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Dear Mr McCartney,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am replying to your Parliamentary Question asking, pursuant to the answer of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to question 32897, how many nationals of other European Economic Area member states of school age migrated to the UK in each year since 2000; from which countries those people migrated; and what nationality those people were **(35990)**.

The Office for National Statistics' (ONS's) migration statistics are estimated based on the International Passenger Survey (IPS), which is a continuous voluntary sample survey, conducted at all principal air and sea routes, and the Channel Tunnel. While the IPS is a suitable source for measuring flows of international migrants to and from the UK, the sample size is not sufficient for providing very detailed breakdowns of migrant characteristics, such as school aged children by nationality for individual years.

With regards to the first part of your question, ONS are able to provide an estimate of the number of school-aged children (aged 5 to 18) who immigrated to the UK between the years 2000 to 2014 (2014 is the most recent data available), shown in Table 1:

**Table 1: Estimates of immigration to the UK of EEA nationals (excluding UK), aged 5 to 18, 2000 to 2014<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Confidence Interval (+/-)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,000</b>	<b>21,000</b>
2000	10,000	6,000
2001	4,000	3,000
2002	2,000	2,000
2003	10,000	6,000
2004	3,000	2,000
2005	3,000	2,000
2006	6,000	5,000
2007	8,000	5,000
2008	14,000	8,000
2009	10,000	4,000
2010	13,000	6,000
2011	13,000	5,000
2012	16,000	6,000
2013	14,000	5,000
2014	25,000	9,000

Source: International Passenger Survey – Office for National Statistics

<sup>1</sup> Estimates provided for each year reflect the countries included within the EEA during that reference year.

The 95 per cent confidence interval provided is a measure of the uncertainty associated with making inferences from a sample survey. For example, we would expect the estimate of school-aged children aged 5 to 18 immigrating to the UK in 2014 to be within the range 16,000 to 34,000 in 19 out of 20 possible samples drawn. Confidence intervals for some of the estimates in Table 1 are relatively large, which is a reflection of the number of EEA national school-aged children who were sampled in the survey in those particular years.

With regards to the next parts of your question, due to sample size limitations, only combined estimates covering the period 2000 to 2014 can be provided. Caution should be used when making inferences from estimates with large confidence intervals.

Table 2 shows, for the combined period 2000 to 2014, the country of last residence for EEA nationals (excluding UK) aged 5 to 18.

Table 3 shows, for the combined period 2000 to 2014, the specific nationality of those EEA nationals (excluding UK) aged 5 to 18.

**Table 2: Estimates of immigration to the UK of EEA nationals (excluding UK), aged 5 to 18, by country of last residence, 2000 to 2014 combined**

	Estimate	Confidence Interval (+/-)
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,000</b>	<b>21,000</b>
<b>EEA</b>	<b>141,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
EU15	75,000	13,000
<i>Austria</i>	2,000	2,000
<i>Belgium</i>	4,000	4,000
<i>Denmark</i>	1,000	1,000
<i>Finland</i>	0~	0~
<i>France</i>	10,000	6,000
<i>Germany</i>	15,000	6,000
<i>Greece</i>	6,000	3,000
<i>Republic of Ireland</i>	4,000	3,000
<i>Italy</i>	7,000	4,000
<i>Luxembourg</i>	1,000	2,000
<i>Netherlands</i>	4,000	4,000
<i>Portugal</i>	8,000	3,000
<i>Spain</i>	10,000	4,000
<i>Sweden</i>	4,000	2,000
EU8	52,000	14,000
<i>Czech Republic</i>	1,000	2,000
<i>Estonia</i>	1,000	1,000
<i>Hungary</i>	2,000	2,000
<i>Latvia</i>	6,000	5,000
<i>Lithuania</i>	12,000	8,000
<i>Poland</i>	22,000	9,000
<i>Slovakia</i>	7,000	5,000
<i>Slovenia</i>	1,000	1,000
EU2	7,000	4,000
<i>Bulgaria</i>	3,000	3,000
<i>Romania</i>	4,000	2,000
OTHER EU	4,000	3,000
<i>Cyprus</i>	3,000	2,000
<i>Malta</i>	1,000	1,000
<i>Croatia</i>	.	.
OTHER EEA	3,000	3,000
<i>Iceland</i>	.	.
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	.	.
<i>Norway</i>	3,000	3,000
<b>NON-EEA<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>

Source: International Passenger Survey – Office for National Statistics

Notes:

0~ = rounded to zero.

. = no contact

1. Due to sample size limitations, non-EEA countries of last residence have been combined.

**Table 3: Estimates of immigration to the UK of EEA nationals (excluding UK), aged 5 to 18, by nationality, 2000 to 2014 combined**

	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Confidence Interval (+/-)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,000</b>	<b>21,000</b>
<b>EU15</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>
<i>Austria</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>Belgium</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>Denmark</i>	<i>4,000</i>	<i>4,000</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>France</i>	<i>12,000</i>	<i>6,000</i>
<i>Germany</i>	<i>14,000</i>	<i>6,000</i>
<i>Greece</i>	<i>6,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>
<i>Republic of Ireland</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>
<i>Italy</i>	<i>11,000</i>	<i>6,000</i>
<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>4,000</i>
<i>Portugal</i>	<i>9,000</i>	<i>4,000</i>
<i>Spain</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>4,000</i>
<i>Sweden</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<b>EU8</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>
<i>Czech Republic</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>Estonia</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Hungary</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>Latvia</i>	<i>7,000</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>Lithuania</i>	<i>13,000</i>	<i>9,000</i>
<i>Poland</i>	<i>21,000</i>	<i>9,000</i>
<i>Slovakia</i>	<i>7,000</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>Slovenia</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<b>EU2</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>
<i>Romania</i>	<i>4,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<b>OTHER EU</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<i>Cyprus</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>Malta</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Croatia</i>	<i>0~</i>	<i>0~</i>
<b>OTHER EEA</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<i>Iceland</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
<i>Norway</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>

Source: International Passenger Survey – Office for National Statistics

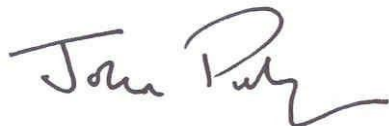
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Tables 2 and 3 above show estimates for combined years 2000 to 2014, and therefore it is not possible to pinpoint the actual year that the migration took place and so caution should be used when making comparisons between the tables above.

Yours sincerely

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