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## Immigration and Asylum

### Westminster Ministerial Statement

#### Charging for Immigration and Nationality Services 2010-11

**The Minister for Immigration (Damian Green):** I am announcing proposals to change the fees for immigration and nationality applications made to the UK Border Agency. The Government review these fees on a regular basis and makes appropriate changes as necessary.

The Chancellor's emergency Budget set out the state of the nation's finances and demonstrated the very difficult choices that must be made to reduce the budget deficit. As part of that, the Government have looked again at the contribution made towards the costs of running an immigration system by the users of that system, balanced against those costs met by the UK taxpayer and we believe proposals to increase fees at this time are in the best interests of the UK. Securing the border brings with it an unavoidable core of cost, especially as we seek to improve customer service for visa applicants: something which we believe is important in the efficient running of the UK economy.

We set some fees above the administrative cost of providing the service. This allows us to generate revenue which is used to fund the UK immigration system and to set certain fees below cost recovery to support wider Government objectives. The revenue generated will continue to strengthen our capability in underpinning technology and

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process improvement. For transparency, I have included details of the estimated unit cost for each route, so that it is clear the degree to which individual routes are set above or below cost.

I will shortly lay two sets of regulations in Parliament to effect fee increases and the table below sets out details of all the proposed increases. The table includes indicative unit costs for each application for 2010-11. The unit cost is the estimated average cost to UK Border Agency of processing each application. Although our unit costs are not fixed over the course of the financial year, we publish unit costs to enable you to see which fees we set over cost and by how much. Further details of all fees changes will be outlined in the explanatory memoranda accompanying the regulations.

Regulations to set fees at or below the cost of processing are subject to the negative parliamentary procedure and I propose these fees will increase from 1 October 2010. Where we charge a fee that is set above the processing cost, the regulations are subject to the affirmative parliamentary process, and I aim for these fees to come into effect in November, subject to parliamentary timetabling.

I believe our proposals continue to strike the right balance between maintaining secure and effective border controls, and ensuring that our fees structure does not inhibit the UK's ability to attract those migrants and visitors who most benefit the UK. In principle it is right that those who benefit most from the immigration system should bear a higher share of the contribution to the running of the system.

Full details on how to apply for all of these services will be provided on our website at: [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk).

**To read the lengthy tables see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100909/wmstext/100909m0001.htm#10090920000013>

## Westminster Parliamentary Questions

### Entry Clearances

**Andrew Griffiths:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the average time taken from application date to issue date for a visa to enter the UK from (a) overseas and (b) Pakistan was in the latest period for which figures are available. [12561]

**Reply from Damian Green:** I refer my hon. Friend to the answer given on 26 July 2010, *Official Report*, column 655W. Please note that visa processing times are counted from the date that the application is lodged to the date that either (a) the applicant's passport is sent back to the applicant, or (b) the applicant is contacted and informed that their passport is ready for collection.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/text/100906w0002.htm#10090712000029>

### Immigration

**Chris Skidmore** (Kingswood) (Con): What steps [the Minister for Immigration] is taking to reduce annual net immigration to the UK. [13095]

**Reply from The Minister for Immigration (Damian Green):** Limiting economic migration is part of the Government's plan to reduce net migration. Action will be required beyond these routes and we will review other immigration routes in due course. We are also committed to introducing transitional controls as a matter of course for all new EU member states.

**Chris Skidmore:** During the general election, the issue of greatest concern to my Kingswood constituents was the uncontrolled rise in immigration under the previous

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Labour Government. My constituents have welcomed the decision to place a cap on immigration numbers. Will the Minister ensure that this is done as soon and as fast as possible to ensure that this Government, unlike the previous one, are seriously committed to cracking down on uncontrolled immigration?

**Reply from Damian Green:** I am grateful to my hon. Friend for his question, which reflects the concerns of many millions of people of all political views all over the country. Britain can and has benefited from immigration, but not from uncontrolled immigration. The levels of net migration seen under the previous Government were unprecedented. That is why this Government are committed to bringing immigration down to sustainable levels by steady downward pressure on all routes to migration.

**Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield) (Lab): The Minister spoke about "uncontrolled" immigration, but is not the whole point of the Australian-style points system to provide sensible controls on immigration while also allowing the country to attract the skills it needs? Is it not the case that the immigration policies pursued by this Government are all about the soundbite and how the measures will be reported rather than about having effective measures to ensure that we continue to attract the skills we need while maintaining the controls put in place towards the end of the previous Government's tenure?

**Reply from Damian Green:** If the hon. Gentleman accuses me of engaging in soundbite politics, may I be allowed to use the Dispatch Box to advertise my Royal Commonwealth Society lecture this evening, in which I will make quite a long and detailed speech on immigration policy, to which I invite him—*[Interruption.]* I will have a word with the doorman and get him in. The points-based system was indeed a step forward, but he fails to recognise that it was nothing like enough, as we saw in the immigration figures that came out during the summer recess. Despite the assurances of Labour Ministers during the election campaign, net migration is up, at 196,000. That is too high a level and is unsustainable for this country.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/debtext/100906-0001.htm#1009066000022>

### Immigration Cap

**Lorely Burt** (Solihull) (LD): What steps [the Minister for Immigration] plans to take to implement the proposed cap on net immigration. [13088]

**Reply from The Minister for Immigration (Damian Green):** The limit on work-based routes is being implemented in three stages: first, consultation on the annual limit; secondly, the introduction of an interim limit, which took effect on 19 July in order to prevent a surge in numbers in advance of the final limit; and thirdly, the full annual limit which will be implemented in April 2011.

**Lorely Burt:** ... It is very important that we are mindful that there are a lot of unemployed British people, and that they need jobs. It is important that jobs go to British workers and EU citizens. However, will the Minister reassure me that if we reach the cap at the other end of the spectrum, where there are highly skilled jobs in specific areas, we have the ability to exercise flexibility?

**Reply from Damian Green:** That is precisely the balance that we seek to strike. An over-reliance on migrant labour has done nothing to help millions of unemployed British citizens, who are often low-skilled, who deserve the Government's help to get back to work and to improve their skills. At the same time, I am happy to reassure her that the limit will not stop the brightest and the best coming to the UK. Immigration has enriched our culture and strengthened our economy, but it must be controlled so that people have confidence in the system. . . .

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**Nicholas Soames** (Mid Sussex) (Con): Does he agree that one of the most important steps he could take is to break the link between people coming to work here and people's ability to settle here? That would very substantially reduce numbers.

**Reply from Damian Green:** My hon. Friend has done distinguished and sterling work on immigration with the all-party group on balanced migration in the past few years. I hope to reassure him by saying that in the speech I will make at the Royal Commonwealth Society this evening, I will make the point that we need to look at all routes to migration—not only the work route, but the study route and other routes that lead to settlement—so that we can achieve not an immigration policy that is discussed in the usual way, when we ask whether it is tougher or more liberal, but a smarter immigration policy. That is what this country needs.

**Mr Phil Woolas** (Oldham East and Saddleworth) (Lab): I welcome the Minister's remarks on the relationship between temporary and permanent migration. Will he confirm that it is the Government's intention to go ahead with the previous Government's plans for a points-based system for citizenship, which would help to reach exactly the objectives that the hon. Member for Mid Sussex (Nicholas Soames) set out, on behalf—if I may say—of Migrationwatch UK?

**Reply from Damian Green:** I am grateful to the hon. Gentleman for that question, not least because he and I debated the details of the system when the Bill in question was considered, when he was standing at this Dispatch Box. Although I accept the idea that we need a better system for allowing people to proceed to settlement or full citizenship, I was not convinced that the system that the previous Government proposed was anything other than a bureaucratic nightmare. I can assure him that I am still looking carefully at the details so that we can have an effective system that does not place too great a burden on the voluntary sector, which, as I said at the time, I thought his system did.

**Philip Davies** (Shipley) (Con): How will the numbers of uncapped immigration from the European Union affect the level of the cap for numbers from outside the EU? Given that the Government support Turkey's entry into the EU, can he tell us what estimate they have made of the number of immigrants we will get from that country?

**Reply from Damian Green:** I am happy to reassure my hon. Friend that this Government, unlike the previous one, would introduce transitional arrangements for any new country entering the EU, so we would have much greater control over the numbers than the previous Government did when the EU expanded with the accession of the A8 countries four or five years ago. In fact, over time migration within the EU evens out, and even now the vast majority of immigration to this country comes from outside the EU. That is the area on which the Government will concentrate to ensure that we have sustainable numbers coming to this country.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/debtext/100906-0001.htm#1009066000017>

### Detainees: Children

**Pete Wishart:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children have been detained in each UK Border Agency immigration removal centre since 6 May 2010. [12190]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Information on children detained solely under Immigration Act powers relating to the second quarter 2010 is available in the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom, April–June 2010, published on 26 August 2010, in the Library of the House and the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>



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The Government have been clear in their commitment to end the detention of children for immigration purposes. We therefore continue to work with our corporate partners to find an alternative that protects the welfare of children, without undermining our immigration laws.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/text/100906w0002.htm#10090712000025>

### Detainees: Children

**Katy Clark:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children have been detained in immigration removal centres since 6 May 2010. [13606]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Published management information shows 115 children entered detention and were held solely under Immigration Act powers in Q2 2010. Of these, 50 children had entered between 6 May and 30 June.

The latest published information on children detained solely under Immigration Act powers relating to the second quarter 2010 are available in the Table 3.4 of the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom, April to June 2010 in the Library of the House and the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at:

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100908/text/100908w0002.htm#1009091000133>

### Detainees: Children

**Lisa Nandy:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department in respect of how many forced removals have children been separated from a primary carer and remained in the care of children's services departments or in private fostering arrangements in the last 10 years. [13772]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The UK Border Agency has a policy of not separating parents from children although it will sometimes have to deal with circumstances in which such a separation has already taken place. Information about those circumstances is not recorded centrally by the UK Border Agency and can be obtained only through examination of individual case records at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100909/text/100909w0001.htm#10090912000086>

### Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre

**Katy Clark:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children are being held at Yarl's Wood detention centre. [13605]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Published data, using the usual rounding conventions in our statistical publications to ensure the confidentiality of individual case files, show that as at 30 June 2010 there were less than three people detained solely under Immigration Act powers at Yarl's Wood removal centre who were recorded as being less than 18 years of age. This figure includes any cases where the age is disputed at the time.

Information on children detained solely under Immigration Act powers relating to the second quarter 2010 are available in the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom, April to June 2010 in the Library of the House and the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at:

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### Detention Centres

**Caroline Flint:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many places there are in each immigration removal centre in England and Wales; and what the planned number of places is for each of the next five years. [12742]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The following table details the current numbers of beds in each immigration removal centre (IRC) in England.

