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This briefing provides further information on the relationship between the number of application for citizenship in London versus elsewhere and the Greater London Authority’s work on citizenship.

Applications for citizenship in London versus elsewhere

The number of annual citizenship applications has fallen since its peak in 2013, however the proportion of applications from EEA nationals has increased. While we do not yet have qualitative data as to why there has been a fall in applications, the fall has coincided an increase in fees.

The evidence does not show any significant divergence between the proportion of applications to attend citizenship ceremonies in London compared to that in other regions of the country.

The Greater London Authority’s (GLA) work on Citizenship

There are a number of strands to the GLA’s work on Citizenship. Below is a summary of the most relevant projects to the Committee’s inquiry:

- **London Identities:**

  A qualitative research project, delivered in partnership with market research experts GfK and British Future, the independent thinktank that focuses on identity, integration and migration, to examine the concept of a shared London identity.

  This research is due for completion by February 2018. We will be able to share interim findings with the Committee very shortly.

- **Children with insecure status:**

  The latest data on the number of non-UK national children and young people in London, and specifically the number of children who are undocumented, are from GLA-commissioned research in 2009 based on data from 2007.

  This research will seek to obtain an updated figure and will also cover uptake of different immigration routes by children and young people.

  Due for completion by April 2018.

- **Active Citizenship in Ceremonies:**

  This research will inform the design and delivery of six pilot citizenship ceremonies in collaboration with local authorities to test different interventions, including on volunteering and voter registration, and to establish best practice. Due for completion May 2018.