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BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear Dame Karen,

Deprivation of Citizenship Orders (Effect during Appeal) Bill

I am writing to inform you that the Government has today introduced the Deprivation of Citizenship Orders (Effect during Appeal) Bill.

The first duty of any Government is to keep the country safe. This Bill is extremely narrow in its scope and intent, focusing solely on closing a loophole in the existing deprivation of citizenship process.

Background

Removing someone's British citizenship, also known as deprivation of citizenship, is a vital tool that is used to preserve the UK's national security. It is used against those who obtained citizenship by fraud and against the most dangerous people, such as terrorists, extremists, and serious organised criminals. The power to deprive a person of their British citizenship on 'conducive to the public good' grounds is used sparingly, complies with the UN Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, and always comes with a right to appeal.

In the recent case of N3 (ZA) v Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Supreme Court decided that if an appeal against a deprivation decision is successful or if a deprivation of citizenship order is withdrawn, that initial order will have had no effect and the person will be considered as having continued to be a British citizen. This means that people who have been deprived of British citizenship will automatically regain that status before further avenues of appeal have been exhausted.

Bill proposals

This Bill will protect the UK from people including those who pose a threat to national security by preventing those who have been deprived of British citizenship and are overseas from returning until all appeals are determined. It will also prevent a person who has been deprived of citizenship on the grounds that it is conducive to the public good from seeking to undermine deprivation action while an appeal in their case remains ongoing by renouncing their other nationality and putting themselves in a position whereby

a deprivation order would render them stateless. It would replicate the approach in respect of asylum and human rights appeals and extend it to appeals to the Supreme Court.

The Bill does not change any existing right of appeal or widen the reasons for which a person could be deprived of their citizenship. The proposed change would essentially ensure the existing status quo – as a largely procedural change it would not create any changes to the (limited) number of people going through the deprivation or appeals process.

Next steps

I would be very happy to meet with you or provide further information on the Bill ahead of Second Reading. If you would like to meet, please do contact with my office who would gladly arrange this.

The Bill and accompanying documents will be available online here <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3991> and further information on the key elements of the Bill can be found on gov.uk here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/deprivation-of-citizenship-orders-effect-during-appeal-bill-factsheets>.

I look forward to engaging with you and your Committee on this crucial piece of legislation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dan Jarvis', with a horizontal line underneath.

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Security Minister