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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS

Thank you for your letter of 21 June about your intended announcement on corporal punishment in schools in Scotland.

As the effect of your announcement will be simply to parallel what is already public knowledge in relation to the rest of the United Kingdom, I see no reason why it should cause me any difficulty. I am inclined to delay, however, my own further announcement until we have made up our minds about the arrangements for the independent sector.

I am copying this letter to those who received copies of yours, and to Jim Prior.

Handwritten signature: "Kevin"

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