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MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT  
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Dear Richard,

Thank you for your letter of 9 August to Alistair Darling, asking the Secretary of State to consider investigating the conduct of the directors of iSoft, under the provisions of the Companies Acts. I am replying as this matter falls within my portfolio.

I am aware of the recent announcements concerning iSoft, and the comments in the financial media. I am also aware of the issues which have been raised by the Public Accounts Committee resulting from their scrutiny of *The National Programme for IT in the NHS*.

The Department is keeping the situation regarding iSoft under constant review, and is liaising with other regulators who might have an interest, to ascertain whether or not they intend using their investigatory powers. I am also awaiting the result of the company's internal financial review, and the company filing its latest accounts, which are due later this month.

Yours Sincerely

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