

# Home Affairs Committee

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Dear Home Secretary

Congratulations on your re-election to the House and continuation as Home Secretary. In my renewed role as Chair of the Home Affairs Committee I look forward to carrying out vital scrutiny of the Home Office. You will recognise that the previous Home Affairs Committee took great interest in issues that remain central to Home Office policy under this current Government, including the future EU-UK security partnership, tackling the tragedy of serious youth violence, and ensuring the Police is resourced properly and structured in the way best suited to support the public.

I anticipate that the Committee – which may be formally appointed as soon as next week – will wish to continue regular discussions with you about your leadership of the Home Office. I am sure you agree that Government's accountability to Parliament, on behalf of the public, is fundamental to its good functioning.

I look forward to developing a constructive scrutiny relationship with you, your Ministers, and your officials during this Parliament. To this end, I am grateful to you for facilitating an initial briefing, by Home Office officials, for the new Committee and for the reiteration of your previous offer of further topical private briefings should the Committee see fit. The new Committee will consider this carefully as it agrees its priorities over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



**Yvette Cooper MP**