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*Dear Monica,*

When I wrote to you on 30 March about the publication of the report of the Review of the Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland, I announced a consultation period of six months, which is due to end on 29 September.

As the Prime Minister has indicated, following the consultation period I intend to announce the Government's decisions on implementation by the end of October, and to publish legislation and a detailed timetable for implementation by April 2001. These are very demanding targets. If we are to achieve them, it will be essential to conclude the consultation process as planned at the end of September.

I am anxious to hear the views of as many individuals and organisations as possible before reaching decisions on the recommendations in the Review and their implementation. I therefore look forward to receiving the views of your party by the end of this month. If you would find it helpful,



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I or Adam Ingram would be happy to meet you or your colleagues to hear your party's views at first hand, in addition to receiving them in writing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Mandelson', written in a cursive style.

**PETER MANDELSON**

