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Dear Dame Caroline,

On behalf of the Government, I would like to thank you and the members of the Culture, Media, and Sport Select Committee for your recent report into the ongoing work to tackle racism, sexism and elitism with cricket. I welcome the report's recommendation, responsibility for which sits with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). I look forward to the ECB sharing an update on the progress made in the year since the ICEC report was published.

It is worth noting that on the same day as your report was published in April 2024 the Prime Minister announced a £35 million investment in grassroots cricket facilities to expand opportunities for children and young people to be active. Part of this funding is to help extend the ECB's primary and secondary schools programme to get over 900,000 young people into playing cricket over the next five years. This funding also includes £14 million towards accessible cricket, including for children with special educational needs and disabilities, and for young people of African and Caribbean heritage.

The Government encourages the cricket authorities to continue to address the issues facing the sport, and to deliver long term change.

Thank you once again for the Committee's report.

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