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To: All MPs and Peers

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Dear colleagues,

I write to inform you that today the Government has announced a new award, named the Elizabeth Emblem.

This Emblem will be given to the next of kin of individuals who have lost their lives in public service, including next of kin of police officers and firefighters, alongside many other public servants. It is the civilian equivalent of the military Elizabeth Cross and full details of the eligibility criteria will be published on Monday.

The design of the Emblem incorporates a rosemary wreath, a traditional symbol of remembrance, which surrounds the Tudor Crown. It is inscribed with 'For A Life Given In Service', and will have the name of the person for whom it is in memoriam inscribed on the reverse of the Emblem.

The next of kin of the deceased will be able to apply for the Emblem and applications can be made to the Cabinet Office at elizabethemblem@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

I know you will join me in paying tribute to bereaved families of those who have given their lives in public service, and I hope this Emblem may offer them a small symbol of the nation's gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

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