

# My Intervention in the second reading of the Illegal Migration Bill

John Redwood (Wokingham) (Con):

**Is the Home Secretary also worried that the criminal gangs that are exploiting people in this dreadful way for great profit may also be linked to other types of serious crime and helping to finance other destabilisation?**

Suella Braverman – Minister of State for the Home Office:

I am afraid that my right hon. Friend raises a very worrying fact about what we are seeing. When I have spoken to police chiefs around the country, they tell me that criminality—particularly drug supply and usage—is now connected to people who came here illegally on small boats in the first place.

Thirdly, Rwanda is a fundamentally safe country, as affirmed by the High Court. It has a proud track record of helping the world's most vulnerable, including refugees, for the United Nations.