<i>Immigration removal centre</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Capacity</i>
Brook House	Gatwick	426
Campfield House	Oxford	216
Colnbrook	Heathrow	308
Dover	Kent	316
Harmondsworth	Heathrow	615
Haslar	Gosport	160
Lindholme	Doncaster	124
Oakington	Cambridge	408
Tinsley House	Gatwick	146
Yarl's Wood	Bedford	405
Total		3,124

The UK Border Agency operates a further IRC in Scotland, Dungavel House, which provides 217 beds and three short-term holding facilities providing 118 beds. There are no IRCs in Wales.

The UK Border Agency will be closing the centre at Oakington in November 2010 and the short-term holding facility at Harwich in the same month; it is considering options for expanding the detention estate but decisions will not be taken until after the comprehensive spending review.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/text/100906w0002.htm#10090712000026>

### Asylum

**Pete Wishart:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether her Department measures the incidence of destitution as defined under the National Assistance Act 1948 among the asylum seeker community. [12868]

**Reply from Damian Green:** No asylum seeker need be destitute while their claim is being determined. The UK Border Agency provides support to asylum seekers who would otherwise be destitute from the time they arrive in the UK until their claim is decided, and any appeal rights are exhausted. Therefore, we do not measure the incidence of destitution among the asylum seeker community.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/text/100906w0002.htm#10090712000008>

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### Asylum Backlog

**Jason McCartney** (Colne Valley) (Con): What progress [the Minister for Immigration] Department is making in processing the backlog of asylum applications made prior to 2010. [13097]

**Reply from The Minister for Immigration (Damian Green):** In 2006 a backlog of approximately 450,000 older paper and electronic asylum cases were identified-widely known as the legacy caseload. I informed the House during oral questions in June 2010 that the case resolution directorate had concluded 277,000 legacy cases up to the end of May 2010. The chief executive of the UK Border Agency, Lin Homer, updates the Home Affairs Committee on a regular basis regarding the progress made in resolving these cases. She is, I believe, due to report again to the Committee this autumn.

**Jason McCartney:** During a busy summer of casework in my constituency, I was astounded to meet asylum seekers who have been waiting since 2002 and 2003 to have their cases decided. Does the Minister agree that the whole system that we have inherited is a complete shambles? What will we do to get a grip of it?

**Reply from Damian Green:** It is indeed a shambles, and my hon. Friend need not take my word for it. Famously, it was this particular disaster that caused the former Home Secretary, John Reid, to describe the whole Department as "not fit for purpose"-a judgment with which it was impossible to disagree at the time. The answer to my hon. Friend is that we are getting through the backlog as fast as possible, and I am confident that we will conclude it by summer 2011.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/debtext/100906-0001.htm#1009066000024>

### Asylum Backlog

**Jake Berry:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what progress her Department is making in processing the backlog of asylum applications made prior to 2010. [13105]

**Reply from Damian Green:** In 2006 a backlog of approximately 450,000 older paper and electronic asylum cases were identified, this is widely known as the "legacy" caseload. I informed this House during oral questions in June 2010 that that the Case Resolution Directorate had concluded 277,000 legacy cases up to the end of May 2010. The chief executive of the UK Border Agency, Lin Homer updates the Home Affairs Select Committee on a regular basis regarding the progress made in resolving these cases. She is due to report again to the Committee this autumn.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/text/100906w0002.htm#10090712000006>

### Asylum: Deportation

**Pete Wishart:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how much the UK Border Agency spent on (a) scheduled air flights and (b) chartering flights for the deportation of failed asylum seekers in each of the last 12 months. [12188]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The UK Border Agency spent £18,073,370 on scheduled flights and £10,300,000 on chartered flights for the financial year 2009-10 on public expense removals.

The total cost of scheduled and chartered flights includes administration cost plus cancellation fees.

It is not possible to disaggregate the costs for removal of unsuccessful asylum seekers from the overall removal figures without the examination of individual records at disproportionate cost. Therefore this cost represents the removal of failed asylum seekers, foreign national prisoners and immigration offenders.

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**Pete Wishart:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many (1) failed asylum seekers have been deported under the fast-track process in each of the last 24 months; [12254]

(2) deportations of failed asylum seekers were pending under the fast-track process at the time of Mr Justice Silber's ruling that the process was unlawful; [12255]

(3) appeals made by failed asylum seekers deported under the fast-track system were upheld following removal in each of the last two years; [12256]

(4) failed asylum seekers deported under the fast-track process were removed with (a) 72 hours of notice, (b) 48 hours of notice and (c) 24 hours of notice in each of the last two years; [12257]

(5) failed asylum seekers deported under the fast-track process in each of the last two years were children. [12258]

**Reply from Damian Green:** On 16 July 2010 Mr Justice Silber quashed the UK Border Agency's policy of giving less than 72 hours notice of removal in certain exceptional categories of persons being removed from the UK. This policy applied to all removals, including non-asylum removals, and was entirely different from the detained fast-track process which covers asylum decision making.

According to management information, the policy which was quashed by the court was applied 145 times between 12 March 2007 and 21 May 2010, when the policy was suspended by order of the court as an interim measure. We have broken this down by year as follows:

	<i>Number of children served removal directions with less than 72 hours notice</i>	<i>Total number served removal directions with less than 72 hours notice (includes the children figures above)</i>
2007	23	43
2008	28	34
2009	20	31
2010	1	37
Total	72	145

We only have information on the number of cases where less than 72 hours notice of removal was given. We do not have information on how many of these cases were given less than 48 hours or 24 hours notice of removal. We do not have information on how many of these removees were failed asylum seekers.

Cases which would have been removed under this policy are being processed in alternative ways and are currently all being given at least 72 hours notice of removal. There are not any cases on hold pending the outcome of this litigation.

Those who were removed under the policy will have already exhausted any statutory rights of appeal against the UK Border Agency's decision not to grant leave and/or to remove before removal action was initiated. However, those being removed under the policy may apply for permission to seek judicial review of their removal directions or they may seek an injunction preventing removal from the court. In the 145 cases set out above, management information that we provided to the court shows that 11 removals were prevented from proceeding because an injunction was sought or obtained, a judicial review application was lodged or threatened, or further representations were submitted for consideration.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/text/100906w0002.htm#10090712000009>



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### Asylum: Deportation

**Pete Wishart:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what minimum notice period of the date and time of deportation her Department has set for failed asylum seekers and illegal immigrants. [13218]

**Reply from Damian Green:** A minimum of 72 hours (including at least two working days) must generally be allowed between informing a person of their removal directions and the removal itself. The last 24 hours of this period must include a working day. There are occasions where this will not apply which officers should consider before setting removal directions.

Persons detained for removal should, where possible, be given access to telephone facilities to enable instruction of and allow contact with representatives. Instructions can be found in the public domain in chapter 60 of the Enforcement and Instruction Guidance manual which can be found on the UK Border Agency website at: [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/policyandlaw/guidance/enforcement](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/policyandlaw/guidance/enforcement)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100909/text/100909w0001.htm#10090912000084>

### Deportation: Children

**Annette Brooke:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) how many times physical force has been used to board a child under the age of 18 years on to an aeroplane by each company contracted to provide UK Border Agency escorts in each month of the last five years; [11167]

(2) whether (a) staff in immigration removal centres and (b) UK Border Agency escort providers have been authorised to use the holds and techniques on children under the age of 18 years referred to in the Physical Control in Care manual; [11168]

(3) what training on the control and restraint of children under the age of 18 years has been provided by the Prison Service (a) in each immigration removal centre and (b) to each company contracted to provide UK Border Agency escorts; [11169]

(4) how many times (a) she and (b) the manager of a (i) directly-managed and (ii) contracted-out immigration removal centre has ordered a detained child in each removal centre under the age of 18 years to be put under special control or restraint for (A) injuring himself or others, (B) damaging property and (C) creating a disturbance in each month of each of the last five years; [11170]

(5) what techniques are in the category of special control and restraint; how many times each of the techniques has been used on a child under the age of 18 years (a) in each immigration removal centre and (b) by each company contracted to provide UK Border Agency escorts in each of the last 12 months; and for how long each technique was used in each case. [11171]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Use of restraint is governed by schedule 13 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and specifically in relation to Immigration Removal Centres, by the Detention Centre Rules 2001.

In order to exercise any use of restraint, detention custody officers and escorts must be accredited by the Secretary of State, a condition of which is that they have undergone training of techniques approved by the National Offender Management Service. Officers receive refresher training every 12 months. Any use of restraint must be justified, proportionate and for the shortest possible period to achieve the objective.

Some officers receive specialist training in the use of restraint on children using non-pain compliant techniques (Physical Control in Care), including shepherding and guiding.

We only use restraint on a child where it is strictly necessary to prevent self-harm or to protect others and property. In very exceptional circumstances, officers may be given authority to restrain a child in order to enforce their removal from the

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United Kingdom where every effort has been made to secure their compliance, but unfortunately they refuse to do so, often encouraged by their parents.

In the 12 months to June 2010, the period for which data is available, officers have been authorised to restrain children on 18 occasions for the purposes of removal. However, it was only necessary to restrain three of them. One further child was restrained in an immigration removal centre when officers had reason to believe she might self-harm.

The following table shows the occasions from 2008 to the present time when children were restrained by officers to board an aircraft. Such information is not available prior to 2008. The officers were provided by G4S on each occasion.

	<i>Number of times restraint used</i>
February 2010	1
September 2009	1
August 2009	1
March 2009	1
January 2009	4
September 2008	1
June 2008	2
April 2008	1
March 2008	1

The above data is based on management information, and is not subject to the detailed checks carried out for National Statistics. It is provisional and subject to change.

Special restraint involves the use of any device other than handcuffs such as leg restraints (velcro straps). No child has been subjected to special control or restraint in the last five years.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/text/100906w0002.htm#10090712000024>

### Deportation

**Caroline Flint:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many (a) foreign national offenders, (b) failed asylum seekers, (c) foreign nationals who have overstayed in the UK and (d) illegal entrants to the UK were deported in each of the last five years. [12744]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The information requested is shown in the following table:

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total removals <sup>(1)</sup>	58,215	63,865	63,365	67,980	(*)64,750
Asylum cases <sup>(2)</sup>	15,685	18,280	13,705	12,875	10,815
Non-asylum cases <sup>(3)</sup>	42,530	45,585	49,660	55,105	53,930
Non-asylum overstayers <sup>(4)</sup>	5,811	5,717	8,775	11,032	10,647
Non-asylum illegal entrants <sup>(4)</sup>	2,995	3,445	3,593	4,152	3,909

\* Published statistics figures are rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding. <sup>(1)</sup>In answering this PQ "foreign national offenders" has been taken to mean immigration offenders and deportation has been taken to mean removals. Total removals relates to all immigration offenders removed and includes total removals and voluntary departures from the United

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Kingdom. This includes both in country and port removals. This data was taken from published immigration statistics (<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>).<sup>(2)</sup> The PQ asks for the number of failed asylum seekers that have been deported in each of the last five years. It is not possible to say what stage in the asylum process the returnees as a whole have reached at the time of their removal, including whether their claim has failed at that point, because those departing voluntarily can do so at any stage. For this reason we have interpreted this as the number of asylum cases, including dependants, removed and departing voluntarily from the UK. This data was taken from published immigration statistics (<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>).<sup>(3)</sup> Data on the number of non-asylum cases, including dependants, removed and departing voluntarily from the UK has been provided from published immigration statistics (<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>).<sup>(4)</sup> Data on non-asylum overstayers and non-asylum illegal entrants is taken from Management Information as the published statistics do not break the removals down into these case types. These figures form part of the total number of non-asylum cases. Other cases that contribute to this figure include for example, administrative removal cases such as breach of employment restrictions. It should also be noted that Management Information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols and hence is subject to change. Statistics to be used publicly or for other Government Departments or agencies must be agreed with the Migration Statistics.

### Asylum: Deportation

**Pete Wishart:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department on how many occasions removals by the UK Border Agency have been abandoned or postponed because the deportee has required medical treatment in each of the last two years. [13221]

**Reply from Damian Green:** When a UKBA removal is abandoned or postponed, this is called a failed removal.

UKBA attribute failed removals into certain categories. There is no specific category for 'deportee requiring medical treatment'. However we do record the following categories:

Medical reps received

Subject deemed medically unfit by carrier

Subject medically unfit to fly

The latest full two years worth of data available is for 2008-09 and 2009-10. Over these two years, 602 removals failed due to one of the above three reasons. It should be noted that these are instances of failed removals i.e. the same individual could potentially fail to be removed on medical grounds on multiple occasions.

It should be noted that when a removal has failed every effort is made to ensure their successful removal at a later date.

*Note:*

All figures quoted are internal management information only and are subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100908/text/100908w0002.htm#1009091000129>

## Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

### Human Trafficking

**Diane Abbott:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent discussions she has had with her EU counterparts on measures to combat human trafficking for sexual exploitation; and if she will make a statement. [12177]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The Home Secretary discussed the importance of international co-operation in combating human trafficking with G6 counterparts (France, Germany, Spain, Poland and Italy) at a meeting in Varese, Italy, between 28-29 May.

Ministers have also discussed human trafficking with EU counterparts at Justice and Home Affairs Council meetings. The Justice Secretary attended the Council meeting on 4 June (on behalf of the Home Office) where the proposed EU Directive on Human Trafficking was discussed and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Crime Prevention, James Brokenshire, attended an informal Council meeting held on 15 July, where human trafficking was discussed in the context of the proposed EU internal security strategy.

**Diane Abbott:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to prevent human trafficking for sexual exploitation during the London 2012 Olympics; and if she will make a statement. [12179]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Our intelligence does not suggest there is any increase in human trafficking linked with the Olympics at the moment. This is in line with the research evidence, which does not suggest a link between major sporting events and an increase in trafficking.

However, we remain vigilant. We are reviewing the intelligence on a quarterly basis and have law enforcement measures in place to deal with any potential increase in the threat. The Metropolitan police are working to disrupt prostitution and recover victims in areas around the Olympic Park. Closer to the event we will, in line with need, consider whether additional awareness raising and victim care arrangements need to be put into place.

**Diane Abbott:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how much funding her Department has allocated for research into the prevention of human trafficking and the rehabilitation of victims of human trafficking in each year from 2010 to 2015; and if she will make a statement. [12180]

**Reply from Damian Green:** For the current financial year the Home Office is providing £1 million, together with £0.9 million from the Ministry of Justice, in grants to support adult victims of human trafficking. There is no funding for research into prevention of human trafficking for the current financial year.

The level of funding available in future years for human trafficking is yet to be decided.

**William Bain:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent estimate she has made of the number of illegal immigrants who were trafficked for the purpose of prostitution who are resident in the UK. [12646]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The latest estimate of the numbers of victims of trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation in the United Kingdom is provided by the Acumen Report which was produced by the Association of Chief Police Officers. This wide ranging study carried out in 2009 estimates that there are at least 2,600 victims in England and Wales. The report did not attempt to investigate the immigration status of victims but attempts to understand the nature and scale of trafficking among foreign sex workers in the off-street market. Tackling border and immigration crime is a top priority for the UK Border Agency which is actively combating illegal working, sham marriages, bogus colleges and facilitation.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/text/100906w0002.htm#10090712000031>

## **Immigration and Asylum (continued)**

### **Press Releases**

#### **Call for clarification on child detention**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/09/09164651>

#### **Progress made on child detention review**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/child-detention-review>

#### **Mid-year fee increases for immigration and nationality**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/sept/29-mid-year-fee-increases>

#### **'Smarter' immigration controls needed**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/immigration-controls>

#### **Government plans reviews of immigration system**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/sept/15-govt-plans-review>

#### **New versions of forms and guidance for points-based system applicants**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/sept/14new-pbs-forms-guidance>

#### **Home Office defends position on human trafficking**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/trafficking-directive>

#### **Minister announces Wales' first post to tackle human trafficking**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/socialjustice/2010/100909humantrafficking/?lang=en&status=closed>

#### **Asylum procedures: Commission identifies shortcomings in existing common standards**

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/1100&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **Join hands to protect the human rights of all migrants**

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/GMG.aspx>

## **New publications**

#### **The Migrant Journey**

<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/horr43c.pdf>

#### **Mapping refugee and migrant communities in the UK**

<http://www.icar.org.uk/download.php?id=636>

#### **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of directive 2005/85/ec of 1 December 2005 on minimum standards on procedures in member states for granting and withdrawing refugee status**

[http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/intro/docs/com\\_2010\\_465\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/intro/docs/com_2010_465_en.pdf)



## Immigration and Asylum (continued) News

**Student immigration levels unsustainable, says minister**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-11191341>

**Are foreign students good or bad for Britain?**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/thereporters/markeaston/2010/09/are\\_foreign\\_students\\_good\\_or\\_b.html](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/thereporters/markeaston/2010/09/are_foreign_students_good_or_b.html)

**Government climbdown on detention of children in immigration centres**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/sep/09/detention-children-immigration-centres>

**Child refugees harmed by 'cruel' detention system**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/child-refugees-harmed-by-cruel-detention-system-2074220.html>

**Home Office research highlights difficulty of Government's immigration target**

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/articles/?id=4132>

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## Race Relations

### Press Releases

**First Minister's Rosh Hashanah message**

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/latest-news/2010/09/pms-message-for-rosh-hashanah-54869>

**PM sends Rosh Hashanah greeting**

<http://ukinisrael.fco.gov.uk/en/news/?view=News&id=22812149>

**Foreign Secretary's Rosh Hashanah message**

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=22823841>

**PM's message for Eid**

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/latest-news/2010/09/pm-message-for-eid-54962>

**Eid Ul-Fitr**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/09/07114322>

**Eid Mubarak from the Foreign Secretary**

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=22833068>

**Communities Secretary wishes all Muslims Eid Mubarak**

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/multimedia/communities/1711154>

### News

**Hideously diverse Britain: Talking about racism in Lewes**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/aug/31/diverse-britain-racism-lewes-sussex>

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## Equality

### New publications

**Analysis of responses to the consultation on public sector Equality Duty Specific Duties for Scotland**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/323933/0104270.pdf>

**Summary** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/323763/0104255.pdf>

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### Press Releases

**Moderator condemns planned Koran burning by American Evangelical preacher**

<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news/nr520910.htm>

**Primus condemns planned Koran burning by American pastor**

[http://www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/news/entry/primus\\_condemns\\_planned\\_koran\\_burning\\_by\\_american\\_pastor/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/news/entry/primus_condemns_planned_koran_burning_by_american_pastor/)

### New publication

**Preventing Racist Violence in Europe**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/PreventingRacistViolenceInEurope-2010.pdf>

### News

**Bus passengers do nothing as woman racially abused**

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/scotland/Bus-passengers-do-nothing-as.6524738.jp>

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## Other Holyrood

### e-Petition

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to review all guidelines relating to trespass and encampments for Gypsies and Travellers to ensure their intent is clear and that they are being applied.

[http://epetitions.scottish.parliament.uk/view\\_backgroundinfo.asp?PetitionID=409](http://epetitions.scottish.parliament.uk/view_backgroundinfo.asp?PetitionID=409)

### Press Releases

**Programme for Government 2010-11**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/09/08140859>

## Other Holyrood Press Releases (continued)

### First Minister to attend Papal Mass

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/09/10155906>

## New publications

### Delivering for Scotland: The Government's Programme for Scotland 2010-2011

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/324109/0104294.pdf>

### Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2009-10

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/323661/0104236.pdf>

### Gypsies/Travellers in Scotland: The Twice Yearly Count - No. 16: July 2009

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/321846/0103431.pdf>

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## Other Westminster

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Female Genital Mutilation

**Ann Clwyd** (Cynon Valley) (Lab): What resources her Department has allocated to enforcement of the law of female genital mutilation. [13099]

**The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department (Lynne Featherstone):** The Government are committed to developing a strategy to tackle violence against women and girls, including female genital mutilation. Legislation alone cannot eliminate the practice, so our resources will be aimed at raising awareness of the law on female genital mutilation, and of the health implications, among communities and front-line practitioners.

**Ann Clwyd:** I thank the Minister for her answer, but it was not satisfactory. Since 2003, when my private Member's Bill tightening legislation on the issue was passed, there have been no prosecutions, although according to health professionals and the police, the practice is increasing in this country. Events such as FGM cutting parties are taking place here. This is a crime against women. When will the Government catch the criminals?

**Reply from Lynne Featherstone:** I agree with the right hon. Lady-although I should point out that we came to office only recently, and that 2003 was seven years ago-and I have pursued the question of why no prosecutions have taken place since the passing of the Act in 2003.

There has been a fair amount of progress. A good many investigations are taking place, and each year there is an increase in the number of investigations. There are various reasons for the fact that no cases have proceeded to the courts. I have no doubt that if a case were referred to the Crown Prosecution Service, the CPS would proceed with it; however, some victims and their families state that the female genital mutilation was carried out before the victims came to the United Kingdom, and some victims are too young to give evidence. Problems may also be caused by diplomatic immunity and community barriers. Although female genital mutilation was banned in Egypt two years ago, nine out of 10 women and children are still being subjected to it. It is on awareness that our resources must be concentrated, but I agree that we should pursue the question of why there have been no prosecutions.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/debtext/100906-0001.htm#1009066000025>

## Other Westminster (continued)

### Early Day Motions

**Simon Hughes (713) Proposed Burning of the Koran** - That this House condemns the proposed actions of American pastor Terry Jones who intends to burn copies of the holy text of the Koran on the anniversary of 9/11 which this year coincides with the festival of Eid; is concerned that such an incendiary act will only serve to alienate the peace-loving majority of the Islamic community; believes that images of such events provide propaganda for extremist groups which could put British citizens at risk in Afghanistan and around the world and reverse much of the excellent work they have done to build stronger relationships with the Muslim world; and affirms the commitment of this House and also all right-thinking residents of the United Kingdom to uphold the values of tolerance and respect for all faiths in this country and across the globe.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=41673&SESSION=905>

**Greg Mulholland (700) Dove World Outreach Center Church and burning of the Qur'an** - That this House condemns the outrageous and disgraceful proposal by the Dove World Outreach Center Evangelical church in Gainesville, Florida to hold a burn the Koran day; believes the event to be one that will fill all right-thinking, tolerant people of all faiths and none with utter disgust; also believes that holding the event on the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks is highly disrespectful to 9/11 victims and their families, which included Muslims as well as people of other faiths and none and to others; is appalled by the Dove World Outreach Center's ignorance of the beliefs and values of Islam and by this despicable attack on Islam's faith and sacred text; calls on all true Christian churches to condemn this unacceptable and provocative act of religious hatred, remembering that both Christianity and Islam have the same Abrahamic roots; and further calls on the Government to express its condemnation of the event and support any actions taken by the American administration in reaction to the event and help to prevent a potential violent backlash for troops in Afghanistan.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=41673&SESSION=905>

## Press Releases

**Foreign Secretary comments on burning of the Qur'an**

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=22842436>

## New publications

**Citizenship Survey: April – December 2009, England and Wales: Attitudes towards Violent Extremism (experimental statistics)**

**Press Release**

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/citizenshipsurvey2009extremism>

**Report**

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/statistics/pdf/1702054.pdf>

**The Work of the House of Lords**

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-information-office/hol-woth200910.pdf>

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## New Publications

### **Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report**

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/DocumentViewer.aspx?id=f30a39bc-1afb-4d21-ba66-1e6fc5d658be>

### **Saving beyond the High Street: A profile of saving patterns among Black and minority ethnic people**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/SavingBeyondTheHighStreet-2010.pdf>

### **Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme e-learning materials**

[http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/pvg\\_training/elearning.html](http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/pvg_training/elearning.html)

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## Other News

### **Asian doctors asked to share experiences of NHS**

<http://www.bma.org.uk/>

### **South Asians making Britain: 1858-1950**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/interactive/2011/sep/10/south-asians-making-britain>

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## Bills in Progress \*\* New or updated this week

### **Holyrood**

#### **Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/46-ComVic/index.htm>

#### **\*\* End of Life Assistance Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

Written evidence

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/endLifeAsstBill/papers-10/elap10-04.pdf>

#### **Palliative Care Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/50-PalliativeCare/index.htm>

### **Bills in Progress Westminster**

#### **House of Lords Reform Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/houseoflordsreformhl.html>

#### **Face Coverings (Regulation) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/facecoveringsregulation.html>



## Bills in Progress

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#### Human Trafficking (Border Control) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/humantraffickingbordercontrol.html>

#### Fixed Term Parliaments Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/fixedtermparliaments.html>

#### \*\* Identity Documents Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/identitydocuments.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/001/amend/pbc0010607m.15-17.html>

#### Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/parliamentaryvotingsystemandconstituencies.html>

#### Return of Asylum Seekers (Applications from Certain Countries) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/returnofasylumseekersapplicationsfromcertaincountries.html>

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## Consultations

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**Draft National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland** (17 September 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/313390/0099355.pdf>

#### \*\* *closes this week!*

**Limits on non-EU economic migration** (17 September 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/limits-on-non-eu-migration/>

**Taking action on rights, support and protection of victims of crime and violence**  
(30 September 2010)

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/news/consulting\\_public/news\\_consulting\\_0053\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/news/consulting_public/news_consulting_0053_en.htm)

**Single Equality Scheme: NHS Quality Improvement Scotland** (30 September 2010)

<http://www.nhshealthquality.org/nhsqis/8098.html>

**Data protection legislative framework** (6 October 2010)

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/dpa-call-evidence-02-07-2010.pdf>

\*\* **Administration of Future Elections in Scotland** (15 October 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/323358/0104134.pdf>

\*\* **General Medical Council (GMC) Equality Scheme 2011 – 2014** (15 October 2010)

[https://gmc.e-consultation.net/econsult/consultation\\_Dtl.aspx?consult\\_id=140&status=2&criteria=](https://gmc.e-consultation.net/econsult/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_id=140&status=2&criteria=)

## Consultations (continued)

### Consultation on the change to policy direction for the Big Lottery Fund

(29 October 2010)

<http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx>

### Equality Act 2010: The public sector Equality Duty: Promoting equality through transparency (10 November 2010)

[http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/402461\\_GEO\\_EqualityAct2010ThePublicSectorEqualityDuty\\_acc.pdf](http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/402461_GEO_EqualityAct2010ThePublicSectorEqualityDuty_acc.pdf)

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## Job Opportunities

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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### Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme

Frequent CRBS training sessions from September onwards to inform organisations about the new Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (the replacement for “Disclosure” checks which must be carried out for staff (paid and voluntary) who work with children and/or “protected” adults). For dates and details of the different courses available see <http://www.crbs.org.uk/Training/TrainingCalendar/EventDetails/tabid/446/Default.aspx>

### An Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

30 September 2010 in Glasgow

2 November 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people whose work involves asylum seekers and refugees and who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. For information see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=89> or contact Jamie Spurway [jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 248 9799

### \*\* Scottish Mental Health Arts & Film Festival

1-24 October 2010

<http://www.mhfestival.com/>

### \*\* Understanding and Influencing Your Parliament

2 October 2010 in Edinburgh

Scottish Parliament conference to provide help, discussion and networking opportunities for local people and groups to engage successfully with MSPs and the Parliament. For information contact Paul Anderson [paul.anderson@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:paul.anderson@scottish.parliament.uk) / 0131 348 5357

### \*\* Holocaust Memorial Day Trust

4 October 2010 in Edinburgh (1.30-4.30)

Introduction to Holocaust Memorial Day for those planning an event, including a chance to hear directly from an eye witness to genocide, and the opportunity to network with other event organisers. For information see <http://www.hmd.org.uk/about/hmd-workshops/hmd-2011-workshops> or contact 0845 838 1883 / [enquiries@hmd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hmd.org.uk)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator**

5 October 2010 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 2.30)

Annual conference providing an overview of OSCR's work during the past year and priorities for the future. For information see

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=fd67b6a2-18b0-4fd0-98a1-c046ecff5732>

### **Gender and Gender Identity**

12 October 2010 in Edinburgh (9.00 – 4.00)

EveryoneIN training on making services more inclusive for minority ethnic people who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. EveryoneIN is a partnership project between BEMIS and the Equality Network. For information contact Sam Rankin [sam@equality-network.org](mailto:sam@equality-network.org) / 0774 704 0355 or Emma Boyd [emma@lgbthealth.org.uk](mailto:emma@lgbthealth.org.uk) / 0131 652 3281

### **The needs and experiences of refugee women**

22 October 2010 in Glasgow

Guest speaker: Kirsty Thomson, Solicitor, Women and Children's Department at Legal Services Agency. Scottish Refugee Council course for people working with asylum seekers and refugees who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting women seeking sanctuary in Scotland. For information contact Jamie Spurway

[jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=77>

### **Localism and the Third Sector**

25 October 2010 in Edinburgh

SCVO conference on the future for localism with speakers from all the Holyrood parties, Local Government, and leading third sector organisations. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / [helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk](mailto:helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk) or see

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1276&from=EventHome>

### **Scottish Refugee Council annual conference**

29 October 2010 in Glasgow

The conference will focus primarily on the new Coalition Government's stated agenda for asylum seekers and refugees - including: speeding up the asylum process; ending child detention and treatment of LGBT people seeking asylum. For information contact Graeme Corbett [events@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:events@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **\*\* Make a Difference Day**

30 October 2010

Make a difference to your community by participating in a volunteer activity on CSV "Make a Difference Day". For information see <http://www.csv.org.uk/campaigns/csv-make-difference-day> or contact 0800 284 533/ [difference@csv.org.uk](mailto:difference@csv.org.uk)

### **Judge a book by its cover? Not me!**

3 November 2010 in Inverness (9.30 – 12.30)

SCVO training course to find out more about the processes of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements can lead to prejudice and discrimination. For more information contact Jane Baillie [jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk](mailto:jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk) / 0131 474 8019.

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **LGBT Asylum Seekers and Refugees**

5 November 2010 in Glasgow (9.00 – 2.00)

EveryoneIN training on making services more inclusive for minority ethnic people who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. EveryoneIN is a partnership project between BEMIS and the Equality Network. For information contact Sam Rankin [sam@equality-network.org](mailto:sam@equality-network.org) / 0774 704 0355 or Emma Boyd [emma@lgbthealth.org.uk](mailto:emma@lgbthealth.org.uk) / 0131 652 3281

### **Working with Interpreters**

25 November 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with non-English speaking service users, including asylum seekers and refugees, who need a comprehensive understanding of how to work with interpreters. For information see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=94> or contact Jamie Spurway [jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 248 9799

### **\*\* Scottish Interfaith Week**

28 November – 5 December 2010

The theme for Scottish Interfaith Week 2010 is *Faith in Action*. Details of events will be posted at <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/22.html> as they become available.

### **Youth Interfaith Connect Conference**

2 December 2010 (10.00 – 3.00)

Conference for young people organised by ACPOS to discuss issues such as the impact of faith in Scotland today, the impact of religious and sectarian hate crime on our communities, the role of the media in representing faith communities, religious education in schools, identity faith and belief, and faith and social action. An associated discussion forum has been set up at <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/forum/>. For information see <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/> or contact Fiach OBroin-Molloy 01786 456000 / 07769 920 462.

### **Third Sector Research Conference**

3 December 2010 in Edinburgh

SCVO conference to bring together Scottish Government, local government, third sector and academic researchers, to showcase their work and discuss a range of findings of relevance to public policy in Scotland. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / [helen.swatton@scvo.org](mailto:helen.swatton@scvo.org)

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## Useful Links

**Scottish Parliament** <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/home.htm>

**Scottish Government** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

**Westminster Parliament** <http://www.parliament.uk/>

**Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)**

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw](http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw)

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.eu.int/parliament/public.do?language=en>

## Useful Links (continued)

One Scotland Many Cultures <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

Scottish Refugee Council [www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

Scottish Inter Faith Council <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>  
Scotland Helpline 0845 604 5510

Scottish Human Rights Commission <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

ACAS [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

SCVO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Home/Home.aspx>

Volunteer Development Scotland [www.vds.org.uk](http://www.vds.org.uk)

Social Economy Scotland <http://www.socialeconomyscotland.info/content/index.asp>

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charity SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>



**BEMIS** is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>



The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>