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Dear Mr Dilnot

In her speech to the Conservative Party Conference on 30th September 2014, the Home Secretary said:

"Because of European free movement rules, overall immigration is still too high. But where we can control immigration we are controlling it, and immigration from outside Europe is down to the levels of the 1990s."

According to the House of Commons library, immigration from outside the EU in the period 1991-1999 averaged 172,000 per year. However the Office for National Statistics' August 2014 Migration Statistics Quarterly Report indicates that immigration from outside the EU during the year to March 2014 was 265,000.

I would be grateful if you could you confirm that the Home Secretary's statement was inaccurate.

Yours sincerely

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