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**Select Committee Elections: Chair of Home Affairs Committee**

I am writing to inform you that I am standing for re-election as Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee.

I was elected to Chair the Committee half-way through the last Parliament and along with colleagues, the Committee produced a number of reports that informed the House on key aspects of policy, including:

- Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- The National DNA Database
- The Operation of The Points Based System
- Knife Crime
- Human Trafficking
- The Surveillance Society
- Crime Prevention
- The Cocaine Trade

All but one of the thirty one Reports we produced was **unanimous** and it was a matter of great satisfaction that they were often quoted during debates by Members on all sides of the House including both frontbenches. A number of our recommendations have been accepted by the new and current Government. I am proud that the Committee has highlighted and encouraged debate on serious issues such as the minimum pricing of alcohol, new technology for police officers, early intervention to prevent crime and bogus colleges.

We also ensured that we are **engaged with the public**. We visited Newark, Manchester, Leeds, Brixton, Bristol, Reading, Dover, Croydon, Carshalton and Monmouth, holding seminars and taking evidence. I ensured we responded positively to any suggestions from other MPs concerning the subject matter of future enquires. We also sent Members our key recommendations. If elected I will urge the Committee to continue to do this.

The Select Committee system provides backbench Members with an unrivalled opportunity to develop expertise in an area of policy and to scrutinise effectively, providing positive and constructive criticism. We must be **above** party politics and act in the interests of Parliament as a whole.

I seek your support to continue my work on the Committee as its Chair. Please do not hesitate to contact me on my mobile on [REDACTED] or through my office on [REDACTED] if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith'.

**Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP**