



Home Affairs Committee Work and Pensions Committee

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From the Chairs

Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Home Secretary

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Dear Home Secretary,

Thank you for your letter of 28 April on support for people with no recourse to public funds (NRPF). We note the High Court's decision on 7 May against the Home Office in the case of 'W' and await your department's response to the judgment.

The Work and Pensions Committee heard evidence on 6 May from organisations supporting vulnerable people, including people with no recourse to public funds. Some organisations expressed concern, which we share, that there are no reliable public figures on the number of people affected by this condition.

Please could you therefore tell us:

- 1. Does the Home Office hold any figures on how many people are subject to the 'no recourse to public funds' visa condition, and if so, will you make these public?**
 - a. If the department does not hold this information, could you tell us why not, and your estimate of the number of people who are subject to this condition?**
 - b. In their recent report, [A Lifeline for All](#), the Children's Society cited data from the Migration Observatory which suggests there are over 1.1 million people affected by NRPF conditions, including 140,000 children. How accurate is this assessment?**
- 2. What is the Home Office's estimate of the number of non-UK nationals who are not officially subject to this condition but still cannot access public funds, for example undocumented migrants?**
- 3. How many people in the past year (or the most recent period for which figures are available) have applied to have the condition lifted, and what proportion of**

applicants were successful? It would also be helpful to know whether you have seen an increase in the numbers applying to have the condition lifted since March 16.

It would be helpful to have a response by Friday 15 May.

Yours sincerely,

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Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP
Chair, Home Affairs Committee

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Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP
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