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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for your recent correspondence to the Prime Minister. I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

The Government is disappointed by the decision of the Court of Session in Edinburgh and will appeal to the UK Supreme Court. As you know, there are now contradictory judgments in that Court and in the High Court in London and these will be considered by the Supreme Court in due course.

As the Prime Minister said in his statement on 2 September 2019, the Government has committed to recruiting another 20,000 police officers, improving both NHS and schools funding and completing 20 new hospital upgrades. It is to advance the Government's agenda on these and many other fronts that the Prime Minister has sought to commence a new session of Parliament in October.

Through the forthcoming Queen's Speech, we will bring forward a new bold and ambitious domestic legislative agenda to fight violent crime, devote resources to infrastructure and science and cut the cost of living.

Proroguing Parliament is the legal and necessary way of delivering this. As such, the Government is clear that Parliament remains prorogued, ahead of the Queen's Speech on 14 October.

With every good wish,

*Yours etc.,
Jacob*