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Government response to the Anthony Grainger public inquiry

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40. The police do a vitally important job, so it is only right they are held to the highest possible standards and subject to rigorous examination. The police use of firearms, as with any use of force, must be necessary, proportionate and reasonable in the circumstances. Police officers put themselves in harm's way to protect us, but when things go wrong it is essential that the full facts are established, any proven misconduct is dealt with appropriately and lessons are learnt. It is essential that armed policing operations and their associated investigations are conducted in as safe a manner as possible.
41. The Anthony Grainger Inquiry has identified important lessons to be learnt. The recommendations for policing, and the effectiveness and safety of armed policing in particular, are welcome. Following consideration of the information it has received, the Government can report that good progress has been made on fulfilling the nine recommendations. However, given the seriousness of the findings of the Anthony Grainger Inquiry, we cannot afford to be complacent, but will continue to work with the Police and with HMICFRS to ensure that further progress is made to reduce the risk of Operation Shire's mistakes being repeated. The assurance of armed policing arrangements are independent, operational policing matters and as such will rightly remain the responsibility of Chief Officers, HMICFRS and College of Policing rather than Government.
42. The Anthony Grainger Inquiry Report established the facts and made a valuable contribution to improving the effectiveness of the police.