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By Mark Hookham

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Embattled Peter Hain enjoys the full support of the Prime Minister, Downing Street said yesterday.

The Prime Minister's spokesman said it was up to Attorney General Lord Goldsmith to probe the 67 questions sent to him yesterday by the High Court in Northern Ireland.

Asked whether Mr Hain enjoyed the Prime Minister's full support and confidence, the spokesman replied: "Yes. The Secretary of State has said he will co-operate fully with the investigation."

And asked whether the Prime Minister would hold a separate inquiry into whether Mr Hain breached the ministerial code, he replied: "The Attorney General is looking at this matter and I think it is important that we let him look at it."

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