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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Jennette,

Thank you for your letter of 24 July and your warm words of congratulations. I am glad that London continues to have strong voices to ensure it remains one of the best cities on the planet to live and work.

Please rest assured that the Government takes domestic violence very seriously, and I will ensure that we continue to expand the national Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy. The Government has refreshed our cross-Government VAWG strategy to ensure we are doing all we can to tackle crimes which disproportionately affect women.

The Government has no plans to introduce a 'register' for serial and repeat domestic abuse and stalking perpetrators. Our focus is on ensuring that we make better use of existing law, rather than creating new databases or registers for individual offences. However we recognise that this issue cannot be addressed through legislation alone so we have therefore also set out a wider package of measures, including extra investment in policing and the criminal justice system. Together with the strides already made by the London Metropolitan Police, my commitment to hire an extra 20,000 police officers across the country between now and 2023 will help them tackle violence in all its forms, so London can remain one of the safest big cities on the planet.

This is an extraordinarily exciting time to be a Londoner. Crossrail is Europe's largest railway infrastructure project and will transform how millions travel through the city. Huge housing projects are occurring across our fantastic city: from Old Kent Road to Vauxhall to Barking, London is building again.

Since Parliament approved the third runway last year, the Government has been steadfast in ensuring that Heathrow Airport meets its environmental obligations, leading to their announcement for Carbon Neutral growth in December 2018. The Government is also providing £2.6 billion for local communities, covering compensation, insulation and improvements to local amenities, to make sure this expansion works for everyone. We are enforcing a six and a half hour ban on night flights, with a view of extending this in the future.

I am glad you share my enthusiasm for the future. We have the opportunity to ensure that central and local government work hand-in-hand to revitalise the country, level-up forgotten regions, and ensure London retains its enviable position as the greatest city in the world.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennette Arnold".

Ms Jennette Arnold OBE AM