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Dear Dame Diana

Thank you for your letter of 16 November following the Home Affairs Select Committee's visit to Manston. Once again, I want to thank you and the members of your committee, as well as the Chair of the Women and Equalities Committee and members of the Joint Committee on Human Rights for taking the time to visit and see the facility firsthand.

You asked several follow-up questions, which I am pleased to answer as follows:

- **Can you confirm whether you consistently monitor the number of pregnant women and children, and their age, who are held at Manston each day?**

Yes, we do collect information on all forms of vulnerability and medical conditions on arrival in Dover and at multiple other points during the migrants' journey through the system until they move into asylum accommodation, at which point this information is flagged, as appropriate, to accommodation providers.

We keep records of the total number of families and children on site at any given time and the number of pregnant women that attend the on-site medical centre. We are currently putting in additional measures to keep a rolling daily record of pregnant females on site.

- **Can you confirm the number of self-harm or suicide incidents which have occurred at Manston since it opened?**

I can confirm that six incidents of self-harm or attempted suicide occurred at Manston since it opened.

- **What is the maximum number of people who have been kept in the family tent visited by the MPs at any one time?**

The capacity for this marquee is 100, however we have exceeded this on one occasion on 13 August 2022 where there were 102 people in that marquee. This was necessary on that date as an alternative to using less suitable accommodation and welfare concerns.

- **How many were present in the tent on the day the committee visited?**

At the time of visit 31 people were in detention in the family tent. This number was made up of seven family groups.

- **With between 900 and 1100 staff a day working at Manston, what is the total monthly cost of staffing the facility (MITIE, Border Force, medical, Home Office, cleaners, translators and army included)?**

You asked a Parliamentary Question about this recently (*How much the operation of the Manston immigration facility has cost the Government each month in 2022*). We said in response that an accurate answer for this could only be obtained at disproportionate cost given that the costs of running Manston immigration facility sit across multiple different DG-led commands within the Home Office and are attributed to a number of different budgets and funding streams. The work to reconcile these figures is complex and would require careful separation from other business as usual costs which are already borne by the Department. Additionally, and in keeping with normal commercial practices, some contracted activity for recent months has not yet been billed by the suppliers in question.

You also asked for a copy of the organisational chart which you saw in the presentation. I enclose a copy of this. It is protectively marked at 'official sensitive'; you gave an assurance in your letter that this would be for the private use of the Committee and would not be published, and I circulate it to the Committee on that basis.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan O'Mahoney', with a stylized, flowing script.

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