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RE: Statement on Harassment in Public Life

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 21 December 2017 about my Oral Statement to the House on Harassment in Public Life on 18 December 2017. I am grateful for bringing this to my attention.

As you have noted, the role of the Parliamentary Security Department is primarily related to the security of MPs on the Parliamentary Estate. As you have also observed, their functions now also include wider aspects of security such as the oversight of the contract to install security measures at Members' homes and offices under Project SAFE and the provision of security advice and guidance through the Members Security Support Service. Local police forces remain responsible for the consideration of any issues regarding Members' security outside of the Parliamentary Estate.

I will place a copy of this letter in the House Library to reinforce the divisions of responsibility for MPs' security.

Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP