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By email

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Dear Ziggy,

PAF Consultation Exemplifications

When we spoke about the above recently you asked me if I would be able to provide some information regarding the amount of resource Forces are applying to establish the impact of the consultation proposals in the absence of the Home Office providing exemplifications.

I've now had contact with Forces and PACCTS colleagues and it is clear that a considerable amount of time and effort is being applied to try and understand the impact of the proposals. I am also aware that in some cases, most notably the Metropolitan Forces, that there are commissioned pieces of work with 3rd parties to determine the robustness of the proposals and the impact on the service.

I would suggest that the activity outlined above is understandable and necessary given that we are all currently revising our medium term financial forecasts in the context of announcements around further significant reductions in resources likely to be announced as part of the forthcoming spending review. Clearly the potential impact from a redistribution of resources has a significant impact on how we frame our planning and decisions which will ultimately flow from this.

I am aware from colleagues that the consultation meetings currently being held across the country are helpful and I am grateful that we have the opportunity to get behind some of the details with your team. However, there is a consistent message emerging from these events that the lack of exemplifications has eroded the benefit to be gained from the events. In a nutshell the feedback is that the lack of exemplifications is resulting in an enormous amount of time, energy and cost being applied at a time when we can ill afford it.

In our discussion you offered to raise the issue of releasing exemplifications with the Policing Minister and I would ask that you do so as a matter of urgency. I would also ask that you request that he agrees to the exemplifications being released before the consultation closes on the 15th September so that we can continue the mature

debate on the funding formula consultation with more certainty and clarity, which is in everyone's interest and would clearly represent better value for money than the approach we are having to take.

If you wish to discuss the letter further please do not hesitate to contact me. I have copied in Nigel Brook and Sean Nolan as the respective leads for Forces and PCCs on finance matters.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Cosh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Cosh

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