



Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Home Secretary,

Thank you for attending the Committee to give oral evidence on Wednesday 2 February 2022, the session was informative and useful. Please also pass our thanks to the Permanent Secretaries for their contribution. I am grateful, too, to you for taking the time to meet privately with me the previous day.

As you will remember, during the course of our discussions on Wednesday, you committed to follow up on the details of several matters in writing which is much appreciated. A list of those issues is provided below.

I am aware how busy your schedule is, with many commitments on your time. I thought it might be helpful, therefore, to indicate that the Committee may wish to update itself on your work again before the House rises for the summer recess, and to ask at this early stage if we might pencil in a Wednesday morning in July for a further session. If your office could provide the Committee's staff with a provisional date at an early opportunity, that would be very helpful.

We should for now appreciate further information on:

- **Q263-266:** When will the Domestic Abuse Strategy, which was due to be published in 2021, be published?
- **Q267:** Under section 75 of the Domestic Abuse Act there is a duty on the Home Secretary to publish a perpetrator strategy within 12 months of Royal Assent. That is the end of April. Can we expect the strategy before the end of April?
- **Q270:** When will the mass communications campaign be launched?
- **Q272:** The timescale for an announcement on 'filling the gap in the law' with a new offence of public sexual harassment?
- **Q289:** The number of people currently released under investigation?
- **Q290:** If an alleged perpetrator is released on bail, how long, on average, are they waiting for something to happen?
- **Q296:** We heard that Policing Minister Kit Malthouse MP is ultimately responsible for the Rape Review. Could you clarify why his name is not on

recent documents related to the rape review, and why rape is not listed under his ministerial responsibilities?

- **Q317:** To report to the Committee on progress regarding overseas students who were thrown off courses and lost their fees due to the test; English for international communication (TOEIC).
- **Q323-325:** How many people have used the Home Office portal to offer accommodation for Afghan evacuees?
- **Q342:** The most recent figures for removals?
- **Q361:** A commitment to provide information of general cost estimates, and cost estimates based on future projections, regarding implementation of the measures under the Nationality and Borders Bill (eg. costs related to offshoring, reportedly varying between £17 billion and £32 billion). It was committed that this information could be provided before House of Lords consideration on the Bill (scheduled for 28 February 2022).
- **Q373:** A commitment to write to the Committee setting out details of the Home Office's work with the Local Government Association to "develop a new way of working with local authorities for asylum schemes that recognises, as the Home Secretary says, the financial as well as policy imperative to cut the costs we are incurring in hotels", which is nearly complete.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Diana Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D' and 'J'.

Dame Diana Johnson MP