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Dear Harriet,

Thank you for your letter of 16 May 2018 about releasing the information on Paulette Wilson and Anthony Bryan’s Home Office files to them.

Any individual is able to request personal information held about them in Home Office immigration or other records (this is generally known as a ‘subject access request’). The subject access request process is set out at the following webpage on .gov.uk


Following the process set out on the webpage above is important. The Committee will appreciate that the Home Office cannot release information about a person without their explicit consent to do so.

Nevertheless, given that it was clear from the evidence provided on 16 May that Ms Wilson and Mr Bryan would like to see the information the Home Office holds about them, and considering the exceptional circumstances of this case, I have asked my officials to contact the individuals’ legal representatives and arrange for the information requested to be released to them. I can confirm my officials are expediting that request.

If the Committee is approached by other individuals who would like to have the information the Home Office holds about them, I would be grateful if you could highlight the subject access request process to them.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP