

Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Secretary of State

A week ago, during the 17 April session of the Health and Social Care Committee, you undertook to publish the scientific advice behind the UK's current approach to border quarantine and the analysis that informed it in response to my question about the Government's decision to end quarantine guidance on 13 March.¹

The UK remains a global outlier in its approach to self isolation or quarantine for arrivals in the country and it remains hard to understand why there is such a significant difference in approach.

It is important that the public and Parliament can see why the Government has taken a different approach to so many other countries and, if its scientific advice differs from theirs, how and why.

Please can you provide the advice and analysis to the Home Affairs Committee and to the Health and Social Care Committee, and also ensure it is published as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

¹ Health and Social Care Committee, 17 April, Qq 343-47