

Priti Patel appointed Home Secretary

This evening, the Rt Hon Priti Patel has been appointed Home Secretary.

She was welcomed to the department by the Permanent Secretary Sir Philip Rutnam.

Speaking outside the Home Office, she said:

It's a great honour to be appointed Home Secretary.

With this great office of state comes significant responsibility and I will do everything in my power to keep our country safe, our people secure, and also to fight the scourge of crime that we see on our streets.

I also want to thank my predecessor Sajid Javid for his commitment to the Home Office and law and order.

I look forward to the challenges that now lie ahead.