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Dear Amyas,

I write to ask you to look into the costs of the Home Office’s treatment of the Windrush generation. It would be helpful if you could consider how the Home Office set up the hotline; the costs and impact on other parts of the Home Office and impact on overall capacity in immigration. I know the Committee will be interested in lessons learnt as the UK leaves the EU and establishes new procedures for EU citizens in the UK and potential future changes to the immigration system.

I am also particularly concerned about the financial impact on the individuals affected such as the costs they have incurred through the loss of benefits, the loss of work, the loss of housing and the costs of immigration or naturalisation fees. While this is hard to quantify through audit, I hope that you could consider this as part of your work.

Alarming reports continue to come through about individuals who have been wrongfully detained or deported, but figures on this are not yet clear. I would also ask whether the NAO intends to look at the cost to taxpayers of the Home Office’s actions to right wrongs and deal with the consequences of its implementation of immigration policy.

Yours sincerely,

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