Dear Harriet

JCHR Windrush Detention Inquiry

Thank you for your letter of 28 August. I have sought to respond to the questions raised below.

You asked about the Windrush case files. I can confirm that, in addition to the case summaries already provided, Ms Williams will also have access to the actual individual case files.

In your letter you ask what is meant by a 'criminal case type' so that the Committee can understand which category or groups of people have been excluded from the review. 'Criminal case types' are used by the department's Criminal Casework Unit to identify and manage their workload within the Case Information Database (CID). CID is the electronic casework system used by staff across Immigration Enforcement.

As I said both in my letter of 21 August, and when I appeared before the Home Affairs Select Committee, we have not included these cases in the review so far, because of the purposeful distinction I have consistently drawn between criminal and other cases. However, work is ongoing to check that 'criminal case types' is not too broad a definition. Should we identify anyone who hasn't been included in the review to date, but who should have been, we will check their records to see if they told the Home Office they came to the UK before 1973. This is why the numbers provided in the 21 August update remain provisional and subject to change.

Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP