



Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Minister Pursglove,

Thank you for taking the time to provide oral evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee on Wednesday 11 May. During the session you kindly committed to follow up on several points in writing. I have set these out below:

- **Q29-30 [Stuart McDonald]** How Ukrainians, who have entered the UK from the Republic of Ireland across the land border, and do not have a visa, would be treated with regards to inadmissibility and potential relocation to Rwanda.
- **Q59 [Chair]** Have you concluded any return agreements with new countries since you last appeared before the Committee? (Agreements to return people to other countries).
- **Q89-92 [Joanna Cherry]** What happens if an individual relocated to Rwanda experiences a human rights breach, or discrimination (such as on the basis on their sexuality). What is (a) the individual's personal legal remedy in this case and (b) what enforcement actions are open to the UK Government to act in response to conditions, agreed in the MoU, not being met?
- **Q110 [Chair]** Would the Home Office be willing to share details of the full eligibility criteria for relocation to Rwanda privately with the Committee to aid its scrutiny (eg. the guidance given to case workers who are determining on a case-by-case basis which individuals can be relocated)?
- **Q116 [Chair]** An update on progress towards resolving the 100,000 cases that are awaiting asylum decisions? Current figures on the asylum backlog.
- **Q118 [Chair]** An update on the number of additional caseworkers recruited as part of the planned increase discussed during oral evidence on 22 September 2021. The number of case workers recruited/transferred/assigned specifically to provide initial screening of individuals being considered for transfer to Rwanda.
- **Q122 [Diane Abbott]** The Home Office has commissioned a history of the Windrush scandal and is in the process of preparing a training module, in response to recommendation 6 of the Wendy Williams lessons learned review. Are you able to let the Committee know, perhaps through writing to us, about the content of either?

- **Q123 [Chair]** The number of Afghans who have been moved into permanent accommodation? (In November 2021 we were told the number of Afghans in hotels was 12,000 and the number moved into permanent accommodation was 4,000, the Committee wants to understand how these two numbers have changed).

I would appreciate a response by 26 May.

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