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Rt Hon Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP

Secretary of State for the Home Department

By email only

Dear Home Secretary

Brook House Inquiry

Thank you for your letter of 21 September, in which you stated your intention to fully consider the recommendations in the Inquiry's Report.

It is now one month since the publication of the Report. As I have stated, both in the report and in my public comments, it is crucial that details of the steps to be taken in response to each of the 33 recommendations, and the timetable involved, is published within six months. However, I would be grateful if you could provide now some information about the steps the Home Office has, or intends to, put in place in order to review and respond to these recommendations.

As you may be aware, many of the Core Participants in this Inquiry have expressed a view that there should be a monitoring phase following the publication of my Report. I am aware that Core Participants remain keenly interested and therefore I would like to share information regarding the steps that are being taken to review and implement my recommendations before the Inquiry closes. As the majority of my recommendations are directed to the Home Office, I am initially writing to you. However, I also intend to ask recipients of all other recommendations to provide similar updates and intend to publish this correspondence and the related responses.

I have been encouraged to learn from Sir John Saunders' recent update that the Home Office has appointed a Senior Civil Servant to monitor the response to the Manchester Arena Inquiry recommendations. It is my understanding that they will then provide a report to the Home Affairs Select Committee. In my view such an approach is also essential for the Brook House Inquiry findings. Given the time and public expense involved in conducting the Inquiry, it is important that the recommendations are carefully considered and work in relation to them is taken forward swiftly. The failure to adequately implement inquiry recommendations is a concern that has been highlighted by the chairs of other public inquiries and by the Institute of Government. This Inquiry's report also reflects upon the recommendations of previous reviews and investigations which were not acted upon.

I have requested that the Home Affairs Select Committee and the Joint Committee on Human Rights take an active interest in the response to my findings. In my view, both committees can fulfil a far more meaningful role in this regard if they are provided with comprehensive information from a Senior Civil Servant who has direct responsibility for monitoring the response to every recommendation.

I am committed to assisting Government to fully engage with the recommendations within my report and to ensure that they are implemented effectively. I would be willing to review the responses to my recommendations in five months' time, at no cost to the public purse. In my view, the combination of these measures, which are not overly burdensome, is necessary to ensure that real action is taken in view of my findings.

I would be grateful for a response by 9 November 2023. Alternatively, please let me know if it would be helpful to arrange a call between our teams so that they can discuss this further.

Your sincerely



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