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Dear Chair,

I am writing to inform the Committee of the completion of recommendation 6a in the 2019 report on Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) to review the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR).

Recommendation 6a says: As soon as possible after the Spending Review, or within six months of this report, it [the Home Office] should review the Strategic Policing Requirement, which sets out the threats that require a coordinated response. This should consider the local needs and capabilities of forces and not be a one-size fits all approach.

The Home Office commenced a review of the SPR on 21 October 2020 and has consulted a range of policing partners, including Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners, on the national threats to be included in the SPR, the required policing response to each threat, and options for strengthening accountability and improving governance around the SPR. Stakeholder engagement has been extensive and has been carried out through a number of different channels including: a series of SPR working groups in November and December 2020; the National Policing Board in November 2020; and a stakeholder questionnaire which was shared widely with the sector.

The PAC said that the review of the SPR should consider the local needs and capabilities of forces to avoid a one-size fits all approach. As part of the review, the Home Office has deliberately consulted and sought contributions from operational policing on the capabilities that are required to respond to each of the named threats at the local and regional level. In doing so, the

revised SPR will be clearer about the contribution needed to respond to each of the national threats.

At this time, the review is ongoing and work with policing partners continues to shape a revised version of the SPR. The revised SPR will be published in Spring 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew King', with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end.