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Dear Ms Trevelyan,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am replying to your Parliamentary Question asking how many nationals from other EEA member states migrated to the UK with dependents of school age in the last 12 months; and how many school-aged dependents of nationals of other EEA member states live in the UK **(32897)**.

Migration statistics published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) are based on the estimated number of individuals who have migrated to and from the UK and are not available for groups of migrants such as families. Therefore ONS does not hold information on the number of nationals from other EEA member states who have migrated to the UK with dependents of school age. However, ONS are able to provide an estimate of the number of school-aged children (aged 5 to 18) who migrated to the UK in 2014, which is the most recent data available. International Passenger Survey figures show that there were an estimated 25,000 school-aged children with EEA nationality immigrating in 2014, with a corresponding margin of error of +/- 9,000.

The margin of error refers to the 95 per cent confidence interval and is a measure of the uncertainty associated with making inferences from a sample survey. Therefore, 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.

With regards to the second part of your question, ONS collects data on the country of birth and nationality of the UK population from the Annual Population Survey (APS). It is a household survey and so does not include people living in most types of communal establishment.

An estimated 699,000 school-aged dependents, aged 5 to 18, lived in the UK in 2015 (the latest data available) with at least one parent who held EEA nationality.

Yours sincerely



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