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LONDON SW1A 0AA

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

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Dear Mrs Bullbeck,

Mr Duncan Smith has asked me to thank you for your recent letter and to reply on his behalf.

He is grateful to you for drawing this matter to his attention. I am afraid, however, that this office cannot intervene in cases of this kind. As you may know, there is an established convention in the House of Commons that prevents an MP from becoming involved in matters affecting another Member's constituent.

Might I suggest that, if you have not already done so, you contact your own Member of Parliament. I am sorry that I cannot give a more positive response.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Marjorie Bullbeck

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