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Dear Baroness Hayter,

Albanian Prisoner Transfer Agreement

Thank you for your letter of 7th March 2022 regarding the UK-Albania Prisoner Transfer Agreement (PTA). In response to your query on the UK Government's own assessment of the numbers it expects to return under the agreement, I can supply the following response.

As mentioned, both parties agreed at the time of signing to not fix exact numbers owing to the new Albanian government being formed in the September after the signing of the PTA in July 2021. It was therefore left as a matter for the new administration to enter into discussions about the number of returns.

As of 31 December 2021, there were 1,462 Albanians in prison. The number of transfers we can achieve under the new agreement are dependent on factors including securing a deportation order, the receiving state accepting the transfer, and our agreement to the sentence enforcement arrangements put forward by the Albanian authorities.

I trust that this is helpful in clarifying matters.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

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