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Dear Nick,

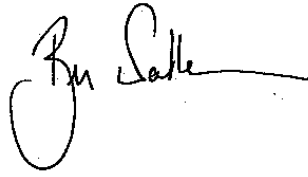
I am writing to clarify the answer I gave regarding funding for the new National County Lines Co-ordination Centre during Home Office oral questions on Monday 16 April.

The Home Office is providing £40 million of funding over two years to support the initiatives in the strategy, including the National County Lines Co-ordination Centre. This funding has been made available through the Home Secretary's crime reduction budget. It does not affect any existing programme budgets, and it does not come from Police Transformation Fund (PTF) or from police budgets.

The National County Lines Co-ordination Centre is being established in the National Crime Agency to help bring the law enforcement effort together to tackle county lines. The Centre will provide an important resource to support police operations, to help build intelligence, and to link with organisations to support vulnerable individuals who have been exploited as part of county lines criminality. The previous Home Secretary announced that £3.6m of funding is being made available from the strategy's £40m funding to support this law enforcement initiative. It does not come from PTF and I apologise if this is the impression given.

In addition to the £40m of funding available to support the strategy's specific initiatives, you will have seen that the strategy also highlights how projects and programmes funded through the PTF will support the strategy's aims. For example, this includes the work in Wales to prevent and mitigate adverse childhood experiences and the Avon and Somerset pilot to create a Multi-Agency Integrated Services Analytic Hub. This funding from the PTF is not included in the £40 million supporting the strategy.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the House Library.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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