Following Prime Ministers Questions the Archbishop has issue the following statement:

“Over the last week it has been disappointing to see the mischaracterisation of the role of churches and faith groups in the asylum system.

“Churches up and down the country are involved in caring for vulnerable people from all backgrounds. For refugees and those seeking asylum, we simply follow the teaching of the Bible which is to care for the stranger.

“It is the job of the Government to protect our borders and of the courts to judge asylum cases. The Church is called to love mercy and do justice.

I encourage everyone to avoid irresponsible and inaccurate comments – and let us not forget that at the heart of this conversation are vulnerable people whose lives are precious in the sight of God.”