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Dear Maria,

Thank you for your letter of 11 January, asking for details of the Government's approach to race equality.

This Government is committed to creating a fair society in which all people, of whatever ethnic origin or background, are valued, and able to participate fully and realise their full potential. During the election campaign the Prime Minister set out his 2020 vision, with challenging targets across Whitehall to increase BAME opportunities, such as take up of apprenticeships, employment and recruitment in the police and armed forces.

The four Government departments are currently taking forward work to realise the 2020 commitments. Each Whitehall department is responsible for taking forward work to tackle any race inequalities that have been identified in their policy areas. More generally, DCLG holds the policy lead across Government on race equality, whilst GEO has overall responsibility for equality legislation. My officials work closely with their counterparts in other departments to co-ordinate and highlight all relevant activity. I also regularly meet with stakeholders to ensure their views feed into Government policy.

I wish you the very best with the continued work of the Women and Equalities Committee.

Best wishes,  
Susan

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