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Dear Lord Ashton of Hyde,

Thank you for the Government response, received 13 November 2018, to the House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee's report on *Brexit: the movement of people in the cultural sector*.

The Sub-Committee is disappointed with the lack of detailed consideration given in the response to the Committee's conclusions and recommendations. The response does not address concerns about the limitations of the Tier 2 visa on bringing talent to the UK or self-employed artists and entertainers being permitted for short-term engagements. Your response also does not consider the recommendation to waive social security payments for EU citizens travelling to the UK on short-term contracts after the transition period to encourage reciprocity.

We note your response says the Government is intending to release a White Paper on future immigration arrangements later this year. We will be examining that Paper when it is published at which point we will return to the outstanding matters raised in our report.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Boswell

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