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Dear Mrs Karafistan

Many thanks for your email dated 13<sup>th</sup> September. First of all, may I thank you for your congratulations on my being re-elected as the MP for Chipping Barnet? I am deeply grateful to once again represent the constituency in Parliament. It is the greatest honour of my life to have had the opportunity to serve Chipping Barnet as its MP for these past 12 years, and I will continue to work as hard as I can for my constituents in the future.

It is good of you to take the time to alert me to the flight restrictions into northern Cyprus.

As I am sure you will appreciate, the safety and security of the public is the Government's primary concern. Terrorist groups continue to target aviation and this inevitably means a range of security measures are needed. Only those measures which are necessary and proportionate are imposed. For obvious reasons, the Government does not comment in detail on specific security procedures at individual airports in the UK or overseas.

That said, I can well understand the frustration and concern felt about these recent changes and the inconvenience they are causing. As you request, I am forwarding your comments to the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling MP. I am asking him whether there is any prospect of these measures being lifted and, if so, when this might happen. I very much hope a way can be found to ease the burden of these measures and hopefully remove them altogether in the future.

I will come back to you as soon as I receive a response from the Secretary of State. Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Regards

*Theresa Villiers*