From Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP, Chair

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Dear Sajid

JCHR Windrush Detention Inquiry

Thank you for your letter dated 8 September.

Windrush Case Files
We are pleased that the Independent Advisor to the Windrush lessons learned review, Wendy Williams, will have access to the actual case files of individuals instead of case summaries.

Historical review of detentions and removals
We remain concerned about the lack of information provided by you on what sort of criminal offences are defined as “criminal case types” by the department’s Criminal Casework Unit and therefore what cases have been excluded from the historical review of detentions and removals. Can you please provide us with more information on the range of offences that are included in this category that is called “criminal case types.” For example, are individuals with any sort of conviction included in this category or is it limited to individuals who received custodial sentences?

In addition, you state that work is ongoing to check that “criminal case types” is not too broad a definition. If “criminal case types” is found to be too broad a definition, will decisions to exclude individuals from the review be made on a case by case basis?

Can you tell us how many people have been assessed as being “criminal case types” and therefore excluded from the review?

As previously, I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee, Yvette Cooper MP.

I would be grateful for your response by 2 October 2018.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP, Chair