



Ministry  
of Justice

Lord Bellamy KC  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State  
for Justice

Lord Pannick KC  
House of Lords  
London  
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15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Lord Pannick,

### MINISTERIAL CORRECTION

I am writing to advise you of a slip I made in presenting the Government's civil damages reforms in the National Security Bill at Report Stage on 7 March 2023 when responding to the amendments in your and Lord Marks' names on the Bill. I am writing to Lord Marks as well.

As you will remember, the Government's amendment to Clause 85 was to ensure that there had to be a connection between the conduct of a claimant involved in terrorism and the Crown's conduct in a national security claim for the legislation to apply.

During the debate I stated this had to be a 'causal connection' rather than a 'connection' which is the terms of the amended Clause. The word 'causal' was not in my letter, nor is it in the Bill, and is therefore superfluous.

I therefore need to amend Hansard via the Ministerial Correction process to ensure that what I said in the Chamber accurately reflects the letter which I sent to you both and referred to in the debate. A copy of the letter has now been placed in the Library of the House.

In terms of the Ministerial Correction, I have suggested to Hansard:

#### Ministry of Justice

The following is an extract from National Security Bill, Report (2<sup>nd</sup> day) on 7 March 2023.

"I can repeat before this House the assurance in the letter I sent noble Lords today, to which we have already been referred, saying that there needs to be a causal connection between the conduct of the terrorist and the reduction in damages."

[Official Report, 7 March 2023, Vol. 828, c. 717.]

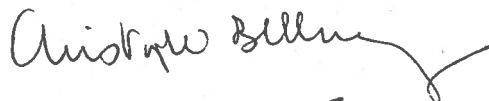
*Letter of correction from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice (Lord Bellamy KC):*

*An error has been identified in my speech at Report Stage of the National Security Bill.*

*The correct wording should have been:*

"I can repeat before this House the assurance in the letter I sent noble Lords today, to which we have already been referred, saying that there needs to be a connection between the conduct of the terrorist and the reduction in damages."

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Bellamy". The signature is written in a cursive style and extends to the right with a long, sweeping tail.

**LORD BELLAMY KC**