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*Dear Clive,*

Thank you for your letter dated 9 March to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government regarding the resources used to police fracking protests. Your letter has been passed to the Home Office and I am replying as the Minister for Policing and the Fire Service. I am sorry for the delay.

I understand your concern regarding the impact that protests are having on Lancashire Constabulary. However, there is no central government funding stream available to meet the policing costs incurred as a result of fracking.

Special Grants are additional funding that Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) can apply for if their force faces a significant and unexpected event which threatens the financial stability of the force.

Special Grant funding is usually only available when the additional costs incurred are greater than one per cent of the PCC's budget.

Police forces should include within their policing and budget plans reasonable contingencies for unexpected events within their areas.

*Brandon Lewis*

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