From Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Chair

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Dear Andrea,

Forensic Science Regulator Bill

The Government recently responded to the Science and Technology Committee’s Report examining the “Biometrics strategy and forensic services” (HC 1613). The Response stated that the Government “strongly supports the introduction of the Forensic Science Regulator Bill and its aim to put the Regulator on a statutory footing”.

As you will be aware, the Forensic Science Regulator Bill is a Private Members Bill, introduced by Chris Green MP, a former Member of the Science and Technology Committee, under the ten-minute rule procedure. Its second reading is scheduled for 26 October. There are over 100 Bills, however, to be debated that day before the Forensic Science Regulator Bill, so it is unlikely that it will be reached for debate.

I would therefore be grateful if you could confirm whether the Government has any plans to prioritise the Bill in the Government’s business?

Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
Chair