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Den Dr. Alderdice,

REVIEW OF THE CLUBS' AND LIQUOR LICENSING LAW

You may recall that Jean Denton wrote to you on 1 February 1994 announcing a review of the liquor licensing law and indicating that this would be linked to the review of the club registration law which was already taking place.

It has fallen to me to take these matters forward and I am pleased to tell you that both reviews have been completed. I shall, of course, publish draft legislation containing the Government's proposals for amending the law in these areas, which will provide an opportunity for widespread consultation. There has, however, been much interest in both reviews and, in view of this, I decided, in advance of the draft legislation, to issue a statement outlining the main changes which will be included. I enclose for your information a copy of the statement which I am issuing today.

MALCOLM MOSS

Minister for Health and Social Services