hi XXX,

As discussed last week – briefing and draft speech ahead of Friday. Any issues give me a call. I will be in

London on Friday should this be called.

Best

XXX

XXX | Child Maintenance Policy | Children, Families and Disadvantage

Directorate | Strategy, Policy and Analysis Group | Department for Work and Pensions |

XXX

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2018-02-20 (2) Policy to Minister

From: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 20 February 2018 10:23

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child
Maintenance

Cc: Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND
DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN
FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; McCormack Tom DWP
CHILD MAINTENANCE GROUP

Subject: Briefing Pack: meeting with Heidi Allen

Attachments: HAmeeetingbrief.docx

Importance: High

Hi XXX,

Briefing pack attached – update to reflect the text of the bill sent across yesterday
afternoon. I will send

a separate briefing for the second bill reading later today

XXX

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2018-02-20 (3) Policy to Minister

From: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 20 February 2018 13:01

To: Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND
DISADVANTAGE; Minister for Family Support Housing
and Child Maintenance

Cc: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES &
DISADVANTAGE

Subject: RE: Briefing Material: second reading of Heidi Allen
Bill

I was JUST about to press book on my travel arrangements. Very timely!

I'll pick up the additional actions and liaise with PO.

XXX

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From: Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 20 February 2018 12:59

To: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; Minister for Family Support Housing

and Child Maintenance

Cc: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Subject: RE: Briefing Material: second reading of Heidi Allen Bill

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Bill 2nd Reading moved to 27th April so no need for you to be in London on Friday Paul

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Julia

Julia Gault | Deputy Director Family Policy including Child Maintenance | Strategy, Policy and Analysis Group | Department for Work and Pensions | XXX

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Directorate | Strategy, Policy and Analysis Group | Department for Work and Pensions |

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2018-02-20 (4) Policy to Minister

From: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Sent: 20 February 2018 15:51

To: Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN,

FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Cc: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY DISABILITY

EMPLOYMENT & SUPPORT

Subject: RE: Briefing Material: second reading of Heidi Allen Bill

Thanks Julia for picking up the action points for the meeting.

I think Kit mentioned in passing during the meeting that we would write next week, so could you aim to

get the letter up around Wednesday next week. As Julia mentioned, letter should cover our analysis on

each of the clauses and some info on the FIU with a focus on its increased and increasing capacity. It

might be good to add something at the end to the effect of Julia (and Kit's) last point, that on the bits of

the Bill we are planning not to address immediately we might reassess once the compliance and arrears

strategy has been implemented and we find there are outstanding gaps.

XXX will pick this up with you next week, but if you have any questions in the meantime, then do let

me know.

Thanks,

XXX | Assistant Private Secretary to Kit Malthouse MP, Minister for Family Support, Housing and Child Maintenance | Department for Work and Pensions | Caxton

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Sent: 20 February 2018 12:59

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Family Support Housing

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2018-02-21 (1) Minister to Secretary of State

From: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child
Maintenance

Sent: 21 February 2018 15:00

To: Secretary of State; XXX DWP SECRETARY OF
STATE

Cc: XXX STRATEGY INTERNATIONAL

Subject: Child Maintenance Bill (Heidi Allen)

Attachments: PBL Letter for info.pdf

XXX,

Letter to Andrea on why we aren't supporting the PMB attached, but in summary:

- * Kit met Heidi on 20 February (yesterday) to discuss her concerns;
- * Much of what is in the Bill is what we are intending to do anyway, which is:
 - o Bringing notional income from assets and income derived from capital and foreign income into scope of the calculations;
 - o Allowing for unearned as well as earned income to be included in the initial calculations;
 - o Increasing the number of staff in the Financial Investigations Unit (FIU) so we have increased capacity to look into the complex cases (which was one of the main points and well received by Heidi)
- * We also agreed to park the issue around lifestyle variations while we work on the above points as a priority– we do not think lifestyle variations are effective as much of the lifestyle of the paying parent is often funded by debt.

XXX spoke to the leader's office this morning to clarify the main points of the meeting we had with

Heidi so they are sighted.

And, as mentioned, the whips have moved the Bill to 27 April.

XXX

Private Secretary to Kit Malthouse, Minister for Family Support, Housing and Child Maintenance

2018-02-21 (2) Minister to Policy

From: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Sent: 21 February 2018 11:26

To: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Cc: Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Subject: FW: Ministerial Letter for PBL

Attachments: PBL Letter for info.pdf

Hi XXX and XXX,

Just FYI I have just spoken to leader of the House of Commons office.

They wanted to know what engagement we had had with Heidi and find out a little more about our

position on the Bill (apparently the Leader of the House is keen to support as many private members

bills as possible). I basically summarised contents of the meeting yesterday and they seemed content

with our position – so no further actions for now.

Best,

XXX

From: DWP Cabinet Committees
Sent: 21 February 2018 11:06
To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance
Subject: FW: Ministerial Letter for PBL

Hello XXX and XXX,

This is the letter I was talking about :) XXX was the one who brought it to us.

