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Lord Black of Brentwood  
House of Lords  
Westminster  
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**Amanda Spielman**  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

*Dear Lord Black*

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION HL17076:**

*To ask Her Majesty's Government what progress they have made, with Ofsted, in the implementation and training of Her Majesty's Inspectors who are subject specialists. (HL17076)*

Your recent Parliamentary Question has been passed to me, as Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, for response.

All our inspectors have at least 5 years senior leadership experience before they become inspectors. At secondary level our inspectors have experience of teaching in specific subject areas for a number of years. We are developing training in subjects across the curriculum to support inspectors and enhance their expertise.

All inspectors receive 10-12 weeks of training before they begin leading inspections. This training includes 11 days of classroom based training on the principles of inspection practice, online training packages, shadow inspections, acting as team inspectors, coaching on their report writing and other skills.

To prepare for the implementation of the new education inspection framework in September, all Her Majesty's Inspectors are undertaking additional training. This covers inspection methodology in line with our published note, 'Inspecting the curriculum'.

Every lead inspector has already conducted at least one pilot inspection under the new framework in order to develop practical experience of the framework and methodology first hand.



I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

*Amanda Spielman*

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION HL17051

To ask Her Majesty's Government what progress they have made in responding to the report of the inquiry into the death of Lord Black, and what steps they intend to take to prevent a similar tragedy from occurring.

The Minister of State for the Home Department, Lord Black, will be asked to answer this question.

The inquiry into the death of Lord Black was established in 2017. The inquiry has published its findings and recommendations. The Government has accepted the findings of the inquiry and has taken steps to implement the recommendations.

The Government has also taken steps to improve the safety of the House of Lords. This includes the installation of new fire doors and the improvement of the fire alarm system.

The Government is committed to ensuring the safety of the House of Lords and will continue to work with the inquiry to implement its recommendations.

The Government will continue to monitor the progress of the inquiry and will report to Parliament on its findings.