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Dear Alicia Edmund,

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 May 2026 to the Home Secretary about the earned settlement proposals. Your correspondence has been passed to Human Rights, Family and Settlement (HRFS) for a response.

We understand how important these issues are to individuals, families, and communities. That is precisely why the Government ran a public consultation to gather views on the proposals.

The consultation ran for 12 weeks, having opened on 20 November 2025 and closed on 12 February 2026. As part of this consultation, we sought views on the potential impact of the proposed changes and whether there should be transitional arrangements for those already on a pathway to settlement. We also asked for views on whether certain groups should be exempt from the income requirement.

We are now reviewing and analysing all responses received. This analysis will help inform the development of the final earned settlement model, including consideration of any potential exemptions or transitional measures for those already on a pathway to settlement.

Once the final model has been decided, the Government will communicate the outcome publicly. As with all significant policy changes, the proposals will be subject to both economic impact assessments and equality impact assessments.

We appreciate the time taken by all those who contributed their views, and we remain committed to developing a fair and transparent system that reflects both the needs of the UK and the contributions of those who wish to build their lives here.

The Rt Hon Lord Hanson has met with the Lord Bishop of Leicester to discuss the earned settlement impacts on the Minister of Religion visa route, and we welcome further engagement from all faith communities across the UK.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write to the Home Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

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