XXX from the Leader of the House of Commons had a query on it, if someone could call him back on

XXX

Hope all ok ,

Many thanks

XXX

XXX / DWP Private Office / XXX

XXX

From: DWP Cabinet Committees
Sent: 12 February 2018 15:48
To: XXX
Cc: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance
Subject: FW: Ministerial Letter for PBL

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from Kit Malthouse MP to Rt.Hon. Andrea Leadsom Chair

of the Parliamentary Business and Legislation Committee, copied to members of the PBL committee.

This Write Round is for information only.

Kind Regards

XXX / DWP Private Office / XXX

2018-02-21 (3) Minister to Cabinet Office and Secretary of State

From: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Sent: 21 February 2018 17:50

To: XXX

Cc: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance; Secretary of State

Subject: Heidi Allen's private members bill child maintenance

Attachments: PBL Letter for info.pdf

Hi,

XXX from your office has been liaising with our SoS's office, so I just wanted to confirm that the second

reading of the bill has been moved to 27th of April (and I think it is last on the order paper). The

minister's position has not changed since the letter he sent your office earlier this month, although he

has subsequently had a meeting with Heidi and agreed to write to her with a clause by clause

explanation of the Department's position.

Best,

XXX | Assistant Private Secretary to Kit Malthouse MP, Minister for Family Support, Housing and Child Maintenance | Department for Work and Pensions | XXX

2018-02-21 (4) PBL to Minister

From: DWP CAXTON HOUSE Parliamentary Business

Sent: 21 February 2018 11:17

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Cc: DWP CAXTON HOUSE Legislation; DWP CAXTON HOUSE Parliamentary Business

Subject: RE: Private Members Bill - Child Maintenance (Assessment of Parent's Income) Bill - 2nd reading - Heidi Allen - 23rd Feb

Hi XXX,

Good news – XXX just told XXX.

This PMB has now been moved to the 27 April and is last on the list for that day, so won't be reached.

Kind regards

XXX | Parliamentary Officer| Department for Work and Pensions |Private Office | XXX | www.dwp.gov.uk | Please consider the environment before printing |

From: DWP Caxton House PQ PRU

Sent: 09 February 2018 15:30

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Cc: DWP CAXTON HOUSE Parliamentary Business; DWP CAXTON HOUSE
Legislation

Subject: Private Members Bill - Child Maintenance (Assessment of Parent's Income)
Bill - 2nd

reading - Heidi Allen - 23rd Feb

Hi XXX,

There is a Private Members Bill on Friday 23rd Feb: Child Maintenance
(Assessment of Parent's Income) Bill - 2nd reading - Heidi Allen. It's 4th on the
list so may not be reached.

Kind regards

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2018-02-22 Minister to Policy

From: Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 22 February 2018 16:53

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance; XXX STRATEGY
CHILDREN,

FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES &
DISADVANTAGE

Subject: RE: Heidi Allen's private members bill child maintenance

I think delivering 80% of what was in her Bill is pretty supportive by anyone's measure. J

Julia Gault | Deputy Director Family Policy including Child Maintenance | Strategy,
Policy and Analysis Group | Department for Work and Pensions | XXX
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From: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Sent: 22 February 2018 16:52

To: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY
CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; Minister for Family Support Housing and
Child Maintenance;

Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Subject: FW: Heidi Allen's private members bill child maintenance

Not entirely sure what this mean, but I think we can say we are being supportive?

Best,

XXX

From: XXX On Behalf

Of Commons Leader Mailbox

Sent: 22 February 2018 14:47

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Cc: Secretary of State; XXX

Subject: Re: Heidi Allen's private members bill child maintenance

Hi XXX,

Thank you for looking into this. I appreciate that it is unlikely that the Bill will now be discussed and understand that conversations have taken place. From the Leader's point of view, anything we can do to be supportive to Heidi Allen would be appreciated.

Many thanks,

XXX Private Secretary (Legislation) to the Leader of the House of Commons

XXX

Office of the Leader of the House of Commons |

XXX

On 21 February 2018 at 17:49, Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

< XXX > wrote:

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Family Support, Housing and Child Maintenance | Department for Work and

Pensions | XXX

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2018-03-01 Policy to Minister

From: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 01 March 2018 16:50

To: XXX STRATEGY LEGISLATION AND BETTER REGULATION

Cc: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance; Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND

DISADVANTAGE

Subject: PBL template - child maintenance regulations

Attachments: parliamentary handling template v8.docx

XXX,

Please find attached a slightly updated version of the PBL template for the child maintenance compliance and arrears regulations.

This reflects relevant actions we took from the internal panel meeting last week. Some

of the actions were for additional general briefing for the Minister, which will be provided

separately.

Thanks.

