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Dear lain,

Further to our exchanges during Lords Committee stage of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill on 14 January, I said (at Column 589) that there have been only five rejections under the EU Settlement Scheme so far. I wanted to clarify that this figure relates to the number of <u>refusals</u> under the scheme.

It is reflected in the published statistics for the scheme to 30 November 2019 (published on 17 December 2019), which are available here: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-statistics-november-2019

The statistics for the scheme to 31 December 2019 will be published on 16 January and will be available here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-statistics

I am placing a copy of this letter in the House Library.

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