

Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Home Secretary,

Thank you for giving evidence to us on 29 April. Following on from that session we would be grateful for your response to the following questions, in preparation for further evidence we shall take on the management of Covid-19 in immigration removal centres:

- To which countries has the Home Office continued to remove and deport people since lockdown and in what numbers? Are people who are being removed/deported tested for Covid-19 in advance? What steps would the Government take if an individual tested positive for Covid-19 immediately in advance of their planned removal/deportation?
- How many people detained under immigration legislation have been released from a) IRCs and b) prisons since lockdown, and how many remain in each?
- How many people remain in immigration detention who are nationals of countries that the Home Office is not currently removing people to?
- How many people in immigration detention have been tested for coronavirus, and how many positive cases have there been? Of the positive cases, how many are deemed adults at risk (including at levels 2 and 3)?

The Committee is taking evidence from IRCs ON 6 May. We would therefore be very grateful for any factual information you are able to provide us with in advance of that hearing, and we would be grateful for a reply on remaining questions by 11 May.

Yours sincerely



Yvette Cooper MP