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Dear Munira,

Thank you for your letter of 2 February 2026 detailing the concerns raised by the families of the victims of Roksana Lecka, a Polish national.

I am very sorry to hear of the terrible experience that the families and their children have been through as Lecka's victims.

As you may be aware, under the Borders Act 2007 a deportation order must be made when a foreign national has been convicted of an offence and has received a custodial sentence of 12 months or more.

The Early Removal Scheme (ERS) allows the Home Secretary to remove Foreign National Offenders (FNOs) serving determinate sentences before they have reached the point in their sentence when they would normally be released. FNOs can be removed up to 48 months before the end of the custodial element of the sentence, subject to a minimum 30% of their custodial sentence being served. All FNOs who are confirmed as liable to deportation by Home Office Immigration Enforcement, irrespective of sentence length of country of origin, will be considered under the scheme.

On 26 September 2025, Lecka was convicted of 21 counts of cruelty to a person under the age of 16 and a sentence of eight years. Due to the time Lecka spent on remand in custody, her earliest date of removal under the ERS was calculated as 7 October 2025. This release date was approved by the Governor of the prison where Lecka was being held.

Following her conviction, Lecka's case was referred to the Home Office to consider deportation, and she has been served a signed deportation order. She is due to be returned to Poland on Thursday 5 February 2026.

In most cases, it is the Governor of the prison holding the FNO who makes the decision to authorise ERS, in accordance with statutory requirements and published policy. I appreciate, of course, that particularly where the offence is so serious with long-lasting impact on the victims, it is difficult to accept any reduction in the time the offender must spend in prison.

There are very few reasons why removal under the ERS would not be authorised. Once the Governor is satisfied the FNO can be removed under the scheme, the ERS authorisation

form is completed. The Home Office's Foreign National Offender Removal Command is then notified of the decision and will process each case in line with the ERS Eligibility Date (ERSED); this being the earliest date that the FNO can be removed from the prison for the purpose of their removal from the UK.

Once Lecka has been deported, the signed deportation order prevents her return to the UK indefinitely.

Whilst Lecka is not required to serve the remainder of her sentence in Poland, we have made Polish law enforcement aware of her convictions so that appropriate safeguarding actions can be taken by the Polish authorities. The exchange of criminal records information with EU member states, including Poland, is provided for by the UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement through a system known as the European Criminal Records Information System.

I believe this addresses yours and the victim's family's concerns, but I am happy to address any further queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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