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Dear Home Secretary,

POLICE GRANT 2016/17

Thank you for your letter of 17 March 2016, which followed my correspondence with the Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP, Shadow Home Secretary, regarding police funding.

In my letter to Mr Burnham I noted that the Written Ministerial Statement¹ published with the Police Grant Report 2016/17² includes other sources that contribute to police funding. These include for example, funding from the Home Office, Department of Communities and Local Government, Welsh Government and the precept (the amount raised in Council tax that goes toward police funding).

The House of Commons library analysis referred to in the letter to Mr Burnham was based on the figures in the Police Grant Report³ settlement and represents "*the amount of the aggregate amount of grants for police purposes to be paid to each local policing body other than the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, and to the Greater London Authority on behalf of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime*".

To provide clarity, it would be helpful if all aspects of police funding were brought together in a single document, accompanied by appropriate commentary, to enhance understanding of these figures.

I am copying this letter to David Blunt, Chief Statistician and Head of Profession for Statistics at the Home Office.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Andrew Dilnot CBE

¹<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2016-02-04/HCWS510/>

²https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/486447/2015_12_16_provisional_police_grant_report_2016-17_final.pdf

³https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/401176/46784_HC_930_accessible.pdf