

Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Home Secretary,

Evidence provided to the Committee

The Home Affairs Select Committee today discussed the lack of response from you to our letter of 23 April seeking the ICIBI report on contingency asylum accommodation at Penally Camp and Napier Barracks and an immediate explanation of the apparent contradictions between the evidence you and the Permanent Secretary gave the Committee on 24 February and the information reported to be in the ICIBI report. As you will be aware, we sought a reply to our letter by 26 April.

We are extremely concerned that we have still had no reply from you, especially on a matter where evidence suggests we have been given inaccurate information.

The Committee has therefore decided that we should inform you that we are in receipt of a copy of the ICIBI report which was released by the courts and which the Committee considers it should publish in the public interest.

Please can you respond to this letter and our letter of 23 April by 9am Friday 14 May.

Please can you also confirm a date when you and the Permanent Secretary can attend the Committee to provide further evidence on this and other matters.

We take very seriously the importance of the Committee being given accurate information by the Home Office and receiving responses to our questions. I am copying this correspondence to the Speaker of the House and the Chair of the Liaison Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvette Cooper'.

Yvette Cooper MP

Cc Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, Speaker of the House of Commons
Sir Bernard Jenkin MP, Chair, Liaison Committee