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Mr Watson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will request a report from the Metropolitan Police Commissioner on how many current and former hon. Members are listed in the evidence file for the *News of the World* telephone hacking inquiry held by the Metropolitan police. [42196]

Nick Herbert: No. The Metropolitan police investigation is ongoing. The police have recently said that in the light of fresh evidence they have identified some individuals who had previously been advised that there was little or no information held by the MPS relating to them and that they are taking urgent steps to notify these individuals of developments. They have undertaken to contact anyone else who may be identified as a possible victim in the light of the ongoing consideration of the evidence.