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Upskirt photographs

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about the campaign to make the taking of upskirt photographs illegal.

The taking of upskirt photographs is a disgraceful, invasive act and should be treated as a sexual offence in law. At present, there is a gap in the law that has allowed – and is continuing to allow – people who have taken such photographs in public places to escape prosecution. This needs to be changed.

Labour Shadow's Justice Secretary has pledged his support for Gina Martin's campaign to make taking upskirt photos a sexual offence in law and [Labour have repeatedly called on the Government to close the current gap in the law that exists.](#)

'Upskirting' is a very serious offence and should be treated as such. That is why alongside my Labour colleague I will continue to support campaigns for the law to be changed so that women are protected, offenders are punished and potential offenders are deterred.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me as part of the campaigning to make 'upskirting' a sexual offence in law.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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