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**Dangerous Dogs Act and Breed Specific Legislation:**

I understand that people feel very strongly about this issue. Following recent high-profile stories of attacks involving these dogs, it is clear to me that something needs to change.

As you may know, the Home Secretary recently announced that she has commissioned advice about the possibility of adding the American XL Bully to the list of dogs that are banned under dog control legislation known as the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. There are currently four breeds on this list: the Pit Bull Terrier, the Japanese Tosa, the Dogo Argentino and the Fila Brasileiro.

Under this legislation, the police and local authorities have the ability to take a banned dog away, although owners are able to apply for an exemption.

I know that the Opposition will look carefully at the advice that the UK Government has sought once it is published. Once this advice has been given, I hope the Government will take constructive action and do so swiftly.

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