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BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear Diana,

Thank you for your letter of 6 April. Please find the below responses to the points raised.

1. In reply to Q2, on page 2, you note that 50 Albanian enforced returns occurred following conclusive grounds decisions made after NRM referrals in 2020, 2021 and to 30 September 2022. How many of those 50 returns occurred after a positive conclusive grounds decision, and how many after a negative conclusive grounds decision? Would you also confirm how many Albanian nationals were referred to the NRM during the same period (i.e. from January 2020 to 30 September 2022)?

Of the 50 enforced cases, 28 were negative conclusive grounds outcomes and 22 were positive conclusive grounds.

As set out in published statistics, there were 7,577 Albanian nationals referred to the NRM between January 2020 and September 2022.

2. In reply to Q14, on page 7/8, you say, in response to our request on how many people were detained at Manston for a) up to five days and b) five days or more between 15 August and 23 November 2023, that information has been recorded on the length of time people were at Manston during that period but that a manual review of individual records would be required. Please conduct that manual review and provide the information requested.

We are conducting a manual review of the data with the aim of providing the Committee with this information during June.”

3. Finally, on page 11, you mention the aim to double the number of asylum decision-makers. Would you confirm the base-line figure and date from which that doubling will occur, how many new decision-makers have been recruited since that date, what total

and FTE numbers of decision-makers were in post on the date of receipt of this letter, and the total and FTE numbers of decision-makers who have left their roles through retirement, resignation, promotion or other cause between the base-line date and the date of receipt of this letter.

On 13 December 2022 the Prime Minister stated that we would double the number of asylum caseworkers to help clear the initial decision backlog of asylum legacy cases by the end of 2023. Doubling the number of caseworkers will take our expected number of caseworkers to 1,800 by summer and 2,500 by September 2023.

The current number of asylum decision makers as of 1 March 2023 stands at 1,281ⁱ, 48% higher than in July 2022.

We do not keep a central record of the number of asylum caseworkers who have left their roles due to retirement, resignation, promotion or other causes.

Yours sincerely,



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ⁱhttps://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1152238/statistics-relating-to-the-Illegal-Migration-Bill-data-tables.ods