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Dear Mr Turberville

Thank you for your e-mail to the Home Secretary of 26 May about applications for British citizenship under section 4C of the British Nationality Act 1981. Your e-mail has been passed to me to reply.

As you are aware, section 4C was introduced to provide a route to British citizenship for those who would have become British citizens if women had been able to pass on British nationality in the same way as men.

Since its introduction those applying under section 4C have been required to pay a fee, as this is consistent with other provisions for registration or naturalisation as a British citizen.

However, having considered the points raised I fully accept that this is a very distinct group in relation to whom the payment of a fee is no longer appropriate. I am therefore pleased to inform you that we intend to remove the requirement in law for those applying under section 4C to pay a fee at the earliest possible date.

Yours sincerely



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