Dr Leah Bassel – written evidence (CCE0145)

I am writing to share with you the executive summary of the report from our Economic and Social Research Council-funded project which explored migrants' experiences of becoming British citizens (Research team and co-authors: Pierre Monforte, David Bartram, Kamran Khan and Barbara Misztal) at the University of Leicester.

The executive summary and full report can be accessed at: http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/sociology/research/uk-citizenship-process/final-report

With this submission we respond to point 11 of the call:

How important are levels of English proficiency for first and second generation immigrants and what could be done to increase them, including through support for ESOL classes? Are there particular barriers faced by newcomers to Britain? Could the naturalisation process, including the citizenship test, be improved and if so, how?

We have sent the report to you in its current form, in the first instance, in the interest of meeting the deadline. I look forward to hearing from you and can certainly provide further information, in other formats.

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