

PARLIAMENTARY ROUND UP 22 September – 28 September 2018

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ENFORCEMENT

[HL10063](#)

Baroness Cox (Crossbench) asks Her Majesty's Government whether they consider Khartoum to be a safe place to which to deport non-Arab Sudanese migrants.

Baroness Williams of Trafford (Minister of State, Home Office) 24.9.18: The Home Office's assessment of the situation for Sudanese asylum seekers is set out in the relevant country policy and information notes, which are available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sudan-country-policy-and-information-notes>.

As they set out, a consideration of whether it is safe for a person to return to Khartoum will depend on the individual facts of their case.

Country analysis and general guidance for Home Office decision makers on handling particular types of protection and human rights claims. This includes whether claims are likely to justify granting asylum, humanitarian protection or discretionary leave, and whether – if a claim is refused – it is likely to be certifiable as 'clearly unfounded' under section 94 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002.

ENFORCEMENT / DETENTION

[140740](#)

Stephen Doughty (Lab), Cardiff South and Penarth, asks the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been wrongfully (a) detained, (b) deported, (c) denied British citizenship and (d) denied a passport on application in each of the last six years.

Caroline Nokes (Minister of State for Immigration), 27.9.18: Information on the number of people wrongfully deported and detained is set out in Sir Philip Rutnam's letters to the Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP, dated [14 May 2018](#) and [25 June 2018](#) that are deposited in the House Library.

Information on individuals wrongfully denied a passport and British citizenship in the last 6 years is not readily available and could only be obtained at disproportionate cost.

FAMILY REUNION

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Angus Brendan MacNeil (SNP, Na h-Eileanan an Iar) asks SSHD:

1. how many (a) decisions on, and (b) grants of, applications for refugee family reunion were made at (i) Istanbul Clearance, (ii) Amman Clearance, (iii) Pretoria Clearance and (iv) Sheffield Decision Making Centre in 2017.
2. from which countries are applications for refugee family reunion designated to be decided by the Sheffield Decision Making Centre.
3. with reference to the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration's report, [A re-inspection of the family reunion process, focusing on applications received at the Amman Entry Clearance Decision Making Centre](#), published on 5 September 2018, for what reason the proportion of refugee family reunion applications being decided at the Sheffield Decision Making Centre has increased.

Caroline Nokes, 24.9.18: Statistics on refugee family reunion can be found in Home Office Asylum tables volume 5, table as_21_q –

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/734178/asylum5-jun-2018-tables.ods

Information can also be found in the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration report: A re-inspection of the family reunion process, focusing on applications received at the Amman Entry Clearance Decision Making Centre:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/737724/Final_Artwork_Reinspection_Family_Reunion_Amman.pdf

UK Visas and Immigration are currently in the process of consolidating Family Reunion applications so that decision making is carried out by one specialist team based in the UK.