

Written Ministerial Statement

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator

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The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health

(Anne Milton): I informed the House on 26 July, *Official Report*, cols 65-66ws, of the Government's intention to consult on whether to proceed with work surrounding the Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator (OHPA). A subsequent consultation on this issue, entitled: *Fitness to Practise Adjudication for Health Professionals: Assessing different mechanisms for delivery* was launched on 9 August 2010 and ran until 11 October 2010. The Government is grateful to those who responded.

After careful consideration of the responses received, the Government has decided to proceed with the taking of steps to abolish OHPA.

The Government's full report and conclusion on the consultation, containing an analysis of the responses received has been placed in the Library. Copies are available to hon Members from the Vote Office and to noble Lords from the Printed Paper Office. We shall bring forward primary legislation to enable OHPA's abolition at the next available opportunity.