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Dear Yvette,

## INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT - INTERIM REPORT ON THE INDEPENDENT CHILD TRAFFICKING ADVOCATES

As you are aware Frank Field MP, Maria Miller MP and Baroness Butler-Sloss are undertaking an independent review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. They have, today, published an interim report on the role of the Independent Child Trafficking Advocates.

I am attaching a copy for your interest given its relevance to your inquiry on modern slavery. We are considering the findings and will provide a formal response in due course. In the meantime, we welcome the Review's findings and their endorsement of the revised model being trialled by the Government, which is being rolled out to one third of local authorities in England and Wales. We will carefully consider the Review's recommendations on how we can further develop the support offered to trafficked children.

I will also arrange for a copy of this letter and the interim report to be placed in the House Libraries.

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