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Dear Lord Harris of Haringey,

LRF funding and the work of the Civil Contingencies Secretariat

Thank you for raising two important questions in the Chamber during the Oral Statement on extreme heat in the UK, which I repeated on 21 July 2022.

As you may know, Local Resilience Forum (LRF) policy falls to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). Following your question on LRF funding, I reached out to colleagues at DLUHC to obtain an update.

In the financial year 2021/22, DLUHC ran a £7.5m LRF funding pilot to test the efficacy and potential benefits and risks of HMG providing a degree of core funding to LRFs. Following the success of this pilot, DLUHC agreed a three-year funding settlement with LRFs, providing £7.45m per year of funding allocated between the 38 LRFs in England, to complement and supplement the funding and in-kind support they receive from their partners. DLUHC will continue to review funding arrangements for LRFs, including as part of their Integrated Review commitment to consider strengthening the roles and responsibilities of LRFs in England.

On your second question, which does fall within the remit of the Cabinet Office, I can advise that the work of the Civil Contingencies Secretariat (CCS), spanning long-term resilience policy through to crisis management, continues. Staffing will be flexed accordingly, with capacity surged when required. As the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster stated to the Commons on Wednesday 20 July, the government will continue to build our collective resilience, coordinating work of teams across government, to make sure the country is ready to meet the challenges of the autumn, the winter and beyond.

I have requested that a copy of this letter be deposited in the libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,

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