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Dear Mr Spurling,

Thank you for your email of 26 March.

All press materials go through appropriate clearance and are drafted in line with the Civil Service Code.

The Government's position is that the asylum system is broken and open to abuse. That is why we launched our New Plan for Immigration. Our position is supported by evidence, including published statistics and Home Office analysis.

The content and language in the press release is based on the [New Plan for Immigration](#), which was published on 24 March, and draws on published, quality assured Home Office data as well as expert insight from experienced officials who deliver and administer the system every day.

As you will be aware, the Government Communication Service propriety guidance explains that it is the role of communications staff to present, describe and justify the thinking behind the policies of ministers and be ready to promote the policies of the department and the Government as a whole – which we believe this press release does.

Yours sincerely,

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