

Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for your evidence to the Committee today. During the session we asked you whether or not the Home Office had followed up the cases studies described by the ICIBI in his report on asylum accommodation. We offered to contact the office of the Inspector directly, and did so while the session was ongoing. We then put to you the information given to us by the Inspector's office and also asked them for further information and clarification.

I enclose a letter I have since received from the Inspector, David Bolt, and thought that you should see it straight away. As you would expect given the contents, we are contacting the Inspectorate again with a series of further questions, both about the information they gave us today and the decisions they took.

We remain concerned to establish whether there has been proper follow-up on these cases to ensure that asylum seekers are no longer living in these sub-standard properties. It would be very helpful if you and the Inspectorate are able to set out what action is now being taken to identify the properties and ensure that improvements have been made.

Yours sincerely



Yvette Cooper MP