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Dear Ms Edwards

SSRB Review of Chief Police Officers' Remuneration

I look forward to seeing the SSRB's consideration of pay and conditions for the chief police officer ranks, for the first time based on your objective, independent and comprehensive assessment of the evidence. I am confident that both you and the Police Remuneration Review Body (PRRB) will help deliver pay and conditions that are not only fair to police officers, but are fair to the public as well.

I think it is absolutely right that chief officers' pay is reviewed alongside other senior public officials. That is why, when creating the PRRB, we gave the SSRB that remit. However, in considering the recommendations from you, and from the PRRB, I think it is very important that the Government can consider them collectively, and make a single coherent decision on police pay.

My officials have recently discussed the timing of reports with the SSRB secretariat at the OME and I now write to formally request that the timetable of the SSRB review in respect of the chief police officer ranks be synchronised with the PRRB. That will mean collecting written evidence from December 2014 and a report in June 2015. I think that this will not only ensure the best decision at the end of the process, but will aid the process by ensuring that David Lebrecht can inform each of the bodies of the other's progress.

I look forward to receiving your recommendations no later than 19 June 2015.

Yours sincerely
Theresa May

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP