



Dame Diana Johnson MP
Chair, Home Affairs Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Dame Diana,

Government response to ‘The Macpherson Report: Twenty-two years on’

Thank you for your letter of 23 March regarding the Government’s planned response to ‘The Macpherson Report: Twenty-two years on’.

The Government response to the independent Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities (CRED), ‘Inclusive Britain’, sets out over 70 actions to level up the country and to close the gaps between different groups across education, health, employment, policing and the criminal justice system.

It is critical that we maintain public confidence in policing and as part of the ‘Inclusive Britain’ response the Home Office, with policing partners, will deliver a series of measures to improve accountability and tackle disparities. These include the development a new, national framework for how the use of police powers are scrutinised at a local level, removing unnecessary barriers that prevent increased use of body-worn video and countering serious violent crime which disproportionately affects some ethnic minority groups by bringing into force the Serious Violence Duty.

I regret that our response to the Home Affairs Committee has taken longer than we would normally expect to allow for the ‘Inclusive Britain’ response and accompanying actions to be published.

We must be honest that there is much more work to be done across policing to reassure the public and keep people safe. Our response to the Committee will outline the essential work which is ongoing and will build upon the actions outlined in the ‘Inclusive Britain’ response. The Home Office intend to provide a full and detailed account to the Committee in early May.

with all your wishes
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Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Home Secretary