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Rt Hon. The Lord Falconer of Thoroton QC
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Dear Lord Falconer,

LOCAL AUTHORITY INVOLVEMENT IN SECURE SCHOOLS

Thank you for your question during the debate on Clause 139 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, regarding whether the £259 million announced in the Spending Review to continue the secure training programme to maintain capacity, expand provision and support local authorities is new money, or whether it maintains the existing amount of money per annum.

The £259m is a combination of new investment and confirmed funding for open and secure children's homes from previous announcements. This is the first time we will have announced a multi-year capital settlement for secure children's homes.

I hope that this answers the question that you raised, and I am happy to meet to discuss this matter further. I will be placing a copy of this letter in the House of Lords library.

Yours sincerely,

**LORD (DAVID) WOLFSON
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