



## Home Office

Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP  
Chair, Home Affairs Committee  
House of Commons  
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Dear Yvette,

I am writing to you concerning the BuzzFeed News allegations of Russian state involvement in 14 deaths in the UK, following my predecessor's letter to you of 10 March on the same matter.

At that time, the then Home Secretary wrote that she would want to satisfy herself that the allegations were nothing more than that, and that she would write to you again with her conclusions.

The Security Minister briefed you in more detail about the review on 25 June on a Privy Council basis. He also explained why we cannot publicly comment any further on the detail of this review. The Security Minister provided a similar briefing to the Chair of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament, and has offered to brief the Shadow Home Secretary at the earliest opportunity.

Following your meeting with the Security Minister, I can now formally confirm that the Government's assurance work around the 14 cases is complete. The Police have confirmed that there is no basis on which to re-open any of the investigations. Clearly, should any new information become available, then the relevant police force will continue to monitor this position and take additional action as necessary.

I will arrange for a copy of this letter to be deposited in the House Library.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP**