This is to indicate that I do not support the proposal to bring Northern Ireland into line with the rest of the UK regarding the laws on abortion. Currently there are 100,000 people alive today in the province who would not be so if our laws were the same as those of others. I write this because I have a high regard for human life, and I believe that the destruction of a child already in a womb is a kind of murder. If the case was very extreme then I would be prepared to reconsider, but, all in all, I want to press that the sanctity of human life is to be respected.

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