

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Joanne

## **Water Cannon – Police and Crime Committee Report into Water Cannon**

I am writing concerning the discussion about Water Cannon during Mayor's questions on Wednesday.

In answering your question about whether or not I had read the PCC report, I gave the factual answer that I had not read the document as published.

However, I feel that I should make it clear that the points raised in your report were taken into consideration by me as I came to a view on whether or not to support the request for Water Cannon to be available to the Police in London.

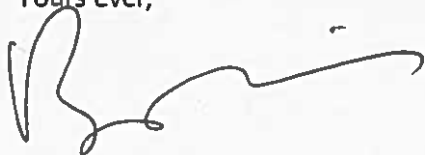
The supporting document published with my letter to the Home Secretary sets out the concerns raised – including references to your committee's work –along with responses including assurances that I have received from the Metropolitan Police Service. These include the concerns and points raised by your committee, both when you questioned me and in the report.

Additionally, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to whom most of the functions I exercise as the occupant of MOPAC are delegated, has advised me extensively on this matter. He, and the officials who support him, have read and considered your report and from that point of view also, I can assure you that the points raised have been seriously considered.

I also reiterate that in the event that Water Cannons are licensed for use in London, I and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime will be holding the police to account for the safeguards and protocols that they have offered as to how this tool will be deployed.

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London