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2018-03-02 Policy to Minister

From: Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 02 March 2018 14:21

To: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Cc: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Subject: FW: Proposed letter from MfFSHCM to Heidi Allen MP

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Sent: 02 March 2018 14:02

To: Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE; Minister
for Family Support Housing
and Child Maintenance

Subject: RE: Proposed letter from MfFSHCM to Heidi Allen MP

Brilliant! In that case, attaching the briefing should do.

Apologies, wasn't aware that we already had it all there.

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Housing and Child

Maintenance | Department for Work and Pensions | XXX

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Sent: 02 March 2018 14:00

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

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Sent: 02 March 2018 13:46

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2018-03-09 Policy to Minister

From: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND

DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 09 March 2018 09:28

To: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES &
DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY
LEGISLATION AND BETTER REGULATION

Cc: DWP CAXTON HOUSE Legislation; Minister for Family
Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Subject: RE: Child Maintenance (Assessment of Parents'
Income) -

Hi both,

Happy to take forward. Will prepare a further letter ahead of the 23 March deadline.

XXX – for info.

XXX

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From: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 09 March 2018 08:27

To: XXX STRATEGY LEGISLATION AND BETTER REGULATION

Cc: DWP CAXTON HOUSE Legislation; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES &
DISADVANTAGE

Subject: RE: Child Maintenance (Assessment of Parents' Income) -

Hi XXX,

The current position is that we oppose the Bill. Primarily because much of the content is already covered in regulations we are planning to put forward this year, which means including them in this Bill is unnecessary. There are also elements of the Bill that we oppose because they go against our policy, or because they aim to bring back processes which we know do not work, and hence removed from the new child maintenance system.

We already submitted a handling a letter before the second reading was postponed (see attached). This was drafted before we had seen the full text of the Bill. We can therefore send an updated letter reflecting the additional detail we now have of the Bill.

XXX – does it make sense for you to lead on this now?

Thanks.

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From: XXX STRATEGY LEGISLATION AND BETTER REGULATION

Sent: 08 March 2018 15:17

To: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Cc: DWP CAXTON HOUSE Legislation

Subject: PMB: Child Maintenance (Assessment of Parents' Income) -

Importance: High

Hi XXX

I believe you are involved in this PMB. It is due for 2nd reading on 27 April 2018.
Can you advise what

the current position is for this. I attaching the current PMB guidance for you to
consider. We will need

to submit a handling letter to PBL by 23 March 2018 , which is 5 weeks before the
second reading date.

Regards

XXX

XXX

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2018-03-14 (1) Policy to Minister

From: XXX STRATEGY LEGISLATION AND BETTER
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Sent: 14 March 2018 17:04

To: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES &
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Cc: XXX STRATEGY PRIVATE PENSIONS; DWP

CAXTON HOUSE Legislation

Subject: ADVANCE WARNING: Likely invitation to do
presentation on Child Maintenance Regs at PBL on 26
March

All

This is just an early heads up – I was talking to PBL Secretariat this afternoon, and they

mentioned that PBL Ministers are a bit worried about the Child Maintenance Regs and

are likely to call us in to discuss it on 26 March. I don't have full details, but it would be

a discussion of 15-20 minutes about the background to the Regs, and our proposed handling strategy.

Obviously I will be in touch as soon as I have all the details, which should be tomorrow/Friday.

Kind regards

XXX

Head of Legislative Strategy | XXX

Key questions: Why do you need legislation? Why do you need it now? Is it controversial? What happens if it

doesn't go ahead?

2018-03-14 (2) Policy to Minister

From: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child
Maintenance

Sent: 14 March 2018 18:04

To: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND

DISADVANTAGE; Minister for Family Support Housing
and Child Maintenance; XXX STRATEGY

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Subject: RE: Proposed letter from MfFSHCM to Heidi Allen MP

Attachments: 180314 Kit Malthouse to Heidi Allen.doc

Hi XXX,

Thanks for this – Kit's made a few minor amendments and inserted a line about
HMRC being the best

body to see if there's a discrepancy between lifestyle and income.

Could you let me know if you're content with the amendments by close of play
15/03? I'll then put it to

Kit to sign the final version.

Thanks,

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From: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 06 March 2018 15:53

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance; Gault Julia
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is the final paragraph – any issues let me know

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From: XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE

Sent: 21 March 2018 10:38

To: Minister for Family Support Housing and Child Maintenance

Cc: XXX STRATEGY LEGISLATION AND BETTER REGULATION; Gault Julia STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES AND DISADVANTAGE; XXX STRATEGY CHILDREN FAMILIES & DISADVANTAGE

Subject: Letter for PBL re: Child Maintenance (Assessment of Parents' Income) Bill

Attachments: Letter to PBLFINAL.docx

Hi XXX,

As discussed – proposed letter to PBL offering our position on this PMB, having now had access to the

full text of the Bill. Also allows us to draw Kit's meeting with Heidi Allen to PBLs attention.

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