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Dear Constituent

Thank you for contacting me about children in Mosul.

The protection of civilians during armed conflict is a priority for the UK and its allies. When it comes to children, all efforts must be made to protect them from harm.

The international coalition against Daesh is aiming to liberate Mosul in a way that minimises the humanitarian impact. The UK Government is engaging with the Government of Iraq, the Kurdistan Regional Government, our coalition partners, the UN and other international organisations to ensure comprehensive plans are in place to achieve this.

In July the Foreign Secretary announced £10.5 million in additional UK funding for stabilisation in Iraq, and this includes £1.75 million to support planning associated with the Mosul campaign.

With regard to people who choose to leave Mosul, the UK is working with partners to ensure stabilisation efforts allow internally displaced persons to return to their homes safely.

Yours sincerely



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