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Water cannon for use by police in England and Wales

I welcome the work of the Police and Crime Committee in scrutinising the actions and decisions of the Mayor, in his capacity as the elected local policing body for London, and in ensuring that information is made available to the public.

I note your letter dated 3 March concerning the police's consideration of water cannon for use in England and Wales and the attached Police and Crime Committee's February 2014 report on Water Cannon: *Why the Met's case doesn't wash*.

I have received the Mayor's letter of 19 March confirming his support for water cannon to be made available to the Metropolitan Police. The national policing lead for conflict management, Chief Constable David Shaw has also now written to me, with the required supporting documents, to seek my authorisation for the police to use water cannon in England and Wales. Following my consideration of this, my decision will be notified to Parliament via a statement and the relevant supporting documents submitted by the police will be laid in the House library.

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP