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Lord Dubs

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Dear Alf,

Scale of the UK's resettlement schemes

Thank you for your valuable participation at the recent debate on Refugee Status on 2 November 2021, opened by my noble friend Lord Dubs. I write to issue a clarification on a comment I made in relation to our resettlement schemes.

I said that we aim to resettle 5,000 people a year under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) and a further 5,000 a year under the global UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS).

In fact, under the ACRS the Government will welcome up to 20,000 people at risk in coming years, with 5,000 in the scheme's first year. In addition, we will continue to resettle vulnerable refugees in need of protection under the UKRS. The number of refugees we resettle every year under the UKRS will depend on a variety of factors including local authorities' capacity for supporting refugees.

I hope you will accept my sincere apologies for any confusion which may have been caused during this debate.

I have copied this to those who spoke in the debate and will place a copy of this in the library of the House.

Baroness Williams of Trafford