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by Toby Helm and Daniel Boffey **STANDFIRST** 

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in a vitriolic public tion last night as the Liberal Democra schools minister accused his boss, Tory education secretary Michael Gove, of a "blatant" attempt to politicise the independent schools inspection body, Ofsted.

The intervention by David Laws, a close ally of Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg, came after it emerged that Gove had sacked Labour peer Baroness Sally Morgan as chair of the schools inspectorate.

A source close to Laws issued a statement expressing the minister's fury at Gove's move and making clear that the Lib Dems would do all in their power to block actions that they believed would jeopardise Ofsted's independence.

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"David's primary concern now is not to let Conservative game-playing destabilise Ofsted and he'll be working closely with them as schools minister to

make sure that doesn't happen." The row follows a broadside last weekend by the chief inspector of schools and Ofsted's leading figure, Sir Michael Wilshaw, who broke cover to accuse education department officials of briefing against his organisation. Gove



Education secretary Michael Gove on a visit to a secondary school in Merseyside on Friday. Photograph by Gareth Jones

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acted swiftly to patch up the rift, insisting that none of his officials had briefed against Wilshaw and praised him for his "superb" work.

But the decision to oust Morgan, a former close adviser to Tony Blair in Downing Street, has taken the dispute over Ofsted's governance and independence to new levels, opening one of the most public splits in the life of the coalition to date. Critics of the government believe

that Gove is growing increasingly angry at criticism of some free schools by Ofsted, and particularly the way they are allowed to employ unqualified teachers. Last year Nick Clegg fore into Gove for allowing unqualified teachers in free schools, accusing him of pursuing an ideological agenda.

Last night Gove revealed his plans for new teacher guidelines, to be issued this week, that will call for a return to traditional classroom discipline. Writing lines and picking up litter are among the "perfect punishments" for bad behaviour, he told the Mail on Sunday.

Morgan, a supporter of the academies programme that is at the heart of gov**CAPTION** 

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told the BBC. Downing Street sources said that, while the prime minister backed the decision to remove Morgan, it was the

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by Mark Townsend

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Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey, were described by defence minister Anna Soubry as serious, while a senior figure on the defence select committee said the bullying they revealed was very worrying.

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The revelation came as a senior MP called for an urgent overhaul into the way the armed forces deal with sexual assaults and rape complaints. Madeleine Moon, a Labour MP and longstanding member of the defence select committee, said a new independent armed forces ombudsman was needed to properly investigate such complaints. Installing an ombudsman, Moon said, would allow service personnel to resolve grievances outside the chain of command and give them increased confidence to speak out.

The attitudes survey is the MoD's principal means of monitoring morale within the services. The number of complaints relating to discrimination, harassment or bullying in 2013 was up by two percentage points – a rise of a quarter - on 2012. Among junior ranks, those who said they had suffered abuse rose by four percentage points.

Overall, 8% of those who said they had been a victim of abuse felt so aggrieved that they submitted a formal written complaint, although it is not known how many related to alleged

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