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Dear Chairs,

Thank you for your letter of 9 November regarding data on people arriving to the United Kingdom.

We welcome your committees' ongoing scrutiny of the work our departments have undertaken to resettle and accommodate tens of thousands of people arriving in the United Kingdom through safe and legal routes from Afghanistan, Ukraine and other countries; while upholding our statutory responsibility to provide accommodation for asylum seekers who would otherwise be destitute.

Our departments want to be as helpful as possible in providing data and information about the schemes. We are working closely together to provide a wide range of statistics to help local authorities and other stakeholders plan to manage the support and service provision for new arrivals, including the cohorts identified in your letter, focusing on those where the volumes are particularly large for those needing support, such as those from Ukraine and migrants arriving in small boats.

A table with a summary of the data we have provided is set out at **Annex B**.

This is in addition to the range of information on numbers of people seeking asylum or protection already published by Government at a local level. **Annex A** sets out the data sources available on the Homes for Ukraine and the Ukraine Family scheme, given the unique nature of these schemes, and the additional sources of data available on other schemes and entry routes, as well as some of the challenges for the collection and publication of more data.

Your letter also requested further disaggregation of our published data to understand those arriving in different categories and how these are accommodated and supported and the costs and resources associated with that support.

This is challenging for several reasons, including that an individual's status and circumstances may change throughout the period they are in the UK and data is only captured at the point they need to re-engage with the Government. This is made particularly difficult given the large number of arrivals in scope of your requests.

The Chief Statisticians in the Home Office would be happy to speak to committee clerks to provide further detail relating to the information the Home Office collect and how we are making improvements both to this specific information, but also more widely as part of our data and digital strategy.

### **Further data we are providing**

The Home Office are able to provide some further insight into the numbers of people we have been supporting through our processing centres and hotels and some further detail on costs of hotels.

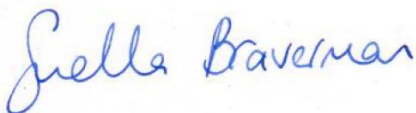
At **Annex C** we have provided the supported population in contingency accommodation, by region and local authority, in the same way as how we provide information on the supported population in dispersed accommodation at the link above.

At **Annex D** we have provided further detail on the cost of hotels this financial year.

At **Annex E** we have provided information, which we are also providing separately to the Home Affairs Committee on the number of people that passed through our Manston processing centre.

We will also consider how we can reshape our published data in order to provide the Committee and the public with more information in the areas you are seeking clarity on.

With best wishes,



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## **Annex A**

### **Homes for Ukraine and Ukraine Family Scheme**

Data on the Homes for Ukraine scheme and the Ukraine Family Scheme is collected and published by both DLUHC and the Home Office.

#### **Visas, arrivals and geographic breakdowns for the Ukraine schemes**

Data on the different stages of the visa application process for both schemes is published by the Home Office on a weekly basis and can be found at this [link](#).

Owing to the sponsorship and family-based models employed for both Ukrainian schemes, most Ukrainian arrivals are not housed in government-sponsored accommodation (with the exception of those sponsored by the Scottish and Welsh Governments on the Homes for Ukraine scheme). As requested in your letter, a UK-wide breakdown of arrivals by both upper and lower-tier local authority is available for the Homes for Ukraine scheme, and is published weekly by DLUHC. The data is published [here](#).

Please note that not all records of visas issued have a suitable postcode for mapping to upper or lower tier local authorities. The number of records excluded is about two per cent. Therefore, the figures in this dataset will not exactly match the UK total published by the Home Office on visas and arrivals.

Information on where new arrivals might live in the UK is not requested in the visa application process for the Ukraine Family Scheme, and therefore it is not possible to map the locality in which we expect arrivals to reside. Home Office research suggests that geographical dispersal on arrival broadly aligns with the location of the current Ukrainian diaspora<sup>1</sup>. However, this is based on partial analysis and not representative of all new arrivals on the Ukraine Family Scheme. For both the Homes for Ukraine scheme and Ukraine Family Scheme initial location of residence may not be an indication of future location.

