

The Forde Inquiry

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Dear Ms Elmi, Mr Lansman, Ms Dar, Ms Garnham, Mr Williams and Ms Henderson

Forde Inquiry –call for evidence submission dated 21 July 2020

Thank you for your email. I have carefully noted the points you have made. I would like to reassure you that the Panel is investigating and will report on all three areas identified by the NEC in the Terms of Reference. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the Panel shall determine which are the most significant allegations in the report which require investigation.

The Call for Evidence references three other ongoing processes: an EHRC investigation, an ICO investigation, and an internal investigation by the Labour Party. The subject matter of those inquiries has some overlap with the work of the Panel and the outcome of those inquiries will be relevant for us to understand. We will not be duplicating those investigations.

The Terms of Reference also invite the Panel to make recommendations for the future. As noted in the Call for Evidence, the Panel is likely to focus its recommendations on paragraph three of the Terms of Reference and specifically how the Party can create a more inclusive organisational culture. This stated focus for future recommendations does not diminish the Panel's obligation or intention to investigate and report as required by the Terms of Reference.

Thank you for your engagement in the inquiry process. I confirm that a copy of this letter will be published on the Forde Inquiry website.

Yours sincerely,



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