



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

A Response to the Shamima Begum Campaign

I would like to be very clear that anyone who has left the UK to support terrorist organisations - organisations that seek to cause harm to our citizens and sow hate in our country - are not welcome home. The Government will not tolerate any British lives being put at risk to rescue Ms Begum.

In the event that Ms Begum does return home, or indeed anyone taking part in the conflict in Syria and Iraq, they should expect to be questioned, investigated and potentially prosecuted. There are a range of measures available to stop people who pose a serious threat from returning to the UK, including depriving them of their British citizenship.

I have been encouraged by the fact that there have already been several successful prosecutions related to travel to Syria. This includes a custodial sentence of ten years for a British national found guilty in December 2017 of membership of IS, possessing an AK47 gun and receiving £2,000 for terrorism. The minimum of 40 years for Khalid Ali who was sentenced at the beginning of the year for planning a terrorist attack in Westminster reflects how seriously this country takes the terrorist threat.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alister Jack'.

Alister Jack DL MP
Dumfries and Galloway constituency.