#### **Costs and resourcing**

Local authorities welcoming guests through the Homes for Ukraine scheme are allocated a tariff to support new arrivals during their first year in the UK. This tariff grant was £10,500 per person up to the end of 2022, and is £5,900 per person thereafter. Similarly, DLUHC reimburses local authorities for monthly 'thank you' payments to sponsors of Ukrainian arrivals through the Homes for Ukraine scheme. This 'thank you' payment to sponsors is £350 per month, rising to £500 per month, twelve months after a Ukrainian's arrival.

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<sup>1</sup> Data on Ukrainians resident in the United Kingdom in the 2021 census is published by the Office for National Statistics [here](#):

A breakdown of quarterly tariff allocations, as well as thank you payments made by local authorities for the first two quarters of the scheme is published at [here](#) for March to May 2022 and [here](#) for June to August 2022.

In addition, the Department for Education and Education and Skills Funding Agency offers quarterly payments to local authorities, to support the provision of education and childcare services for children who have entered England via the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Data on these funding allocations is published [here](#).

The Ukraine Family Scheme, as an extension of existing family reunion schemes, does not have a local authority tariff or 'thank you' payment.

### **Published data on other arrivals**

In addition to the data published on the Ukraine schemes, the Government publishes several other datasets relating to those arriving via safe and legal routes, those arriving via irregular routes and those to whom we provide support, including people on resettlement schemes and those provided with asylum accommodation in each local authority.

The Home Office also publishes data relating to the cost of the asylum system in its transparency statistics.

The following datasets relate to your request for information about those arriving, how they are being accommodated and where, and the associated cost.

#### Arrivals

(1) Data relating to total **arrivals from Afghanistan** (and also the numbers given Indefinite Leave to Remain and accommodated in hotels) is published [here](#).

(2) Data relating to the total of those **arriving by irregular means** (small boats) is published [here](#).

(3) Data relating to **asylum claimants** (of which there is overlap with (2) above) is published [here](#).

#### Accommodation

(4) Data on how many **asylum seekers** (including small boats and other arrivals) **we are supporting through dispersed accommodation by local authority** is published [here](#).

**Annex B – Summary of Response** - This table takes the Committee’s questions and summarises where and how we have provided information and where we have been unable to. The reason behind our approach is set out in the body of our response.

	Arrivals		Numbers in accommodation		Cost of accommodation		Other central Budget/resource allocation		
Arrivals from	Total arrivals	Initial arrival centres	Hotels and Hostels	Other accommodation	Hotels and Hostels	Other accommodation	Councils	Schools	GPs
<b>Afghanistan</b>	Provided with reference to published data	Unable to provide	Provided with reference to published data and new information	No	Provided through new information	Unable to be disaggregated from overall accommodation costs.	Unable to be provided	Unable to be provided	Unable to be provided
<b>Ukraine</b>	Provided with reference to published data	n/a	n/a	Provided with reference to published data	n/a	n/a	Provided with reference to published data	Provided with reference to published data s	Unable to be provided
<b>Small Boats</b>	Provided with reference to published data	Arrivals through Manston processing centre	No	Provided through new information, but not disaggregated from other arrivals	Provided through new information, but unable to be disaggregated from other arrivals	Unable to be disaggregated from overall accommodation costs.	Unable to be provided	Unable to be provided	Unable to be provided
<b>Other arrivals</b>	Overall numbers provided of which small boat arrivals are a subset	No	No	Provided, but not disaggregated from small boats arrivals	Yes, but not disaggregated from small boats arrivals	Unable to be disaggregated from overall accommodation costs.	Unable to be provided	Unable to be provided	Unable to be provided

