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To: Specific Duties

Subject: Public Sector Duty

Dear Harshbir Sangha,

The March 2011 policy review on the Public Sector Equality Duty will set back Equality in the UK for many years.

The proposals to remove most of the public sector duties to monitor and publish their progress towards the 'elimination of unlawful discrimination, the advancement of equal opportunity and the fostering of good relations' are deeply flawed. These proposals will seriously undermine the legislative impetus required to progress Equality and inhibit the ability of the public to hold public bodies to account.

As such we most strongly urge the Government to resist the temptation to over simplify the public duty and return to the August 2010 draft specific duties.

Kind Regards

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