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Dear Peter,

IMPRISONMENT FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION (IPP) – HMIP REVIEW OF RECALL

Thank you for your letter of 17 February about the Government's response to the Justice Select Committee's inquiry into the IPP sentence, regarding the ask of the Chief Inspector of Probation to carry out a thematic review of the cases where offenders serving the IPP sentence are recalled to custody.

I would like to begin by thanking you for sharing your report entitled '*No life, no freedom, no future: the experiences of people recalled whilst serving IPP sentences*', which was originally published in December 2020. I know that this report was read with care when it was originally received and am grateful to you for bringing it to the fore again.

I note your disappointment with the overall Government response to the Committee's report, but I am pleased that you are supportive of the planned approach to exploring the necessity and proportionality of recall decisions. I note your request to broaden the terms of reference to allow the Chief Inspector of Probation to explore probation practice in the periods prior to recall decisions being made, and to consider whether there were opportunities to have achieved a different outcome, had support and guidance been provided at the first signs that the offender's compliance was faltering. As you note, we have yet to finalise the terms of reference for the review and I will consider your recommendation and will discuss further with officials.

I would like to thank you for your continued interest in the IPP population and look forward to further helpful exchanges on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Hinds
Minister for Prisons and Probation