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Date: Friday, 29 March 2019 at 7:05 am
To: Abbas Alvi <abbas@alvis.com.au>
Subject: RE: Condolence meeting of ICSOA dated 17th March 2019

Thank you for your kind words.

The Prime Minister has been deeply moved by the support and compassion shown in the wake of the attack in Christchurch, and by the thousands of people who have taken the time to share their condolences.

She has asked me to pass on the following statement:

My thoughts are with the families who have lost loved ones and who are now experiencing unimaginable pain and grief. While I can't take away this pain, I send the Muslim community my love, as so many New Zealanders have, and the reassurance that I will do all I can to support them. My focus is ensuring those who have been affected have the care and support they need - not just now, but in the coming months and years.

This is a tragic time, and all of New Zealand is feeling the impact. While we as a nation grapple with a form of grief and anger we have not experienced before, the compassion and kindness that has been expressed at community events, on social media, and by people right across the country show us who we are as a nation.

Going forward, I know those are the values we'll all work hard to protect.

Thanks again for getting in touch.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dinah Okeby'.

Dinah Okeby
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