

Press release: Cabinet meeting statement: 20 June 2017

In this morning's Cabinet meeting, ministers discussed upcoming Parliamentary business, including tomorrow's Queen's Speech which heralds an historically important two-year session to help deliver the legislation for a successful Brexit.

Ministers also discussed the awful events of the past week. The Prime Minister expressed her appreciation of the police and emergency services for their bravery and professionalism.

On Grenfell Tower, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government updated Cabinet on the efforts to ensure everything is being done to help victims' families and other survivors, as well as looking ahead to the longer-term recovery effort. On the tragic incident at Finsbury Park, the Prime Minister and Home Secretary discussed the importance of ongoing government work in reviewing its Counter Terrorism Strategy and ensuring that police and security services have the powers they need.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer provided Cabinet with an update on the economy and public finances, emphasising the underlying strengths of the UK economy and setting out the importance of making the case for a market economy, sound money and growth as well as prioritising rising productivity.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland also provided an update to progress on talks to restore power-sharing institutions.