

The Chairman  
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Dear Ms Chakrabarti,

**Home Affairs Committee inquiry into Antisemitism**

May I send you my warm congratulations on your nomination as a Labour Peer by the Leader of the Labour Party.

As you know, when Mr Corbyn gave evidence to the Committee in our inquiry into antisemitism on 4 July he asserted that the inquiry which you chaired was independent of the Labour Party.

The Committee is in the process of finalising its report on this highly significant matter and it is important that we understand the broader context in which our inquiry has taken place.

I would be grateful if you would let me know whether you were offered your peerage before, during or after the inquiry was concluded on 30 June 2016. It would be helpful if you could specify the precise date when the offer was made to you.

I would be grateful for your response by 15 August 2016.

With Best wishes  
Jos Scales  
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**Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP  
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