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Dear Amber

Force report for the efficiency strand of PEEL

I write with regard to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) PEEL Efficiency report published on 9 November 2017.

As you will be aware the HMICFRS scored the Met as 'requires improvement' in two of the three areas: 'how well does the force understand demand' and 'how well does the force use its resources'. It was assessed as 'good' in 'how well it plans for the future'. I will work with the Commissioner as the recommendations are taken forward.

The Met's One Met Model Transformation Programme seeks to deliver radical improvements in the forces digital capability, organisational structures and to rationalise their estate in order to deliver-substantial savings. It is without doubt the largest transformation programme in UK policing and I am pleased to see that the future plans were well received by the Inspectorate. I am aware Robin Wilkinson wrote to you with details surrounding this point.

It is unfortunate that the scale of this ambition and the progress made so far was not reflected in the whole report. The transformation programme is wide ranging: the aim is to join up the data systems which feed into officers' mobile devices to mean officers can give better, quicker service the public; and to change the operating model – like BCUs - not just to save costs but to improve a number of areas of policing, such as investigations and safeguarding.

Whilst the Mayor and I will of course continue to work with the Met to seek out any opportunities to make further savings, the reality is that unless real terms reductions in the Government's core grant funding stop, we will be forced to a sharp fall in officer numbers, possibly down to 27,500, the lowest level for 19 years.

Yours sincerely,



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