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Thank you for your letter of 20 February to the Home Secretary about police funding. I am replying as the Minister for Crime and Policing.

I note your comments about multiyear police funding settlements. I am sure you will welcome the fact that the 2020/21 police funding settlement sets out the biggest increase in funding for the policing system since 2010. This is a clear step change reinforcing this Government's commitment to investing in policing to employ more officers, tackle serious and organised crime and protect the public from terrorism.

The Metropolitan police will receive a maximum of £2,938.1 million in funding in 2020/21, if you choose to maximise precept flexibility, which is an increase of up to £191.2 million on last year.

I would like to reassure you that this Government is determined to give the police service the resources it needs to crack down on crime, deal robustly with the criminals exploiting the vulnerable and to improve outcomes for the victims of crime.

Funding for future years will be set out at the next Spending Review.

Kit Malthouse MP