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Dear Mr Hamblin-Boone,

Thank you for your letter of 9 June to the Minister for the Constitution and Devolution, Chloe Smith MP, regarding the actions taken by The Civil Enforcement Association (CIVEA) in regards to advising and preparing its members as lockdown measures are eased. Your letter has been passed to me and I am responding as the Paymaster General.

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for your proactive stance in encouraging your members to follow the guidance. Thank you as well for the hard work carried out by your staff on behalf of local authorities and government. COVID-19 is one of the greatest challenges our country has faced, and it is truly awe inspiring to see the nation coming together to help each other out during this difficult time.

I understand that you received a reply from the Right Honourable Lord Keen of Elie QC at the Ministry of Justice, I hope that this answers your questions. I would only like to add that I echo his appreciation of your support for the vulnerable and your strong leadership, particularly over the last few months.

We appreciate CIVEA's ongoing support to the national COVID-19 response and I thank you for your patience in receiving this reply. Indeed, on behalf of colleagues across government, I would like to thank you and all of CIVEA's members for what they are doing to help us during this crisis.

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