

12 March 2021

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Dear Minister,

Overseas domestic worker visas

I am writing following our meeting in December 2020 and firstly wanted to thank you for the helpful updates. I really appreciated the opportunity to discuss a range of important issues, including overseas domestic worker visas. In my [2019/20 annual report](#) I noted my concerns about the lack of progress in implementing the recommendations from James Ewins QC's '[Independent Review of the Overseas Domestic Worker Visa](#)', which was published in 2015. I have been reassured about provision of information leaflets at visa application centres overseas. However, you will recall that I also raised concerns that information sessions for overseas domestic workers in the UK had still not been implemented.

You previously noted proposals to significantly reform the overseas domestic worker visa route. I would be grateful for an update on plans for review, and in light of this, the position with respect to information sessions for overseas domestic workers. I would, of course, be keen to engage at an early stage on any future proposals. I would also urge you to consult organisations supporting migrant domestic workers, including victims of domestic servitude, at the earliest opportunity so that we can ensure the needs of the vulnerable are at the centre of policy development.

I look forward to receiving your response. In the interests of transparency, I request that you respond in a way that enables me to publish your letter on my website.

Yours sincerely,



Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner