Ministry of Justice

Christine Jardine MP
General Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Christine Jardine,

Immigration and Asylum Bill Oral Evidence Session

I thank you for the opportunity to present evidence on behalf of HM Courts and Tribunals Service, on the Immigration and Asylum Bill, to the Committee on 15 September 2026. I am writing to clarify and expand on some of the evidence provided.

In the session, when Dr Zubir Ahmed MP for Glasgow South West, asked about the workload of the tribunal and the timelines of when the tribunal workload and operations will wind down, I indicated that I expected wind down to take approximately one to three years. I thought it would be helpful to clarify that this timescale is intended only as an indicative estimate of the period required to wind down the tribunal's caseload and operations, once it stops accepting new receipts, rather than the broader IIAA implementation timeframe, which is still being considered by the Home Office.

Our current planning assumption sees the IIAA beginning to take cases from late 2027, with appeal types then gradually transitioning over time. Following the transition of all new receipts, we expect there will be a number of years of dual running where the FTT-IAC will continue to work through its residual caseload.

Please see further minor amendments to the data provided in the session, in the annex below.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Flury

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Annex A: Amendments/ Clarifications

Individual	Time	Original	Amendment/ clarification
Neal Barcoe	15:54:52	We are up to just over 300 now, with 65 fee-paid and 25 salaried judges starting earlier this year	We are up to just over 310 now, with **61 fee-paid** and 25 salaried judges starting earlier this year.
Daniel Flury	16:00:17	There is still a pretty significant backlog of just under 152,000 appeals sitting in the system	There is still a pretty significant backlog of just under **155,000** appeals sitting in the system.
Daniel Flury	16:07:43 16:08:00 16:08:12	It currently takes about 56 weeks for an appeal to clear the system in the first-tier tribunal It is even longer for appeals —that 56 weeks is all appeals I think we can all agree that it needs to improve substantially, because 56 weeks is unacceptable in any jurisdiction.	All references to 56 weeks should be amended to **62 weeks (on average).**

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