



Message from Alan Johnson

'It has been another busy year for the Home Office and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each of our partners and stakeholders for their invaluable support.

Together we have accomplished some notable achievements in 2009, including:

- ? CONTEST2, the first public version of a counter-terrorism strategy;
- ? the public consultation and ongoing work to end violence against women and girls;
- ? the Policing White Paper and roll out of the Policing Pledge;
- ? the launch and continued roll out of ID cards; and
- ? the full launch of the UK Border Agency.

We are committed to continually improving our relationships with our partners and stakeholders and once again this year we asked you for your views on how we work together. The initial research results tell us you recognise an improvement in our overall engagement but, there is still more we can do to act on your feedback and better understand the challenges you face. To those who replied to our stakeholder survey, thank you very much for your valuable feedback which we will use to help drive forward the required improvements.

As you are no doubt aware, we face a period of significant change over the next few years. In order to meet the challenges ahead, we need to ensure that we continue to work proactively and productively together. We are committed to building strong partnership relationships that support us working together to protect the public.

I'd like to wish each of you a merry Christmas and very best wishes for a happy New Year.'