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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about Madeleine McCann and Operation Grange.

I appreciate your concerns on this issue. This is a very tragic case and I understand the strength of feeling surrounding Madeleine's disappearance.

Madeleine disappeared in Portugal, and the Portuguese police retain the lead responsibility in the case. However, I understand that law enforcement agencies here have throughout continued to follow up leads and pass information to the Portuguese authorities as appropriate. I share the Government's view that it is right that we assist the Portuguese authorities and I think that it is understandable that there is considerable public support for a Metropolitan Police investigation.

Unfortunately, I am certainly not in a position to comment on the detailed evidence in this case and I think that this is a rightly matter for law enforcement authorities at this stage. I support the operational independence of the Metropolitan Police in their investigation into Madeleine's disappearance and hope that the work that they are doing will help to bring this tragic case to a close.

The total cost of the investigation, into the disappearance of Madeleine McCann (Operation Grange), up until the end of January 2017, is £11.05 million. As I understand it, the resources required will continue to be reviewed.

Once again, many thanks for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY