MINUTES OF THE 94th MEETING OF THE MIGRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday 7th July 2017

Chair: Professor Alan Manning

Attending: Professor Jackline Wahba

Dr Jennifer Smith

Madeleine Sumption (by phone)

Paul Regan MAC Secretariat

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions and minutes of previous meeting

1. The MAC welcomed Jacob Kenny and Richard Cahill to the MAC secretariat. Jacob has joined the Secretariat from University and Richard has joined from the private sector. The minutes of the 93rd meeting were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed.

Agenda item 2 - MAC, Home Office and MAC secretariat updates

2. Paul Regan provided an update on Home Office priorities since the last meeting which covered the June General Election results and implications for the Home Office. Other key areas of activity included the publication of the UK Government's position on the status of EU nationals resident in the UK. Paul also discussed the 1st round of negotiations in the EU, which took place in June, and the future work programme of the MAC.

Agenda item 3 - Update on MAC governance, future commission and framework agreement

- 3. Alan Manning gave an update on his engagement with stakeholders including other government departments, High Commissions and industry groups.
- 4. Jennifer Bradley updated the Committee on the recruitment plans for a new MAC member. The advert has been circulated widely and there has been a good level of interest. The annual report has been finalised and the Framework Document reviewed, both for publication.

Agenda item 4 - Paper: MAC data analysis

5. Maria del Castillo presented the latest version of the data analysis paper to the MAC following redrafting. Comments and suggestions were taken and feedback was very positive.

Agenda item 5 – Paper: Impact of migration on productivity growth - presentation and discussion

6. Julian Costas presented his work on the impact of migration on productivity growth. It was well received by the MAC and it was suggested that there was strong potential to develop the work further.

Agenda item 6 - Paper: Overview of government industrial strategy

7. Stephen Earl provided an overview of the Government's Industrial Strategy green paper for the MAC. Jennifer indicated she had reviews

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of the industrial strategy document she would be able to provide to the secretariat.

Agenda item 7 – Update on stakeholder engagement

8. Stephen Earl gave an update on stakeholder engagement. The secretariat has undertaken a range of meetings with businesses and representatives from various sectors. These meetings have been informative for both the MAC secretariat but also the sectors themselves who are keen to engage.

Agenda item 8 - Any other business

9. There was no other business to discuss.