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Dear Robert

JUSTICE QUESTIONS: DOMESTIC ABUSE

I am writing to clarify the response I gave to you during Justice Questions on 24 April 2018 regarding steps taken to provide a more efficient and accountable criminal justice system for victims of domestic abuse, and which is recorded in Hansard, Volume 639, Column 727, and can be found at the link:

https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-04-24/debates/D93EFD7C-4F1B-4FBF-8351-23FD85F5DD72/DomesticAbuse

I misspoke when I stated that, last month, the Prime Minister launched the "Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy" at No.10. I, of course, meant to say that the Prime Minister launched the consultation *Transforming the Response to Domestic Abuse* last month. More information on the consultation can be found here: https://consult.justice.gov.uk/homeoffice-moj/domestic-abuse-consultation and at www.gov.uk

For clarification, the Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy was published on International Women's Day in March 2016. As part of this, my department works closely with Cabinet colleagues on this cross-government programme of work, and we are working to refresh the existing Strategy to capture the new proposals to tackle domestic abuse.

I have placed a copy of this letter in the House library.

Yours ever

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