



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mr Christopher Burchett
Via Leonardo Da Vinci 15
22069 – Rovellasca
Italy

Monday, 25th July 2011

Ref: DC/na/B

In Christopher

Thank you for your letter of 8th June 2011 about the longstanding issue of discrimination against foreign lecturers in Italy. I am sorry for the lengthy delay in responding to you.

I have been briefed by David Lidington and his team about the situation of the Lettori. I know David feels strongly about the need to end this discrimination against British lecturers and I too absolutely understand your frustration over the lengthy and unpredictable judicial process in Italy. We will continue to track the case closely and do everything we can to resolve urgently a situation which flouts the core principles of the single market.

We cannot interfere politically in the Italian courts' legal proceedings. But David and I will nevertheless do everything we can to maintain the political profile of the case, to forestall further unnecessary delays and try if at all possible for a negotiated settlement. Both William Hague and David Lidington have taken this up with Foreign Minister Franco Frattini in recent meetings and I have asked Ministers and officials to follow this up in coming meetings.

You have my support in ending this discrimination and I will continue to look for opportunities to press the Italian Government on it.

David

David Cameron