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Mrs Christiphis

Thank you for your letter of 19 July, regarding DCMS' relations with the PCC in relation to the $7^{\rm th}$ July anniversary.

I would like to thank you for all your help with us on an issue that was of great concern to the families as they prepared to remember their loved ones. It is encouraging to see from your letter that you haven't received any complaints from any of those affected by the London bombings around this year's anniversary

Thank you for your offer of a meeting to discuss these issues and future working relations with my Department. Although we have received no formal complaints, there are a number of issues which press officers working with the Humanitarian Assistance Unit would like to clarify with the PCC, such as use of photographs of the deceased and the conduct of journalists. Paul Alsey here, and Georgia Parks, one of our press officers will be in touch to arrange a meeting.

Once again, thank you for your assistance and professionalism on such a sensitive matter.

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