

Illegal Migration Act: Northern Ireland

Sir John Redwood (Wokingham) (Con):

We voted in a referendum to end the rule of EU law throughout the United Kingdom, including Northern Ireland. Given the muddle that the courts are creating, is not the only way out of this an urgent, short piece of legislation that asserts beyond doubt that we control our own borders?

Tom Pursglove (Minister for Immigration):

The Government believe that we have a legal basis for this. I recognise my right hon. Friend's determination for us to get on and deliver on the Rwanda policy. That is precisely what we are doing, on the basis of the Nationality and Borders Act at this stage, but when it comes to the IMA, we believe that we have a strong legal basis, and that is why we are appealing the judgment.