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**Rt Hon Ian McCartney MP**  
MINISTER FOR TRADE, INVESTMENT  
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REPORT OF  
MINISTER FOR TRADE, INVESTMENT AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
on the  
BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL BILL  
and the  
MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL BILL  
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Private Business Standing Order No 98A of the House of Lords requires me to report on these Bills in respect of the statement opinion required by Standing Order 38 (3) relating to the compatibility of the proposals with the European Convention on Human Rights.

I believe the promoters have undertaken a full assessment of the compatibility of their proposals with the European Convention on Human Rights and I see no need to dispute their conclusions subject to one point.

The promoters have received legal advice on compatibility which says that this is dependent on establishing that the restriction on the right of a person to supply or offer to supply services in the street, the restriction on the rights of a holder of a pedlar's certificate, and the powers of seizure of articles from illicit street traders are in accordance with "the general interest". The legal advice states that the promoters will be in position to call evidence to demonstrate why these matters are in the "general" interest. I regard it as for the appropriate Committee in the Lords to consider the justification for these provisions.

**Signed by**  
**Ian McCartney**

Dated this 19 day of January 2007

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