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Dear Andy,

Thank you for your letter of 6 August.

Your Executive Council met on 24 and 29 July and no strike action was announced, although I can only subsequently conclude that strike action had been agreed. You sought a meeting with me, which I was happy to accept given that no action had been announced. My office proposed a final meeting date and time with your office on 31 July just after midday. At around 1pm that same afternoon, my Department became aware that the FBU had called further strike action. It seems clear that your decision to announce strike action was withheld until a meeting was arranged. This shows very bad faith on your part given that I had already made it very clear that strike action limits both dialogue and options available to me.

I would be happy to meet with you if you call off further damaging industrial action.

**PENNY MORDAUNT MP**