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Dear Tim,

Government response to the House of Lords European Union Committee report *'EU police and criminal justice measures: The UK's 2014 opt-out decision'*

Thank you for your report on the 2014 opt-out decision, which we noted with interest. We are grateful for your ongoing consideration of this important matter.

We would like to make you aware that we anticipate a short delay in providing the Government's response. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but consider that this will allow us to provide a more substantial reply.

We look forward to engaging with you further on this important matter going forward, and will endeavour to respond to your report as soon as possible.

We are copying this letter to the Chairman of the European Scrutiny Committee, Mr William Cash MP, the Chairman of the Justice Select Committee, the Rt. Hon. Alan Beith; the Chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee, Rt. Hon. Keith Vaz; Jake Vaughan, Clerk to the Lords Committee; Les Saunders (Cabinet Office); Deborah Maggs, Home Office Departmental Scrutiny Coordinator; and Patricia Zimmermann, Ministry of Justice Departmental Scrutiny Coordinator.

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Home Secretary

The Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP
Justice Secretary