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Dear Keith

### **Triennial Review of the Police (Discipline) Appeals Tribunal**

I am writing in my capacity as duty Minister in the Home Office to inform you that we will shortly commence a Triennial Review of the Police (Discipline) Appeals Tribunal (PDAT), which was outlined in the recent Triennial Review timetable published by the Cabinet Office. This is part of the Government's commitment to ensuring that Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) continue to have regular independent challenge. It falls under the Cabinet Office Triennial Review Programme, which requires government departments to review their NDPBs every three years.

The PDAT review will be conducted by (retd) Major-General Clive Chapman, who is also undertaking a wider review of the police disciplinary system, which the Home Secretary announced on 22 July. The review is due to complete by 29 September.

Stage one of the review provides robust challenge to the continuing need for the PDAT as a NDPB, in both its form and functions. The Home Office will shortly be inviting policing partners, members of the PDAT and the public to complete an online questionnaire, which will be available on the gov.uk website. Ministers will write to you again following the completion of stage one to notify you of the outcome.

If the review finds that the PDAT should continue as a NDPB, stage two will then look at the control and governance arrangements in place. This will ensure that the recognised principles of good governance, as set out in the Cabinet Office guidance 'Advisory NDPBs: Corporate Governance Arrangements', are being complied with.

The final report will be agreed by Home Office Ministers and the Minister for the Cabinet Office, before being announced by Written Ministerial Statement.

We will place a copy of this letter in the House library.

Yours sincerely

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**Minister of State**