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Dear Lucy,

**Crime and Policing Bill: artificial intelligence**

During the Committee Stage debate on the Crime and Policing Bill on Thursday 22nd January, I committed to write to you with examples of how the police are currently using artificial intelligence (Hansard, col. 456). I am grateful for the opportunity to set this out, drawing on the Police Reform White Paper, "*From Local to National: A New Model for Policing*", published by the Home Secretary on 26th January.

The White Paper explains that several forces are already using AI-enabled tools to support frontline policing in impactful ways. Some forces are using automated transcription tools to process audio and video material more quickly, saving investigators significant time by converting interviews or captured footage into text for case files. National programmes such as the Tackling Organised Exploitation Programme provide forces with AI-supported capabilities that save time on complex investigations. These tools have generated over £42 million in opportunity savings, with one transcription tool alone saving an estimated 33,000 investigator hours.

AI is also being used to support operational decision making. Forces are trialling semi-automated systems that assist with the classification of crime reports and the management of digital evidence. The White Paper notes that police forces are beginning to adopt AI-supported redaction tools which reduce the time required to remove sensitive information from CCTV or body worn video, sometimes by up to 60%. Efficient use of these tools could release many thousands of officer hours nationally each year.

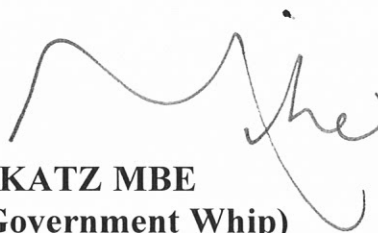
The White Paper also explains that Police.AI, the new national centre for AI in policing, will concentrate on relieving some of the most time intensive administrative demands. Its work will include improving automated support for disclosure tasks,

assisting with reviewing CCTV evidence, helping with the preparation of case files, and improving the accuracy and speed of crime recording, classification and translation functions. These efforts are intended to allow more officers to focus on frontline duties. This programme will be funded through a £115 million investment, supporting forces to use AI responsibly and transparently and will ensure that tools are rigorously tested before operational use.

Thank you again for raising this important issue. I hope this is helpful and demonstrates the use of AI in policing and the steps being taken to ensure that future adoption is safe, ethical and focused on improving the service to the public.

I hope you find this letter helpful. I will also send a copy to Lord Davies of Gower, Baroness Doocey, Lord Clement-Jones and Lord Sandhurst and place a copy in the House library.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'The Katz', written in a cursive style.

**THE LORD KATZ MBE**  
**Lord in Waiting (Government Whip)**

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