



Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Suella,

I am writing on behalf of the Committee to joins calls from across both Houses for the publication of the review, commenced in March 2018, of the Home Office Tier-1 Investor Scheme Visa, also known as the 'golden visa'.

I note that the Government's own explanatory notes, when closing down the Tier-1 route in February of this year, stated:

The association between the route and the movement of illicitly obtained wealth to the United Kingdom has been the subject of ongoing Parliamentary and media scrutiny, including the Intelligence and Security Committee's Russia report. While there have been reforms to the route aimed at reducing this exposure, including a requirement that funds relied upon for the purposes of applications under the route are the subject of due diligence by UK banks, it is not judged that these are sufficient to address the risk of the route being used to transfer illicitly obtained wealth.¹

In your response could you please set out:

- 1. When was the review completed and when will it be published?**
- 2. Of the visas issued during the period under examination (2008-2010), how many has the Home Office determined posed a security risk to the UK?**
- 3. Does the Home Office have any intention to review Tier-1 visas issued before 2008 or after 2010?**

Could you also confirm whether it is still the Government's intention to introduce "a route for entry and stay for overseas nationals with a track record of investment activity overseas" via changes to the Immigration Rules in Autumn 2022?

Yours sincerely

Dame Diana Johnson MP

¹ [EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO THE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION RULES](#), 17 February 2022 (CP 632)