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Dear Colleagues

The Government's Draft Legislative Programme 2008/ 09 - Preparing Britain for the Future - was published as a Green Paper on 14 May 2008 for consultation. It sets out the Government's plans for legislation in next year's Parliamentary session, and supporting non-legislative action. This is an important opportunity for you as a stakeholder to have your say on the Government's priorities and whether these are the right issues on which the Government should focus its efforts. Views are sought from all interested parties by 6 August 2008.

There are four themes that encompass the 17 proposed bills and other non-legislative action:

- **Economic stability:** ensuring that the economy and the British people are well prepared for future opportunities and challenges. To that end, the Government is taking important steps to address the impact of issues in the credit and housing markets, and to ensure that all workers are fairly treated as they seek to support their families;
- **Making the most of potential:** by increasing investment in education, skills and work support to ensure that the benefits of economic growth are available to all, and build on the Government's support for families;
- **Personalised and improved public services:** continuing to invest in better services, but also making changes to put users in control of the services they receive, and how and when they get them;
- **Handing power back to people:** giving people and local communities more say in how their neighbourhoods, towns and cities are run, this will ensure that the Government acts for and with the people.

Further information about the draft Legislative Programme can be downloaded at:

www.CommonsLeader.gov.uk/draftprogramme

Within Yorkshire and the Humber, I am developing a programme of meetings and discussions throughout the consultation period to talk to as many different organisations, sectors and partners as I can about these changes. Two regional consultations being planned in Leeds and the Humber will be an important part of this.

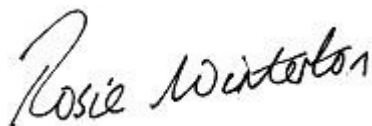
However, I am keen to hear as many views as possible and would therefore like to give you the opportunity to let me have your views in writing, either by copying your formal response to the consultation to me, or if there are specific issues you would like to raise with me in particular, to write to me directly at:

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I look forward to hearing your views and proposals.



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