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The Treasury Minister's proposals to move to independent taxation are honourable and it is hard to justify the way in which women are treated under the current regime.

That being said, the proposed compensatory mechanism may prove insufficient in covering married couples who now find themselves out of pocket and the allowance is indeed time bound.

Instead I wish to see the ability for married couples to elect to move to independent taxation if they should wish but otherwise remain on household taxation, say until one partner retires, rather than force this change on people who may be quite content with their current tax arrangement.