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After Clause 46

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After Clause 46, insert the following new Clause –

"Reports on restrictions on asylum seekers engaging in employment

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish a report explaining what progress has been made towards providing asylum applicants with the right to take up employment whilst their application is being determined.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must be published
 - (a) by 31 December 2025, or
 - (b) within three months of the passing of this Act, whichever is earliest.
- (3) The Secretary of State must make a further report under subsection (1) at least every 12 months after the publication of the first report, until the restrictions on asylum seekers engaging in employment are removed.
- (4) Any report under subsection (1) must include a review of
 - (a) the current 12 month waiting period attached to the permission to work, and
 - (b) the restriction of roles to the Immigration Salary List.
- (5) The Secretary of State must make arrangements for
 - (a) A copy of any report published under subsection (1) to be laid before both Houses of Parliament before the end of the day on which it is published, or the next sitting day if it is published on a non-sitting day;
 - (b) the House of Commons to debate a motion, made by a Minister of the Crown, to the effect that the House of Commons has considered the report;
 - (c) the House of Lords to debate a motion, made by a Minister of the Crown, to the effect that the House of Lords has considered the report.

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(6) The Secretary of State must make arrangements for the debates required under subsections (5)(b) and (c) to be held within 25 sitting days of the day on which the report is laid before Parliament."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to report back to Parliament annually on the Government's working rights policies for people in the asylum system, and for both Houses of Parliament to debate a motion on the report.

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