From the Chair

10 June 2016

The Baroness Altmann CBE
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Department for Work and Pensions
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Dear Ros

BHS

Our oral evidence on 8 June Dominic Chappell said:

we were absolutely held to ransom by both Philip and the regulator on the way through, which caused us enormous issues to the point where I rang the Pensions Minister. I arranged to go and see her on three occasions and she cancelled every single time. I sent her numerous emails requesting help from Government and she did not reply back on the grounds that she was conflicted. Well, why didn't she find someone else to help? We are talking about 11,000 jobs on the line and the Pensions Minister felt she was conflicted and could not help.¹

I would be grateful if you could please:

1. respond to these comments; and

2. provide records of meetings, proposed meetings, correspondence, emails and telephone calls with:

   a. Mr Chappell or other representatives of Retail Acquisitions Ltd;

   b. Sir Philip Green or other representatives of Taveta group companies; and;

   c. other organisations or individuals on the specific subject of the BHS pensions schemes

¹ Q1634
over the course of your tenure as Minister.

I would also welcome any further comments you have on the evidence we have received. You will be aware that this inquiry is moving at a pace and a response by Tuesday 14 June would be appreciated if at all possible. We may well, of course, ask to hear from you in person later in our inquiry.

With thanks and best wishes,

[Signature]

Rt Hon Frank Field MP
Chair