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## **APPENDIX 4**

**14th November 2014**

**London MPs  
London Council Leaders  
Police and Crime Committee  
Community Advocates  
Broadcasters / Journalists**

Dear All,

I am writing to London MP's, Police and Crime Committee, broadcasters/journalists, council leaders and community advocates following the end of the Duggan inquest last week. Regardless of the very clear "lawful killing" verdict it has generated debate about police firearms tactics and firearms officers decision. As a consequence and to try to better inform that debate about the tactics used to confront armed criminals as we protect London, I write to invite you to take part in a "firearms judgment range" exercise. This is a video simulation exercise that is used as part of Firearms Officer training and not only tests their decision making but also illustrates the fast moving split second nature of the incidents and the consequent challenges in accurate recall. Over the past two years a small number of journalists and politicians have engaged in this and found it useful. The Commissioner and myself are strongly of the view that if more opinion formers such as yourself are able to engage with the judgment range exercise it can only positively inform the debate.

To this end we have penciled in three sessions on the following Thursdays, which can take up to a maximum of 15 people. If we are over subscribed we will arrange more dates. These sessions will take place at New Scotland Yard.

16 January 5-7pm

23 January 5-7pm

30 January 6-8pm

Please confirm attendance via e-mail with [Jane.Johnson@met.police.uk](mailto:Jane.Johnson@met.police.uk) or  
[Lee-Anne.Purvor@met.police.uk](mailto:Lee-Anne.Purvor@met.police.uk)

In addition if local council leaders want such events to take place for key opinion formers on their borough we would be happy to arrange similar sessions in the forthcoming months.

I hope you find these suggestions helpful and are able to join us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Rowley', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**Mark Rowley**  
**Assistant Commissioner,**  
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