## Annex C

### Hotel population, by region and local authority at 31 December 2022

Arrivals from Afghanistan and Asylum Seekers under s.98 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Region and Local Authority	Afghan Schemes	Asylum Support	Grand Total
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>3,385</b>
Boston		95	95
Charnwood		190	190
Chesterfield		84	84
Derby		244	244
East Lindsey		212	212
Erewash		437	437
Hinckley and Bosworth		34	34
Leicester	74	471	545
Mansfield		39	39
Melton		104	104
North Northamptonshire		40	40
North West Leicestershire		137	137
Nottingham	101	328	429
Rushcliffe		63	63
South Derbyshire		66	66
South Kesteven		112	112
West Northamptonshire	233	321	554
<b>Yorkshire And The Humber</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>3,563</b>
Bradford	98	320	418
Calderdale		161	161
Doncaster	129	174	303
East Riding of Yorkshire		269	269
Kingston upon Hull City of		242	242
Kirklees		213	213
Leeds	183	336	519
Rotherham		209	209
Scarborough	118	158	276
Selby		142	142
Sheffield		324	324
Wakefield		159	159
York		328	328
<b>North East</b>		<b>599</b>	<b>599</b>
Gateshead		77	77
Newcastle upon Tyne		443	443
Stockton-on-Tees		20	20
Sunderland		59	59

Region and Local Authority	Afghan Schemes	Asylum Support	Grand Total
<b>East Of England</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>4,201</b>	<b>4,923</b>
Babergh		177	177
Broadland		143	143
Broxbourne		166	166
Cambridge	16		16
Central Bedfordshire		167	167
Chelmsford	125		125
Colchester	124	105	229
Dacorum	84	509	593
Epping Forest		227	227
Fenland		18	18
Great Yarmouth		72	72
Harlow	38		38
Hertsmere	198	42	240
Huntingdonshire		118	118
Ipswich		170	170
Luton		885	885
North Hertfordshire		79	79
Norwich		244	244
Peterborough	14	126	140
Rochford		146	146
Southend-on-Sea	107		107
St Albans		197	197
Stevenage		201	201
Tendring		15	15
Uttlesford		166	166
Welwyn Hatfield		228	228
West Suffolk	16		16
<b>Northern Ireland</b>		<b>1,081</b>	<b>1,081</b>
Antrim and Newtownabbey		53	53
Ards and North Down		53	53
Belfast		820	820
Causeway Coast and Glens		43	43
Derry City and Strabane		46	46
Mid and East Antrim		66	66
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>901</b>
Aberdeen City	142	97	239
Edinburgh City of	164	42	206
Falkirk		32	32
Fife	45		45
Glasgow City		119	119
Inverclyde		60	60
Perth and Kinross		100	100
Renfrewshire		42	42
South Lanarkshire		58	58

Region and Local Authority	Afghan Schemes	Asylum Support	Grand Total
<b>London</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>14,683</b>	<b>15,402</b>
Barnet		842	842
Brent		626	626
Camden	278	585	863
City of London	76		76
Croydon		828	828
Ealing		381	381
Greenwich		407	407
Hackney		501	501
Hammersmith and Fulham	133	134	267
Haringey		162	162
Harrow		142	142
Havering		124	124
Hillingdon		2297	2297
Hounslow		1626	1626
Islington		460	460
Kensington and Chelsea	232	625	857
Kingston upon Thames		125	125
Lambeth		529	529
Lewisham		223	223
Merton		254	254
Newham		887	887
Redbridge		682	682
Southwark		610	610
Tower Hamlets		406	406
Waltham Forest		390	390
Westminster		837	837
<b>North West</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>5,017</b>	<b>6,523</b>
Barrow-in-Furness		130	130
Blackpool		417	417
Carlisle		232	232
Cheshire East	103	439	542
Cheshire West and Chester	269	32	301
Copeland		33	33
Halton		298	298
Knowsley		148	148
Lancaster		233	233
Liverpool	266	658	924
Manchester	736	871	1607
Oldham		174	174
Rochdale		131	131
South Ribble		167	167
St. Helens		231	231
Stockport	132	337	469
Warrington		169	169
Wigan		181	181
Wirral		136	136



