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Dear Theresa,  

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill clause 151: Compensation for miscarriages of justice  

Further to our exchange of correspondence about this clause in the Bill earlier this year, I would be grateful if you could provide a supplementary memorandum setting out the Government’s assessment of the compatibility of clause 151 of the Bill with the presumption of innocence in Article 6(2) ECHR in light of the reasoning of the European Court of Human Rights in paras 39-42 of its inadmissibility decision of 12 November 2013 in Adams v UK (Application no. 70601/11) and paras 20-25 of its inadmissibility decision in A.L.F. v UK (Application no. 5908/12) of the same date. Both decisions were published on 5 December 2013.  

It would be helpful if we could receive your reply by 17 December 2013 to enable it to be taken into account by the Committee prior to the Bill’s remaining stages in January. I would also be grateful if your officials could provide the Committee secretariat with a copy of your response in Word format, to aid publication. I look forward to hearing from you.  


Dr Hywel Francis  
Chair