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Dear Philippa

Thank you for your email of 9 April regarding the London Assembly Fire Committee's report 'Action and Ambition – London Fire Brigade's culture. I am responding as the minister responsible for this policy area.

The Government accepted, in principle, the recommendation to establish a College of Fire and Rescue that was set out in the Grenfell Inquiry Phase 2 report. We expect to launch a public consultation later in the year to gather views and evidence on the most appropriate functions for a college to fulfil, as well as how it would be best structured and delivered. Decisions on the most appropriate remit for a college will be taken once we have reviewed and analysed the consultation results.

The Government is also committed to introducing a barred list, which was a recommendation made by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services's spotlight report on fire and rescue service culture ('Values and culture in fire and rescue services') published on 31 March 2023.

While we understand the desire to see these projects completed quickly, we cannot comment on how soon we hope to finalise them. These are long-term and complex ambitions, and it is important that we take the necessary time to get them right. These projects will also require primary legislation, which will take time to deliver.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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