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Dear Mr Wragg,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am replying to your Parliamentary Question asking what estimate has been made of the number of immigrants from other EU and EEA member states who will (a) enter and (b) settle in the UK in each of the next five years **(35429)**.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) produces national population projections for the UK based on the most recently available mid-year population estimates and a set of assumptions of future levels of fertility, mortality and migration. The migration assumptions are set using statistical modelling of past trends and consideration of academic expert opinion. Table 1 sets out the principal migration assumptions from the latest set of national population projections for the five years to mid-2020.

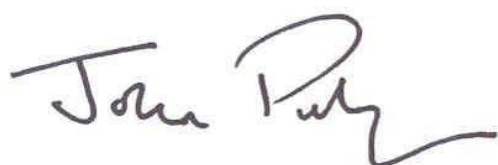
**Table 1: UK Principal migration assumptions for the 2014-based national population projections**

	Thousands				
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
International migration inflows	582	559	555	537	528
International migration outflows	326	327	329	330	332
Net international migration	256	232	226	206	196

*Figures may not sum due to rounding*

The migration assumptions are set in terms of in and out flows for the constituent countries of the UK by age and sex; they are not produced by nationality or country of last residence. Therefore ONS does not have an estimate of the number of immigrants from other EU and EEA member states who will (a) enter and (b) settle in the UK in each of the next five years.

Yours sincerely



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