Item 5 - Borders and quarantine

1. This paper provides the available information on arrivals into Scotland and on wider UK immigration data.

International Flights landing in Scotland

2. Data is collected weekly on air passengers arrival in Scotland. The data in the attached spreadsheet covers 22-28 June. This information is subject to change given the volatility with booking and passenger numbers. Also aircraft types are best estimates and subject to change and there may be additional charters or flights that we haven't picked up.

International
flights - 22-28 June

Immigration Statistics

3. The UK Government publish comprehensive data on immigration but it is particularly difficult to get accurate figures below a UK level and the data comes with health warnings - immigration data in general is not very robust and a lot of the statistics have been downgraded to 'experimental' status by the ONS.

4. The UK Government have published "Statistics relating to Covid-19 and the immigration system" https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statistics-relating-to-covid-19-and-the-immigration-system-may-2020 which was designed to give an overview of the key trends affecting the UK immigration system, following the outbreak of COVID-19 in the UK. It includes information on Passenger Arrivals, Entry Clearance Visas, Extensions of leave, EU Settlement Scheme, Asylum and resettlement and Immigration detention, though this is all UK level data. This is all UK level data.

5. Data on the number of passengers arriving by air are published in the accompanying air passenger arrivals data tables, though again this is UK level data and 'figures are rounded to the nearest 100 passengers'. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/887655/statistics-relating-to-covid-19-and-the-immigration-system-tables-may-2020-arrivals.ods

6. More detailed quarterly breakdowns of the immigration data up to the end of March 2020 can be found in Immigration Statistics, year ending March 2020 https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-year-ending-march-2020 Data covering April to June 2020, will not be published until the August edition of the Home Office Immigration Statistics. Again, this is all UK level data.

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