

Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Mr Rycroft,

I have today written to the Home Secretary to request her attendance before the Committee in January, and I am writing to you to request that you also attend that hearing.

At a time when the Home Office is implementing substantial policy and operational changes for the end of the transition period, I'm sure you will agree that scrutiny and transparency are particularly important.

The findings of Sir Alex Allan's report have raised concerns about the urgent need for cultural improvement in the Home Office and for greater respect and support on both sides between Ministers and officials. The Wendy Williams review and the EHRC report have also raised serious concerns about the culture and operations of the Home Office. For these reasons we wish to hear from you alongside the Home Secretary.

The Home Affairs Select Committee has agreed on the importance of taking evidence from you before the end of January on the significant issues currently facing the Home Office and how you plan to address them - including on the reforms under way within the Home Office itself.

I have invited the Home Secretary to suggest a convenient date and time for the meeting in January and have advised her that I am writing to you with this formal request.

Yours sincerely



Yvette Cooper MP