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Dear Jess,

DOMESTIC ABUSE BILL: MIGRANT VICTIMS REVIEW

I am writing to draw your attention to the publication of the findings of the Home Office review regarding migrant victims of domestic abuse. This was identified as a key issue by the Joint Committee on the Draft Domestic Abuse Bill in its June 2019 report, and we responded by committing to review our overall response on migrant victims.

The Home Office review considered the Joint Committee's recommendations regarding the Destitution Domestic Violence Concession (DDVC) and the related route to indefinite leave to remain (DVILR), information sharing between public bodies and immigration enforcement, as well as issues relating to partners of EEA migrants. It was carried out in two stages. Stage one involved a review of 100 randomly selected cases where individuals had applied for the DVILR to see what could be learned about the characteristics of those applicants and their applications. Stage two involved gathering evidence from thirteen expert organisations who specialised in the complex issues that affect migrant victims of domestic abuse. The review also heard from representatives from the Police and Immigration Enforcement.

The full report is now available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/migrant-victims-of-domestic-abuse-review>.

I am copying this letter to member of the Public Bill Committee, Theresa May, Harriet Harman (Chair, Joint Committee on Human Rights), Yvette Cooper (Chair, Home Affairs Committee), Caroline Nokes (Chair, Women and Equalities Committee) and Maria Miller. I am also placing a copy of this letter and the report in the library of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,

Victoria Atkins MP