



Home Office

Lord Sharpe of Epsom
Parliamentary Under
Secretary of State

2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF
www.gov.uk/home-office

To:

The Baroness Hamwee
House of Lords
London
SW1A 0AA

10/05/2024

Dear Baroness Hamwee,

Letter to correct the record – Lord German’s Questions for Short Debate

I am writing to you to confirm that unfortunately, there was an error in my statement yesterday during Lord German’s short debate. Please accept my sincere apologies on this matter and allow me to provide a correction.

I made the following inaccurate statement:

“I can say confidently that detention capacity is sufficient. I cannot comment on other operational aspects around detention, but as of 24 April there were 2,200 people in immigration removal centres, which includes those liable for removal to Rwanda.”

Please be advised that the correct position is as follows:

“As of 24 April the Home Office has the capacity to detain around 2,200 people in IRCs, including those liable for removal to Rwanda”.

I am copying this letter to Lord German, Lord Coaker, The Lord Bishop of St Albans, Lord Rogan, Lord Hussain,

I will also place a copy of this letter in the library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

**Lord Sharpe of Epsom OBE
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State**