

Rt Hon Dame Diana Johnson MP
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Dear Dame Diana,

Thank you for your letter of 20 April seeking confirmation of estimated figures that have been given regarding future English Channel crossings.

As per my letter to you on 14 March, the Home Office has not produced forecasts of Channel crossings. The Home Office will develop a range of scenarios for potential arrivals to inform operational planning, including accommodation provision, to ensure sufficient capacity in all elements of our response, as you would expect an operational department to do.

The scenarios do not ascribe probability or likelihood, and planning scenarios will be relevant to the operational planning underway. We do not intend to publish those scenarios but have disclosed the specific scenario used in planning for RAF Wethersfield.

I trust this response answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,



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