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LORD CLEMENT-JONES ORAL QUESTION ON 15 DECEMBER

During Lord Clement-Jones' oral question on 15 December you asked how many performing artists have been denied access to the United Kingdom through the Points Based System (PBS).

The main entry route is through the Tier 5 Creative & Sporting category. From launch in November 2008 until the end of September 2009, 5,200 out-of-country applications were made under this category, of which 4,749 were accepted and 351 refused. This represents a refusal rate of 6.8%, whereas the refusal rate for Tier 5 as a whole for the same period was 7.8%.

I hope this further information is helpful.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the library of the House.

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