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Dear Mr Rosindell,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am replying to your Parliamentary Question asking when the most recent data on migration to and from the UK will be published (**41395**).

Statistics on international migration flows in and out of the UK are collected and published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). ONS publish estimates of both long-term international migration to and from the UK, and short-term international migration to and from the UK.

Long-term international migration estimates are primarily based on data from the *International Passenger Survey*, with adjustments made for asylum seekers, people whose intentions change with regard to their length of stay, and Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency data on migration to and from Northern Ireland (based on GP registrations). The estimates are based on the United Nations definition of a long-term international migrant; that is, someone who changes their country of usual residence for a period of one year or more.

The latest provisional long-term international migration estimates (for the year ending December 2015) were published on the ONS website on 26 May 2016.¹ Final long-term international migration estimates for this 2015 calendar year will be published on 1 December 2016.

Provisional long-term international migration estimates for the year ending March 2016 will be published on 25 August 2016. Alongside the latest migration estimates, ONS will also publish data on the population of the UK by country of birth and nationality, as well as the *Local Area Migration Indicators Suite*, which provides data on a variety of indicators, including international migration, internal migration (moves within the UK), and the latest mid-year population estimates.

Estimates of short-term international migration to and from the UK are also based on the *International Passenger Survey*. These estimates include migrants who enter or leave the UK for a period of between 1 and 12 months.

ONS last published short-term international migration estimates for the mid-year June 2014 on 26 May 2016.² The next release date for these estimates has not yet been announced.

¹ Available at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/datasets/migrationstatisticsquarterlyreportprovisionallongterminternationalmigrationltimeestimates>.

² Available at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/bulletins/shortterminternationalmigrationannualreport/mid2014estimates>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Pullinger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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