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## **TASK FORCE ON MIGRATION STATISTICS**

I am writing to ask your help with a task force I am setting up to identify timely improvements that could be made to estimates of migration and migrant populations in the United Kingdom, both nationally and at local level

There is now a broad recognition that available estimates of migrant numbers are inadequate for managing the economy, policies and services. They are the weakest component in the estimates and projections of population needed for these purposes, for resource allocation and in the calculation of many PSA targets.

I am asking the task force to report to me quickly on the scope for and cost of improvements that could realistically be made over the next couple of years, in advance of any benefits that might be realised from initiatives such as e-Borders and ID cards. I will then make recommendations to Ministers on funding improvements.



I would be grateful if you can nominate a senior member of your analytic team to join this task force. The draft terms of reference are attached.

Copies of this letter go to Heads of Profession and to the Statistics Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen". The letters are cursive and connected.

Karen Dunnell