HMI Stephen Otter's assessment of City of London Police

Hello. I'm Stephen Otter and I'm Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for The City of London Police. Our role is to inspect police forces on behalf of the public, and I am one of five inspectors appointed by the Queen.

We are independent of government and the police.

This year we are introducing a new way of inspecting the police and reporting our findings to you the public. We have called this approach the PEEL assessments, and this means police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy.

In relation to effectiveness my assessment for The City of London Police in 2014 is that it is good at reducing, preventing and investigating crime and tackling anti-social behaviour.

In relation to efficiency, the force is making good progress in managing financial cuts and has plans in place to achieve savings.

And in relation to legitimacy, the force is acting to achieve fairness and legitimacy in most of the practices we examined this year.

Next year we will be seeing how forces have responded to this assessment, and we will give them overall grades so that *you* can see, at a glance, how well *your* force is doing.