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Dear Alex,

Thank you for coming to the Justice and Home Affairs Committee last month. At the end of the meeting you asked me to let you have details of the premises I mentioned where probation staff are working, in my view inappropriately.

Hendon (London) Probation Office has rooms rented in a Travel Lodge building. (Apparently on the day of our meeting someone came into the probation reception and said he had a room booked for two nights. Apparently this is a common occurrence.)

I am not giving the name of the staff member nor that of my contact, to protect their identity, at their request. I would be grateful if you could address this along with the other follow-up points from the evidence session.

May I also apologise for keeping you when you needed to get to the chamber. As I'd checked you had an hour and a half, I had 12 noon in my head as the scheduled finishing time, and hadn't linked it with PMQs. I'm really sorry.

Yours sincerely,

Baroness Hamwee,

Chair, House of Lords Justice and Home Affairs Committee