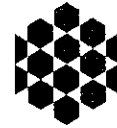


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We have written to the Secretary of State to ask him to bring forward legislation at Westminster to bring the tenure of the Justice Minister into line with all other Ministers in the Executive.

Pending the enactment of that legislation we are writing to you to indicate that our parties will support any Justice Minister elected by a cross community vote and would oppose any attempt to use the provision unique to the Justice Minister to remove him or her from office.

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