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Dear Sarah,

At Oral Questions on 13 May, you raised a constituent case concerning the Child Maintenance Service, in which a paying parent has avoided their obligations by earning non-taxable income overseas.

In my response to your question, I said:

*“We have just had a consultation on the possibility of moving **from** Collect and Pay **to** Direct Pay for all claimants, which would certainly help to put a greater focus on compliance.”*

However, I should have said:

*“We have just had a consultation on the possibility of moving **to** Collect and Pay **from** Direct Pay for all claimants, which would certainly help to put a greater focus on compliance.”*

For interest, the Child Maintenance consultation “Improving the collection and transfer of payments” has been published on GOV.UK and runs until 31 July 2024.

As mentioned in the House, I will ask the Minister for Lords’ office to reach out on your constituent’s issue.

I will deposit a copy of this letter in the House Library.

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