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Dear Lord Rooker,

Urgent Question Response

I am writing to update you on the question you asked during the 'Drones: High Security' urgent question repeat on the 15th January about the exercise yards at HMP Long Lartin.

I am pleased to be able to confirm that currently there are no restrictions to the availability or use of any exercise yards at HMP Long Lartin and no concerns with the safety of those yards. Exercise yards are checked for illicit items by staff members prior to allowing prisoners to exercise and prisoners are observed during the exercise period. Drone ingress is not currently affecting the exercise yards and, thankfully, throwovers have not been an issue for some time at the prison.

I hope the above information is helpful in clarifying the use of exercise yards at HMP Long Lartin. I will also place a copy of this letter in the House Library.

Lord Timpson
Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending