

Asylum seeker plans legal challenge to Home Office questionnaire

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Extract:

A Home Office spokesperson said: "It is standard practice for Home Office immigration documents to be in English. The majority of asylum seekers who will be receiving the questionnaire already have legal representatives who can help them with translation, if required. Friends, family and non-government organisations can also assist the person and the Home Office will consider extensions to the deadline on a case-by-case basis."

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Baroness Coussins Crossbench

My Lords, on speeding things up, is there any truth in the rumour that the Government want to deal with the asylum backlog by requiring applications in writing in English, using online translation tools? If so, is the [Minister](#) aware that where complex details and evidence on trafficking, for example, are machine translated, the frequency and severity of errors in this unregulated field is notoriously high, and should not be used without human oversight, such as the provision of professionally qualified public service interpreters?

Go to <https://www.nrpsi.org.uk/news-posts/Click-here-to-read-NRPSI-s-letter-to-the-Home-Office-regarding-reports-of-plans-to-cut-the-asylum-backlog-by-sending-questionnaires-to-refugees-instead-of-conducting-official-interviews.html> and copy this letter and send it to Home Office:

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