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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Amber

Orgreave: information held by police forces

As I noted in my letter to you of 15 February, a number of police forces have responded to the Home Affairs Select Committee with details of information they hold on events at Orgreave, including information that has yet to be placed in the public domain.

Material from five forces, which is not yet publicly available, is set out in the table below.

Merseyside Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report to Superintendent responsible for officers deployed at Orgreave on 18 June 1984, at which 23 officers were deployed.• Three 'injury reports from officers'.
Metropolitan Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32 files identified relating to miners' strikes in March 1984-March 1985 period, of which two contain information relating to Orgreave.
Norfolk Constabulary	Items held by force historians identified as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item No. 2132(A): Force Admin Record of Dispute (incl. response to 'National Debrief' by Nottinghamshire).• Item No. 3301: Miscellaneous Norfolk PSU Operational Orders (+ other forces).• Item No. 2595: Miscellaneous other Force Operational Orders.• Item No. 2132 (B): Informal photos (Including two taken at Orgreave).• Item No. 2132 (C): Miscellaneous newspaper cuttings, sketches and notes, plus various plaques, miners' lamps and tallies.
Northumbria Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 'documents of relevance' identified including a report by a Superintendent with role of "liaison officer" for units deployed
West Yorkshire Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documents identified which were disclosed to IPCC in 2013 including a review by Chief Constable produced in May 1985 on policing of miners' strike, which refers to Orgreave; photos; an FOI request and other documents also held which refer to miners' strike or Orgreave.

This information is in addition to the information held by South Yorkshire Police (they have completed the cataloguing of 782 files in 84 archive boxes related to Orgreave, with a further 10 boxes since located), and the 20 files held at the Hull History Centre on behalf of the National Police Chiefs' Council, formerly the Association of Chief Police Officers. The Committee is seeking further information from one other force, and has published force responses on the Committee's web pages.

Given the potential importance of the information contained in these latest files discovered by the Home Affairs Select Committee, I urge you to ensure that an independent 'review and publish' process is established, as I outlined in my previous letter to you regarding the South Yorkshire Police files.

I look forward to your early response on how this information can be made publicly available as part of an independent process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvette Cooper', written in a cursive style.

Yvette Cooper MP