

Rt Hon Dame Karen Bradley MP  
Chair, Home Affairs Select Committee

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Dear Dame Karen,

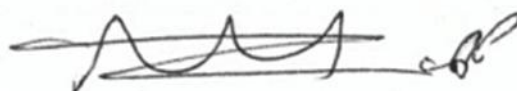
Thank you for the Home Affairs Committee's report, *Earned Settlement: Examining the Government's proposed reforms*. I am grateful to the Committee for its careful scrutiny of our earned settlement proposals and for the recommendations it has made.

As you know, the report was published while the Department was still considering responses to the earned settlement consultation. We think it is right to provide the Committee with a full Government response when we publish the consultation outcome, so that we can respond substantively to its recommendations in light of final policy decisions.

Officials are continuing to analyse consultation responses and are considering the Committee's recommendations as part of that work. Our current intention is to publish the Government's response to the consultation, alongside the Government's response to the Committee's report, in the Autumn. If that timetable changes, I will ensure that the Committee is updated.

In the meantime, I wanted to reassure you that the Committee's report is being considered carefully as part of the Department's work on the earned settlement reform, and that we will provide a full response once that process has concluded.

Yours sincerely,



**Mike Tapp MP**  
**Minister for Migration & Citizenship**