



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Jean Contrevent

RE: ROYAL FAMILY

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concern regarding the Royal Family. I have read your comments on this issue with interest.

I have the utmost respect for HM The Queen and the Royal Family. The Queen has dedicated her life to the service of the United Kingdom and the sixteen realms of which she acts as Head of State, and her commitment has been unwavering.

Working members of the Royal Family assist The Queen in carrying out her duties, which include official state responsibilities in the UK and overseas. Members of the Royal Family also support the public and charitable sector and around 3,000 organisations have a member of the Royal Family as President or Patron.

In November 2019, the Duke of York stepped back from public duties. He previously undertook a wide range of public work with a focus on business and the economy.

The Duke of York has denied the claims made against him, and I understand that legal proceedings in a civil suit are being issued. As I am sure you can appreciate, I would not wish to comment further on an ongoing case. I have full confidence in the legal systems of the United States and the UK.


Furthermore, I understand that Prince Michael of Kent receives no public money and earns his own living running a consultancy company. He undertakes a range of engagements for the not-for-profit sector funded by his own household.

In terms of your concern regarding the Prince of Wales, the Chief Executive of The Prince's Foundation, Michael Fawcett, has stepped down while an investigation is carried out. I understand that the Prince of Wales had no knowledge of the alleged offer of honours and citizenship and that he fully supports the investigation being carried out.



The Sovereign plays an important constitutional role, and The Queen and the Royal Family have a special place in the hearts of the British people, and I therefore do not share your view that the monarchy should be abolished.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,


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