

The Rt Hon. The Lord Foster of Bath, Chair

Justice and Home Affairs Committee
House of Lords
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Dear Don,

**LEGAL AID FOR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND PREVENTION AND
INVESTIGATION MEASURES**

I am pleased to inform you that on June 1st the Ministry of Justice laid a draft affirmative Statutory Instrument (“SI”), which, if approved by Parliament, will make a number of changes to the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (LASPO) and associated Regulations.

In brief, the SI contains the following measures:

- a) Amendments which extend civil legal aid to three new civil behaviour orders introduced by the Crime and Policing Act 2026. These are: Respect Orders, Youth Injunctions and Housing Injunctions. This ensures that civil legal aid services will be available for individuals subject to these orders, aligning legal aid legislation with the new statutory framework and maintaining continuity of legal aid coverage for equivalent anti-social behaviour injunctions following legislative reform;
- b) Amendments to the civil legal aid Means Regulations in order to provide clarity about arrangements for non-means-tested advice and assistance and means-tested legal representation for Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIMs). TPIMs are civil measures imposed by the Home Secretary which aim to prevent or restrict an individual’s involvement in terrorism-related activities. This amendment reflects the long-standing policy position and current practice; and
- c) Amendments to the civil legal aid Means and Merits Regulations in order to ensure that the legal aid framework which applies to TPIMs as regards non-means-tested legal advice and assistance and explanations about the types of services available under civil legal aid is duplicated for State Threats Prevention and Investigation Measures (STPIMs). STPIMs are civil orders designed to prevent and disrupt individuals involved in hostile state threat activity. This amendment will ensure that the legal aid framework for these two national security measures, which are similar in their

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structure and impact, operates consistently, while maintaining appropriate safeguards and the targeting of public funding.

I hope you will agree that this piece of secondary legislation will ensure that the legal aid scheme continues to provide effective access to justice, while remaining aligned with wider legislative reform

Yours ever,

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THE BARONESS LEVITT KC

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