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Dear Baroness Jones,

**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 834) with details about statistics on small boat arrivals.

Since 2018, 95% of the people arriving in the UK on a small boat have claimed asylum. Of the 159,180 small boat arrivals claiming asylum since 2018, around three-fifths (61% or 96,831) had received a substantive decision as of 16 July 2025. Of these, 61,706 (64%) were granted asylum or some other protection status, and 35,125 (36%) were refused. This data is available at: [How many people come to the UK irregularly? - GOV.UK](#).

A total of 6,313 people who arrived on a small boat between 2018 and the year ending June 2025 have been returned from the UK, representing 4% of the total number of small boat arrivals over the same period. This data is available at [How many people are returned from the UK? - GOV.UK](#).

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