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Dear Peter,

During last week's debate I undertook to provide you with information regarding how the Prime Minister and Home Secretary will receive information in relation to CHIS criminal conduct authorisations (CCA).

Both the Home Secretary and other Ministers will discuss these matters during their regular meetings with the heads of the Security Services and the police, as well as with the Investigatory Powers Commissioner. We expect particular issues, and particularly relevant political issues, to continue to be raised in these meetings, as they are at present. In addition to this the Ministers, including the Prime Minister, receive IPCO's annual report, both the open and closed parts, which highlights any particular issues.

Outside of these regular formal engagements, IPCO are able to conduct ad hoc inspections into non-compliance where, for instance, they may have been made aware of a serious error. The Prime Minister and Home Secretary will be made aware of the results of these inspections if IPCO decide that it is relevant to inform them.

I hope this provides necessary reassurance, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Best wishes,

Baroness Williams of Trafford