

**Commons Hansard Written Answers text for**

**Friday 5 Dec 1997**

**Out-of-town Supermarkets**

**Dr. Tonge:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions if he proposes to make changes to the planning policy guidelines on out-of-town supermarkets.

**Mr. Raynsford:** The Government, in its response to the Fourth Report from the House of Commons Select Committee on the Environment on Shopping Centres (Cm 3729), has endorsed the planning policy guidance in PPG6: Town Centres and Retail Developments. The only further clarification that we wish to make is that proposals for extensions to existing out-of-centre supermarkets, and other developments covered by PPG6, should be subject to the same tests as other out-of-town developments.