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Monday 10 August 2020

Dear Ms Strickland,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 59407

Thank you for your email of 7 July, in which you requested information regarding the Home Office Charter flight to Nigeria and Ghana on 28 March 2017. Your full request, which is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and our responses can be found in the enclosed annex.

If you are dissatisfied with this response to your Freedom of Information request you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference FOI **59407**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Ms Strickland <request-674993-91e69ea5@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: 07 July 2020 20:55
To: FOI Requests <FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - [July 2020] Status of persons due to be on cancelled charter flight to Nigeria/ Ghana 28.03.2017

Dear Home Office,

You've previously confirmed that there are 11 persons still in the country that were meant to be on the charter flight to Nigeria and Ghana departing from Stansted Airport on 28-3-17.

Please confirm as of today's date:

1. How many of the 11 still remain in the UK

A: As of 13 July 2020, we can confirm that all 11 remain in the UK.

2. What is the basis of their claim to remain in the country (e.g. asylum, human rights, domestic violence, etc).

A: Asylum	11
Leave to remain	5
Naturalisation	1
Further representations	4
Human rights	4
Dependant of an EEA national	5
Leave to enter	2

As at 3 September 2019, some of the 11 people had applied to remain in the UK on multiple grounds, including applications or representations under consideration, or pending appeals and litigation. This explains why the total basis of claims is greater than 11.

3. How many of these persons have since been granted the right to remain

A: As of 13 July 2020, decisions have been made to grant limited Leave to Remain to three of the eleven people.

A further two people have been issued with a residence card recognising their right to remain in the UK by virtue of their relationship with an EEA national currently in the UK exercising their treaty rights.

One person was granted asylum and leave to remain in the UK, after being referred under the National Referral Mechanism for the identification of victims of trafficking.

4. Assuming the answer to (2) is yes and the answer to (3) is more than 0, please confirm on what basis those persons have been granted the right to remain

A: Decisions were made to grant limited Leave to Remain in the three cases on human rights or compassionate grounds.

In one case, asylum was granted after being identified as a victim of trafficking.

Two people were issued a residence card as recognition of a right to remain as the unmarried partner of an EEA national exercising rights in the UK under the 1960 Treaty of Rome.

5. How many of these persons have been granted asylum

A: There has been one grant of asylum.