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Dear Sal,

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

I am writing further to the debate in the Lords Committee on 3 September, where I committed to write (Official Report 3 September Column 885) with details about data on age assessment decisions.

Further to the information I provided during the debate, data up until June 2024 is available on GOV.UK¹ and this includes the number of age disputes raised, the number of age disputes resolved, the number found to be adults, and the number found to be children. Up to date age assessment data is not currently published and is under review to assure its methodology and accuracy.

The Home Office is committed to improving age assessment data and work is underway to develop improved recording and reporting around various aspects of the age assessment system, including to better distinguish between initial decisions on age and Merton assessments. These developments represent a significant advancement in technical infrastructure, enabling more accurate and consistent recording of key activities and laying the foundation for future enhancements in reporting. We expect to resume published age assessment data in early 2026.

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,



Lord Hanson of Flint

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/immigration-system-statistics-data-tables#asylum>