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From the Committee Chair

Max Hill QC

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By email only

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Dear Max

The Committee last week published a response from the Independent Office of Police Complaints to our recent report on Police Conduct and Complaints (sixth Report of Session 2021-22, published 1 March 2022).

In its letter to us, the IOPC states that, at the end of March 2022, it “had 56 cases awaiting a decision from the CPS; of these, 51 had been awaiting a decision for more than twelve months since we had completed our investigation”.

I am writing to ask whether any progress has been made in reaching decisions in relation to those outstanding cases and whether you might be able to set out the reasons why cases appear to be taking a long time to reach decision points.

The Committee, in its own report, noted the negative effect of lengthy investigation of complaints both on the complainants and on those officers complained of. We are also aware that the court system remains under considerable pressure to process outstanding cases swiftly once those cases enter that system.

Yours sincerely

Dame Diana Johnson MP