

# Lord Wallace of Saltaire



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*Dear Lord Hall,*

### **IMMIGRATION DEBATE ON 21 OCTOBER**


During the debate on 21 October you asked a question I was unable to get round to in my response but should like to do so now.

You asked whether the Government will review the cap on migration as it applies to artists and asked that consideration be given to elite artists being treated in the same way as elite sportspeople.

Elite sportspeople are covered by a separate route under Tier 2 of the Points-Based System. They have been accorded this status because the Governing Bodies of the sports concerned have agreed an approach which controls the quality of those entering the UK under this route.

We are giving careful consideration to how those with exceptional talent in other fields might be catered for under our proposals and do not rule out an approach using a governing body. Our limit will focus on attracting the brightest and best and will not be arbitrarily imposed.

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

*Yours sincerely,*  


**LORD WALLACE OF SALTIRE**