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By email

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Dear Dame Meg and Dame Diana

UK-RWANDA MIGRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Thank you for your joint letter of 8 December in which you asked me to consider examining the costs of the UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership scheme and its value for money.

I have considered your suggestion to assess the value for money of the UK-Rwanda scheme and I do not think it possible to conclude on value for money at this stage, given that this rests on the deterrent effect of the scheme.

However, owing to the high-profile nature of the scheme and in light of the issues raised at the PAC session on 11 December, I have decided to produce a factual report covering the costs incurred to-date and the Department's estimate of costs when the scheme is operational. On completion of this work, I intend to lay a report in the House after which your committees may choose to take further evidence.

I plan to publish this report in 2024.

Yours sincerely

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