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Dear Viscount Goschen,

**BORDER SECURITY, ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION BILL: HOUSE OF LORDS
COMMITTEE**

I am writing further to the debate in the Lords Committee on 26 June, where I committed to write (Official Report 26 June column 425) with details about funding and staffing levels for the Border Security Command.

Phase 1 of the Spending Review provided initial funding of £150 million for a new Border Security Command (BSC) to lead a strengthened response to border security threats, established on 5 July 2024 as one of the first actions of this government following the election. Phase 2 of the Spending Review will take the next steps to deliver these plans, providing up to £280 million of additional funding per year by 2028-29 for the BSC, including to tackle the people-smuggling gangs running the small boat operations.

On current staffing levels, I want to assure you that the BSC is being appropriately resourced to ensure we can provide cross-system strategic leadership across partners. Roles are being filled in line with departmental practices and wider recruitment – including bringing in appropriate skills from partners – is ongoing as part of the broader organisational set up.

I am currently unable to share details on the future levels of staffing within the BSC, as the Spending Review allocations and prioritisation processes are yet to be completed. I would be happy to update you when I am able to do so.

I look forward to further debate of the Bill as it continues Committee stage.

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

Yours sincerely,

**The Rt Hon. Lord Hanson of Flint
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