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The Police & Crime Bill (outline details enclosed) has been changed so that it will only be a criminal offence for a man to pay for sex if the woman is “trafficked,” not merely “controlled”.

This is a major improvement, as the courts have held that controlling a prostitute (which is a criminal offence) includes taking phone bookings for her.

Apparently the police informed the Home Office that the new law would be unenforceable without this change.

It will still be lawful for a woman to demand payment for sex. The feminist government Ministers who pressed for the Bill (led by Harriet Harman) only wanted to criminalise men paying for sex, not women getting paid for it ! Their argument was that, if men are prevented from offering money, then prostitution will cease. That, however, has not happened in Sweden, where that law has been in force for ten years.