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Rt Hon Karen Bradley DBE MP
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Dear Dame Karen,

In light of the Committee's recent Inquiry into Funding for Tackling VAWG, and the work of the Government to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG), I am writing to inform you of an announcement on one of the steps the Government is taking to deliver our ambition to halve VAWG within a decade.

We are providing £53 million of funding for the roll-out of The Drive Project across England and Wales over the next four years. The Drive Project is an intensive case management approach to tackling the highest-risk, highest harm, serial perpetrators of domestic abuse, and works to change behaviour, disrupt offending, and keep victims safe. This funding will aim to expand The Drive Project into 15 new Police and Crime Commissioner areas in the first year, ahead of further roll-out across England and Wales. This is a significant step in addressing the root cause of abuse – this funding targets perpetrators and places victims at the centre of the response by ensuring their safety through addressing perpetrator behaviour and providing dedicated support. I think you will be pleased to note that this funding has been secured and offered over a four-year period. I know that the committee have heard the views of sector partners and the need for longer term funding, as I have.

This is just one element of this Government's overall plan for halving VAWG. We will provide further details in the upcoming cross-Government VAWG Strategy, which will set out our ambitious commitments to prevent violence, support victims and survivors, and bring perpetrators to justice. As set out in my letter of 2nd July, the Government intends to publish the new VAWG Strategy in September, and we will keep the committee updated as this work progresses.

Yours sincerely,

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