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Dear Mr Bresland,

To ask the Minister of Justice what progress is being made by the PSNI in its investigations into recent terrorist attacks in the Strabane area.

The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

The recent terrorist attacks in the Strabane area are all currently under investigation by detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department in G District. They are also receiving assistance from Headquarters and specialist departments as appropriate.

In addition to the search operations conducted as part of the immediate follow up to these incidents, a further five planned searches under powers conferred by the Justice and Security (NI) Act 2007 have so far been conducted. These searches have yielded a significant number of physical evidential seizures and trace samples, which are under varying stages of examination by forensic scientists. Detectives involved in these cases have effected three arrests as part of their investigations. The investigations are still active, and I know that you understand that we are thereby restricted in the scope of information which we can share at present.

If you have any queries regarding this response, please address your correspondence to Command Secretariat, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT5 6LE.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,
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