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*Dear Bishop,*

Thank you for your question at the Oral Parliamentary Questions session on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, asking "...that in the light of the Government's obligations under UNCRC, will the Minister undertake to commission independent research into the impact of the two-child limit policy on those families which are affected by it?".

I stated "I think the right reverend Prelate might be referring to the limits under the working tax credits. When that provision was brought through last year it was put in place simply to ensure that parents whose financial position had improved did not have a legacy benefit they no longer needed."

The response to your question should be that the Government has assessed the impact of the policy to provide support for a maximum of two children from an equality and human rights perspective throughout its development and in preparation for its implementation. Therefore, we have met our obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty, the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010 and the UN convention on the rights of the child.

We published statistics related to the first year of implementation in June 2018. We have committed to subsequent annual releases.

I hope this information has been useful. I will place a copy in the House libraries.

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