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Written Answers

Police: Defamation

**Mr Watson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what provision her Department makes for (a) financial and (b) other support for police officers who take legal action as a result of experiencing defamation in the course of their duties. [42199]

**Nick Herbert:** The Home Office does not allocate funding to the police for this purpose and does not provide any other support to officers under these circumstances. This is a matter for the relevant police authority.