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Dear Lord Sutherland,

During the oral question on 22nd July you referred to a supplementary point Lord Clement-Jones had made about academics and asked if any checks were being made of the impact of the points based system (PBS) on academic appointments.

The UK Border Agency conducted a survey to explore how well the PBS was working in its early stages and make recommendations for potential improvements. The purpose was to evaluate different aspects of the process, including the views of applicants and sponsors. Part of this evaluation included an on-line survey of Tier 2 applicants, some of whom were working in the academic community in the UK at the time. Applicants were asked to comment on their perceptions of the new PBS system, including views on speed and transparency of decision-making, ease of completing the application form and submitting relevant documentation as well as overall satisfaction. The findings will be published in due course.

I hope this further information is helpful.

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

Yours sincerely,

Rupert de Mauley