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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your email of 29 April to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities about provision of funding and resources for Afghan refugees.

Please accept my apologies for the long day in responding to you.

Thanks to an enormous collaborative effort across the public and private sector, we have evacuated over 20,500 Afghans and continue to bring in more families each month. We are continuing to work closely with local councils and their partners to find suitable accommodation and ensure that these families are able to start their new lives in the UK.

There are two schemes available to support individuals and their families from Afghanistan with resettlement in the UK. Both Schemes provide Indefinite Leave to Remain, the right to work and recourse to public funds.

Work is continuing across Government to ensure the Afghans who stood side by side with us in conflict, their families and those at highest risk who have been evacuated, are supported as they now rebuild their lives in the UK.

We are matching the local authority funding tariff for the successful Syrian resettlement scheme to provide funding for integration support costs to a maximum value of £20,520 over a 3-year period, frontloaded in the first year. To support the swift integration of new arrivals, we are also providing additional funding specifically for education and healthcare in the first year.

ACRS/ARAP	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
LA Tariff [per person]	£10,500	£6,000	£4,020	£20,520
Education [per child]	Up to £4,500			Up to £4,500
English Language [per adult]	£850			£850
Health [per person]	£2,600			£2,600

We have announced a £25.5 million Housing Costs fund to help meet the costs of housing. The additional housing support is being provided to enable Local Authorities to come forward with offers of accommodation to larger families as soon as possible. For example, it can be used to

provide a top up payment, where it is needed to meet the gap between market rent and the Local Housing Allowance, or to help meet shortfalls which impact on a family's ability to cover their rent.

Thank you for writing to me on this very important matter.

LORD HARRINGTON

Richard