



## Daily Report

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#### Notes:

Questions marked thus **[R]** indicate that a relevant interest has been declared.

Questions with identification numbers of **900000 or greater** indicate that the question was originally tabled as an oral question and has since been unstarred.

## ANSWERS

### HOME OFFICE

#### ■ Asylum

David Linden: [\[157240\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment on the implications for his Department's policies of the report A Hostile Environment, published by Refugee Rights Europe in February 2018.

Caroline Nokes:

The Home Office and its accommodation providers are committed to protecting the rights of asylum seekers and providing them with safe, secure and suitable accommodation whilst asylum claims are considered. We have a range of policies and procedures to ensure that this is the case and we will continue to thoroughly inspect, investigate and resolve any allegation that standards of accommodation and service are not being delivered in accordance with the contract, when specific information is received.

We remain in regular discussion with Providers, service users, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders about ways to improve the services provided and we will be making a number of improvements to the design of the future contracted services as a direct result of such feedback. The Refugee Rights Europe report was not formally shared with the Home Office but we have retrospectively considered the recommendations made and will ensure that they continue to be taken into consideration as part of our ongoing engagement and improvement plans.

#### ■ Immigration: Personal Records

Mr David Lammy: [\[136372\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many landing cards have been destroyed in each of the last eight years.

Caroline Nokes:

There are two different types of landing cards, "non-controlled" or "controlled". Non-controlled cards (which account for c.95% of all non-EEA arrivals in 2016) are kept for a maximum of 28 days before they are destroyed.

Controlled cards relate mainly to those passengers who arrive in the UK for non-visit purposes such as settlement and this data is retained for 15 years.

We do not record centrally the number of landing cards destroyed.

The available published information on the number of non-EEA nationals entering the UK is published in Home Office's Immigration Statistics, year ending March 2018, Admission table ad\_01 available from

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/709292/admissions-mar-2018-tables.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/709292/admissions-mar-2018-tables.ods)

During the period 2010 to 2017 the number of non-EEA passengers granted leave to enter the UK was more than 118 million.

■ Immigration: Windrush Generation

Catherine McKinnell: [\[147437\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information his Department holds on the number of members of the Windrush generation who are (a) sleeping rough and (b) staying in temporary accommodation while waiting for a decision on their legal right to remain in the UK.

Caroline Nokes:

Information about members of the Windrush generation who are sleeping rough or staying in temporary accommodation is not automatically reported to the Home Office.

Where any member of the Windrush generation does not have the documents they need to show their status the Government continues to urge them to come forward to the Taskforce so that we can help them. If people are homeless the Home Office can work with Local Authorities to secure temporary accommodation.

Toby Perkins: [\[147879\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations he has received from the Equality and Human Rights Commission on the immigration status of members of the Windrush generation in the last 12 months.

Caroline Nokes:

The Secretary of State has not received representations from the Equality and Human Rights Commission on the immigration status of members of the Windrush generation in the last 12 months.

■ Migrant Workers: Conditions of Employment

Julie Elliott: [\[157162\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government has received representations on (a) Tier 2 and (b) other migrant workers' days of industrial action being classified as unpaid leave.

Caroline Nokes:

The Home Office has previously received a number of representations on the general principle of Tier 2 and other migrant workers' days of industrial action being classified as unpaid leave.

It is not the Government's policy to prevent migrant workers from engaging in legal strike action; and, to date, I am not aware of any case where a migrant worker has had their leave curtailed or been removed as a result of doing so. To put the matter

beyond doubt, however, we amended the guidance for Tier 2 and 5 sponsors on 18 July to make clear that there will be no immigration consequences for any migrant worker who takes part in legal strike action.

We will be making a similar change the relevant Immigration Rules at the next available opportunity in the Autumn.

■ Undocumented Migrants: Deportation

Ben Lake: [143223]

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department first implemented a policy for imposing targets for deportation of illegal immigrants; and whether the Home Secretary had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on that policy at that time.

