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Dear Shona,

## **MILITARY SUPPORT TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES SECURITY**

When we spoke previously I undertook to revert to you with a view of how the UK Government would approach the issue of cost recovery for the 2,000 strong Military Venue Security Force (MVSF) which has now been formally requested by DCC Allen in his role as Commonwealth Games Security Director.

I am pleased to say that after discussion with colleagues here I am able to inform you that the UK Government will absorb the entire cost of providing this force and will not seek to recover any of the cost from Police Scotland.

This is a departure from usual practice when Military Aid to the Civil Power is provided, and should not be held as a precedent for future events. This unique arrangement is one which I have been pleased to secure as part of our shared commitment to deliver a safe, secure and ultimately successful Commonwealth Games.

**The Rt. Hon Theresa May MP**