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Dear Mr Philp

You will be aware that the Committee recently held an evidence session in relation to its Human Trafficking inquiry in which the role of Adult Services Websites (ASWs) was much discussed, and that the topic was also raised with the Home Secretary during her recent evidence session with us.

We are interested in exploring the role ASWs play and are aware of the case that the online platforms work closely with law enforcement agencies to, among other things, identify cases where platforms may have been used as tools to enable trafficking.

To deepen our understanding of that case, it would be helpful to the Committee if papers relating to the 5 meetings Adultwork has had with Home Office officials and law enforcement agencies and 15 such meetings with Vivastreet since 2017 could be made available to the Committee.

I appreciate from your answers to recent parliamentary questions, which I tabled, that the Home Office does not wish to publish that information on the ground that to do so might harm future policy development.

After discussion in the Committee today, however, on that point, I should be grateful if agendas, minutes and accompanying meeting papers from those meetings were shared with the Committee and would be happy to discuss with your officials how best that might be done.

Yours sincerely

Dame Diana Johnson MP