Region and Local Authority	Afghan Schemes	Asylum Support	Grand Total
<b>South East</b>	<b>2,688</b>	<b>5,726</b>	<b>8,414</b>
Ashford	144	229	373
Basingstoke and Deane	51	156	207
Bracknell Forest	28		28
Brighton and Hove		162	162
Buckinghamshire		177	177
Canterbury	236		236
Cherwell		136	136
Crawley	821	519	1340
East Hampshire		202	202
Eastbourne		354	354
Elmbridge	209		209
Epsom and Ewell		48	48
Folkestone and Hythe		85	85
Guildford		160	160
Hastings		84	84
Mid Sussex	264	387	651
Milton Keynes	354	55	409
Mole Valley		181	181
Oxford		177	177
Portsmouth		123	123
Reading		335	335
Reigate and Banstead		391	391
Slough		300	300
South Oxfordshire	87		87
Southampton	117	173	290
Spelthorne	131	78	209
Surrey Heath		119	119
Test Valley		90	90
Vale of White Horse	71		71
Wealden		84	84
West Berkshire	175	163	338
West Oxfordshire		182	182
Winchester		46	46
Windsor and Maidenhead		396	396
Wokingham		134	134
<b>Wales</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>649</b>
Cardiff	127	183	310
Conwy		72	72
Vale of Glamorgan	267		267

Region and Local Authority	Afghan Schemes	Asylum Support	Grand Total
<b>South West</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>2,777</b>	<b>3,549</b>
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	85	663	748
Bristol City of	305	132	437
Cornwall		118	118
East Devon	87		87
Exeter	37	60	97
Gloucester		279	279
North Devon		141	141
North Somerset		198	198
Sedgemoor		248	248
South Gloucestershire		243	243
Stroud		30	30
Swindon	258	380	638
Tewkesbury		72	72
Torbay		176	176
Wiltshire		37	37
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>4,764</b>	<b>5,088</b>
Birmingham		1135	1135
Bromsgrove	67	81	148
Cannock Chase		216	216
Coventry		536	536
Dudley		17	17
East Staffordshire		284	284
Rugby		245	245
Sandwell	72	124	196
Shropshire		52	52
Solihull		241	241
South Staffordshire		173	173
Stoke-on-Trent		351	351
Stratford-on-Avon	67	124	191
Tamworth		136	136
Telford and Wrekin	118		118
Walsall		205	205
Warwick		94	94
Wolverhampton		349	349
Worcester		107	107
Wychavon		142	142
Wyre Forest		152	152
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,412</b>	<b>45,665</b>	<b>54,077</b>

## Annex D – Cost of hotels

<b>Hotel spend by month</b>	<b>Apr-22</b>	<b>May-22</b>	<b>Jun-22</b>	<b>Q1 Total</b>	<b>Q1 £m p/n</b>
<b>Asylum</b>	£139,910,000	£156,888,984	£155,718,238	<b>£452,517,222</b>	<b>£4.97</b>
<b>Arrivals from Afghanistan</b>	£37,403,928	£32,715,306	£34,530,673	<b>£104,649,907</b>	<b>£1.15</b>
<b>Hotel spend by month</b>	<b>Jul-22</b>	<b>Aug-22</b>	<b>Sep-22</b>	<b>Q2 Total</b>	<b>Q2 £m p/n</b>
<b>Asylum</b>	£177,641,261	£187,471,381	£154,934,046	<b>£520,046,688</b>	<b>£5.65</b>
<b>Arrivals from Afghanistan</b>	£29,303,864	£29,655,161	£28,926,512	<b>£87,885,537</b>	<b>£0.96</b>
<b>Hotel spend by month</b>	<b>Oct-22</b>	<b>Nov-22</b>		<b>Q3 total</b>	<b>Q3 £m p/n</b>
<b>Asylum</b>	£179,184,944	£195,009,131	£197,314,997	<b>£571,509,071</b>	<b>£6.21</b>
<b>Arrivals from Afghanistan</b>	£30,452,089	£37,111,522	£37,663,239	<b>£105,226,850</b>	<b>£1.14</b>
<b>Total spend year to date</b>				<b>YTD total</b>	<b>YTD £m p/n</b>
<b>Asylum</b>				<b>£1,544,072,982</b>	<b>£5.61</b>
<b>Arrivals from Afghanistan</b>				<b>£297,762,295</b>	<b>£1.08</b>