



Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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By email only

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Dear Matthew,

Thank you for sending us the Department's Supplementary Estimate, and correspondence memorandum for 2021-22. The Committee has considered these documents and would like to raise the following follow-up questions with you.

1. £50 million additional Resource DEL funding was required following a settlement for 'Cohort 1' for 'injury to feelings' claims in relation to the McCloud judgement, a further £243 million was included as a provision for any future liability relating to pension litigation and £195.2 million is requested to fund an increase in pension contributions. Can you provide greater detail on the £243 million provision? Are there likely to be further 'injury to feelings' claimants in other cohorts?

2. £657.4 million additional funding was requested for the 'Afghanistan Relocation and Assistance Programme'. Under this scheme the Home Office has committed to "resettling up to 20,000 Afghans over the long-term, of which, 5,000 will be resettled in the scheme's first year[1]".

Can you confirm how many Afghans have now been resettled as part of this programme and how many applications are awaiting decision? Will this scheme's costs be incorporated into your Main Estimate for 2022/23?

3. £79.6 million additional funding was required for contractual obligations to Airwaves. Given the on-going 'Competition Markets Authority' (CMA) investigation into Airwaves and the recent 'Competition Appeal Tribunal' judgement^[2] rejecting Motorola's appeal against the investigation, how is the Home Office conducting its negotiations with Motorola? and can you confirm that payments made for Airwaves this year are for contractual obligations made before the launch on the CMA investigation?

The Committee has noted and is grateful for the steps your Department has taken to comply with the guidance issued by the House of Commons Scrutiny Unit on the Estimates process. We would be grateful for a response by 11 April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dame Diana Johnson MP

^[1] [FACTSHEET: UK support to resettle Afghan nationals - ARAP scheme - Home Office in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/02/factsheet-uk-support-to-resettle-afghan-nationals-arap-scheme-home-office-in-the-media)

^[2] [1428/6/12/21 Airwave Solutions Limited & Others v Competition and Markets Authority - Judgment | 02 Feb 2022 \(catribunal.org.uk\)](https://www.catribunal.org.uk/judgments/1428/6/12/21-airwave-solutions-limited-others-v-competition-and-markets-authority-judgment-02-feb-2022)