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Dear Ms Lorenz

I am writing to inform you that the Home Office is increasing the main rate of asylum support that it provides under sections 4 and 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 to £45.00 per week on an interim basis. This follows the judicial review judgment on 21 December 2022 in *R (CB) v Secretary of State for the Home Department*. Additionally, the rate for those in self-catered communal accommodation, which is currently £35.00 per week, will be aligned with the main rate and will be increased to £45.00. The rate for those in initial or contingency accommodation, who have their meals provided, will rise from £8.24 to £9.10. This increase will take effect as soon as possible in the new year and will be backdated to Wednesday, 21 December 2022.

These increases reflect the finding of the court that, on the materials before it, the rate could not reasonably be below £45.00; the increase resulting from the application of the September 2022 CPI inflation rate of 10.1% (as set out at paragraph 57 of the judgment).

As you will know, the court was also critical of the process that led to the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2022. We will now carefully consider the implications of the judgment for the outcome of the current review of asylum support rates.

I trust this is helpful in setting out the levels of the interim rate of the asylum support following the High Court judgment.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Jenrick MP
Minister for Immigration