



# Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

By email only

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Dear Home Secretary,

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

Thank you for your letter of 11 March regarding the Government’s planned response to ‘The Macpherson Report: twenty-two years on’ which was published on 30 July 2021, some eight months ago. I remind you that the Government’s own undertaking is to respond, as a rule, to select committee reports within two months of their publication.

I am grateful for your reply but in the absence of a full Government response the Committee remains unable to scrutinise the Government’s progress against some of the most important Macpherson report recommendations on community confidence, on tackling racist crimes, on recruitment and retention of Black and other minority ethnic officers and staff, on race disparities in the use of stop and search and other powers, which we outlined comprehensively in our report.

In your letter you confirmed the Home Office would respond to the Committee in full following the publication of the Government response to the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities report. The Government published its response to the CRED report on 17 March.

I would be grateful if you could indicate when we may expect the full response to our report.

Yours sincerely

**Dame Diana Johnson MP**