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Dear Alex,

Thank you for your further letter of 23 March about your concerns regarding the handling of Mr Nouredin Mallaky Soodmand's case. I am sorry for the delay in replying to your correspondence.

The Home Office has no record of any specific background checks being carried out to evaluate the risk threat at the time Mr Soodmand was released on bail in July 2012, or any assessments made with regard to the suitability of the address he was released to. The Immigration Judge who granted bail would have been aware of the proposed release address and, as part of the bail grant, would have been satisfied that the address was suitable.

As explained previously, because Mr Soodmand had been convicted of theft, and his licence had expired at the time of his release, it is unlikely that the local police and/or the National Offender Management Service were informed of his current location. However, electronic reporting and tagging were set up and Mr Soodmand was asked to report to the local police station.

With regards to Immigration Enforcement guidance, caseowners are instructed to engage with the police, Mappa authorities, probation service, social services and local authorities in appropriate cases to ensure that all releases into the community are carefully managed to safeguard the public. Electronic monitoring and tagging also assist this process.

As you are aware, Mr Soodmand is not due for release from prison until April 2017. The Home Office will rigorously pursue his deportation and application for a Travel Document during this time.

Yours ever,

Rt Hon James Brokenshire