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Katie Lomas, National Chair, Napo; Ian Lawrence, General Secretary, Napo By Email

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Dear Ian and Katie,

I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you on behalf of the Committee and thank you for giving evidence to the Committee yesterday.

As you will know, the Committee have changed their method of participation considerably to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and yesterday's session was the Committee's first live broadcast session to take place digitally. We are grateful for the time you gave us yesterday and for bearing with us whilst we tested new technology.

We very much appreciated the helpful oral evidence you provided the Committee with yesterday; it was useful to hear from Napo on the impact of COVID-19 on the Probation Service, particularly the impact on staff. Your evidence helps the Committee to fulfil its scrutiny function at such a crucial and unprecedented time.

We look forward to engaging with you in the future on both COVID-19 and other areas of Committee interest.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Bob Neill MP

Chair Justice Committee