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Dear Lord Judd,

Thank you for raising your question on Tuesday 7th May in the House in relation to the Timpson review of School exclusion.

I would like to provide some clarity on my response to your question regarding the multiple challenges faced by vulnerable young people and, indeed, how these are addressed by society. It is, as you set out, a complex picture and the Timpson review sought to unpick some of the overlapping factors with new analysis that isolated, as far as possible, the impact of individual characteristics on a child's chances of being excluded, controlling for others on which we have data.

I said that "Afro-Caribbean children have a substantially higher chance of being excluded than white working-class children". I should qualify the statement I made to say that the findings of the analysis showed that Black Caribbean children were around 1.7 times more likely to be permanently excluded. Black African children were, however, not found to be more or less likely to be excluded than White British children. This analysis also showed that children who are eligible for free school meals (of all ethnicities) are around 1.4 times are likely to be permanently excluded than those who are not.

I hope this letter has been useful. A copy of the letter will be placed in the House of Lords Library.


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