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Dear Eric,

During questions on Thursday 11 April, you asked, "Will my noble friend tell the House whether our advice to people visiting Brunei has changed in the last few weeks?" You may find the following information helpful.

The FCO's travel advice was updated on 28 March, to include the following:

"In 2014, Brunei began the introduction of a Sharia Criminal Code, to run in parallel with the Common Law. The final phase will be introduced in April 2019. It specifies severe punishments, including amputation and death by stoning, for certain crimes, including some that are not illegal in the UK."

As for all foreign travel, we would encourage British nationals to read our travel advice alongside other resources available to them, to help them make an informed decision, familiarise themselves with local laws and plan for a safe trip. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office keeps Travel Advice under constant review.

I hope you find this letter helpful. I will also place a copy of this letter in the House library.

Yours sincerely,
Annabel

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Lord Pickles
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