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(Draft letter to Home Secretary, Secretary of State for Wales and Policing Minister)

Dear XX,

Re: Policing Costs relating to Operation Asper- Penally Asylum seekers centre, Pembrokeshire

I write to you on behalf of the members of the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel

In preparation for the review of the proposed police precept panel members have received a briefing from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys and his Chief Financial Officer, during which the costs associated with the policing of the above centre were highlighted as a significant ongoing financial liability.

Panel members were extremely concerned that to date no financial support has been forthcoming from the Home Office in respect of these costs, even though the decision to establish the centre at that location was taken by the Home Office itself.

The policing of the centre has taken up a large amount of officer time and to meet these pressures officers have had to be diverted away from other duties, leaving local communities at risk.

This operation has placed a significant financial burden on the force which we understand, under current funding rules it will not be able to recover until such time as the costs exceed £1.129 million.

I and my colleagues would therefore ask that the government uses its discretion to reimburse Dyfed-Powys Police in full for the cost of policing the asylum seekers centre at Penally, even if those costs do not exceed the £1.29 million threshold

Yours sincerely

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(Chairman – Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel)