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Minister of State for Courts and
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Dear Alison,

THE REVIEW OF THE LEGAL AID, SENTENCING AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS ACT 2012

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 January outlining your concerns that the Government's Post-Implementation Review (PIR) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (LASPO) should encompass the cohort of cases progressed under the Act. Thank you also for bringing the attached letter, originally sent to us on 7 August 2015, to my attention. Please accept my apologies for the lack of response to this original letter.

The precise analytical approach that will be undertaken in the PIR has not been decided upon. At present, though, there is no intention of including in the PIR the data from the report to which the original letter refers, that is, "*Monitoring the early impacts of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act (2012) on onward immigration appeals*".

We have noted the issues raised in your letter regarding the cohort examined and the effects of transitional provisions. We will consider them during the process of conducting the PIR. We are keen to take on board the views of key parties across the sector over the course of the review and have committed to doing so.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

SIR OLIVER HEALD QC MP