



Ministry  
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Ms Jun Pang,  
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Dear Ms Pang,

### **BILL OF RIGHTS**

Thank you for your letter regarding pre-legislative scrutiny of the Bill of Rights.

The Government was elected on a manifesto commitment to 'update the Human Rights Act ... to ensure there is a proper balance between the rights of individuals, our vital national security and effective government.' That is why we conducted a 12-week consultation on the Government's proposals to overhaul the Human Rights Act, and to replace it with a new Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights has now been introduced to Parliament. I agree that it is important that the provisions in the Bill are subject to proper public and Parliamentary scrutiny. The Government's consultation on the Bill of Rights received over 12,800 responses. In producing the consultation, we built on many of the proposals in the report of the Independent Human Rights Act Review and I am grateful to Sir Peter Gross and the panel for their valuable contribution to this work. Additionally, I appeared before the Joint Committee on Human Rights before the Government's consultation on the Bill of Rights was published on 8 December 2021 and the former Minister Lord Wolfson QC appeared before the Joint Committee on Human Rights on 2 February where he was questioned on the Bill in detail.

The Bill of Rights will receive extensive scrutiny in both Houses.

Yours sincerely

**RT HON DOMINIC RAAB MP**