

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL]

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

*Tabled up to and including
23 December 2024*

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Clause 1

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 1, line 2, leave out “6 months” and insert “one month”

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 1, line 6, leave out “21 days” and insert “three months”

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 1, line 8, leave out “persons they deem appropriate” and insert “—

- (a) relevant local authorities;
- (b) Home Office police forces;
- (c) the National Crime Agency;
- (d) UK Border Force;
- (e) Royal Navy;
- (f) the Security Services;
- (g) the Secret Intelligence Service;
- (h) HM Coastguard;
- (i) HM Revenue and Customs;
- (j) Interpol;
- (k) European Union Frontex.”

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 1, line 23, leave out “or unmarried partner”

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Clause 1, page 2, line 5, leave out “25” and insert “21”

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 2, line 16, leave out from “status,” to “or” on line 18

LORD MURRAY OF BLIDWORTH

Clause 1, page 2, line 18, at end insert –

“(iva) the importance of maintaining a secure border,”

Member's explanatory statement

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that border security is considered a key aspect of the Bill.

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 2, line 18, at end insert –

“(iva) intelligence or other information supplied in each individual case where provided by –

- (A) the National Crime Agency;
- (B) HM Coastguard;
- (C) the Security Service;
- (D) the Secret Intelligence Service;
- (E) HM Revenue and Customs;
- (F) Home Office police forces;
- (G) the Serious Fraud Office;
- (H) HM Army, Navy or Air Force;
- (I) Interpol;
- (J) European Union Frontex,”

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 2, line 26, at end insert –

“(7) The Secretary of State must make arrangements for each applicant under subsection (1) to undergo a medical health assessment within a reasonable period after their

application for family reunion status is made and no such application should be approved until such an assessment is undertaken.”

Clause 2

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Lord Jackson of Peterborough gives notice of his intention to oppose the Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

After Clause 2

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause—

“Cases where family reunion status must not be granted

Notwithstanding the provisions in section 1(5)(a), the Secretary of State must not grant family reunion status to any person, who, within a period of the last ten years, has been removed from the United Kingdom by and after due legal process for any of the following grounds—

- (a) breach of immigration conditions;
- (b) overstaying a visa;
- (c) illegal entry;
- (d) criminal conviction(s);
- (e) being deemed not conducive to the public good.”

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

★ After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause—

“Decision relating to a person’s age

The Secretary of State may not exercise powers or permit changes under section 3(2) of the Immigration Act 1971, in accordance with section 1 of this Act, unless—

- (a) they are satisfied that an age assessment, made under section 50 or 51 of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 has been undertaken within a period of 48 hours of an application for family reunion status being made, under section 1 of this Act, and where the relevant authority, as noted in that Act, has reasonable grounds for doubting the stated age of the person seeking such status, and
- (b) such a relevant authority deems the assessment to be satisfactory for the purposes of accurately assessing that person’s age on the day of the assessment.”

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

★ After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause—

“Duty to collect data on family reunion applicants

The Secretary of State must report on a quarterly basis and lay before Parliament anonymised details of each person granted family reunion status in the previous 12 months, specifically but not exclusively to include—

- (a) country of origin;
- (b) age when claim first made;
- (c) accommodation status;
- (d) current geographical location by local authority area;
- (e) financial cost to the public purse of housing and other public services provision;
- (f) criminal record where applicable;
- (g) progress on immigration status, including issue of Refugee Travel Document;
- (h) progress on integration status where applicable, including those persons seeking permission to work and study and those on volunteer programmes.”

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