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From Dr Hywel Francis MP, Chair

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Dear Lord Taylor,

Immigration Bill: Deprivation of citizenship

I am writing to ask if you would be prepared to provide certain statistical information to my Committee or, failing that, to the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation.

My Committee would like to know the answer, in bare numbers, to the following questions:

1. In each of the last five years for which figures are available, how many British citizens with dual nationality have been deprived of their citizenship on the ground that it was conducive to the public good to do so?
2. For each year, please specify the number of individuals who were abroad at the time they were deprived of their British citizenship.
3. For each year, please specify how many individuals were in Syria at the time they were deprived of their British citizenship.

I emphasise that I am asking only for statistics and do not seek any details of individual cases. You will be aware that your Department has declined to answer previous similar requests from my Committee on grounds of national security and operational effectiveness. If that remains the position I would be grateful if you could explain in more detail the precise nature of those grounds.

At the Bill's Report Stage in the House of Lords you were asked by Baroness Lister of Burtersett, who is a member of my Committee, whether you would give a commitment to make such information available to the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, David Anderson QC, and you helpfully replied that you saw no reason why not (HL Deb 7 April 2014 col 1191). I would therefore be grateful if you could provide the above information to the Independent Reviewer in the event that you feel unable to provide it directly to my Committee.

*Yours
Hywel Francis*

Dr Hywel Francis
Chair