



Ministry of
JUSTICE

Dr Hywel Francis MP
Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights
House of Commons
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Dear Hywel,

Re: EU police and criminal justice opt-out

Thank you for your letter of 15 January concerning the 2014 decision.

You ask for an assurance that the Explanatory Memoranda (EM) we have committed to providing to Parliament on this issue will contain an assessment of the measures' compatibility with fundamental rights. We are happy to provide such an assurance. Where appropriate and necessary, the EMs we provide will include a section addressing the question of fundamental rights and this will, of course, include the impact on human rights of individual measures.

I am copying this letter to the Chairman of the European Scrutiny Committee (William Cash); the Chairman of the Justice Committee (Sir Alan Beith); the Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee (Keith Vaz); Lord Boswell (Chairman of the Lords European Committee); Les Saunders (Cabinet Office); and Deborah Maggs, Scrutiny Coordinator in the Home Office.

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