Caroline Nokes:

The background to targets for removals and my Department's current approach is set out in Sir Philip Rutnam's letters to the Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP, dated 14 May and 25 June 2018 that are deposited in the House Library.

■ Visas: Applications

Vicky Foxcroft: [135609]

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many out-of-time visa applications were (a) processed within the standard service time (b) processed after six months and (c) processed after twelve months in each of the last seven years.

Caroline Nokes:

The available information relating to processing of all out of country visa (and in-country visa) applications against service standards, is published in the transparency data at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-transparency-data#uk-visas-and-immigration>

■ Visas: Overseas Students

Stephen Kerr: [135755]

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of tier 4 visa applications for students have been processed within the service level agreement timescales in the latest period for which figures are available.

Stephen Kerr: [135756]

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many tier 4 applications that have not been processed within the timescale set out in the service level agreement for processing such applications have caused students to miss university start dates in the latest academic year for which figures are available.

Caroline Nokes:

The available information on processing of Tier 4 out of country visa (and in-country visa) applications against service standards is published in the transparency data at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-transparency-data#uk-visas-and-immigration>

The latest available data indicates the vast majority, 98.1% (and 99.8%) of straightforward cases were dealt with within service standards.

Information on students who may have missed their university start date is not collated for publication on Home Office visa case-working systems.

## JUSTICE

### ■ Prison Officers: Redundancy Pay

Richard Burgon: [\[139565\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average severance package was for a prison officer taking voluntary early departure in each year since 2010.

Rory Stewart:

Due to the way in which the information is held by the pensions administrator, the average annual severance package for Band 3 to 5 officers taking Voluntary Exit or Voluntary Redundancy cannot be separately identified.

### ■ Prison Sentences

Philip Davies: [\[158712\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for which offence or offences each current prisoner serving a sentence of 12 months or less was imprisoned.

Rory Stewart:

*[Holding answer 6 July 2018]:* The offence(s) for which each prisoner serving a sentence of less than 12 months was imprisoned, as at 31 March 2018, can be viewed in the table.

Sentencing is a matter for our independent courts, who take into account all circumstances of the case, including any aggravating and mitigating factors.

Whilst there is persuasive evidence that short custodial sentences of less than 12 months do not help some offenders turn their backs on crime, protecting the public will always be our top priority. Under this government, the most serious offenders are more likely to go to prison, and for longer, helping protect the public and keep communities safe.

#### Attachments:

1. [Table for PQ 158712 \[PQ158712 Response Table.xlsx\]](#)

### ■ Probation

Philip Davies: [\[139442\]](#)

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of offenders who have been taken to court for breaching their post-sentence supervision were (a)

fined, (b) given a Supervision Default Order, (c) committed to prison and (d) had no action taken against them in the latest year for which information is available.

Rory Stewart:

We closely monitor and robustly manage providers to make sure they maintain service delivery, reduce reoffending, protect the public and provide value for money to the taxpayer.

The information requested, where possible, has been provided in the table below.

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**POST SENTENCE SUPERVISION (PSS) BREACHES OUTCOMES AT COURT IN 2017 [1]**

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Fine	2,136	22.7%
Supervision Default Order	1,023	10.9%
Committal to Custody	3,307	35.1%
No Action Taken	1,072	11.4%
Other Outcome[2]	686	7.3%
Invalid Outcome Recorded[3]	1,196	12.7%

Public protection is our highest priority and any offender caught breaching their licence faces being immediately recalled to prison.

[1] Breaches that were withdrawn or did not have a recorded outcome when data were extracted are not included in this count.

[2] Other Outcomes include Breach Not Proven, Breach active at sentence expiry and the addition of an Attendance Centre Requirement to the PSS period.

[3] Invalid Outcomes are outcomes that don't apply to the type of breach being heard. In the case of PSS Breaches, the Invalid Outcomes are 'Amended and Continued' and 'Revoked and Resentenced'; these breaches are usually used for Suspended Sentence and Community Order Breaches.