

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Immigration

Brian Binley: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate she has made of the number of (a) immigrants to the UK and (b) foreign nationals awarded British citizenship in each of the last five years; what the country of origin was of the 10 countries with the largest number of people in each such category; and if she will make a statement. [132599]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Office for National Statistics (ONS) produces estimates of long-term international migration (LTIM). ONS uses the UN definition

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of a long-term migrant which is a person who changes their country of usual residence for a period of 12 months or more. LTIM data is primarily based on the International Passenger Survey (IPS).

Long-term international migration (LTIM) estimates are available on the ONS website: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/re-reference-tables.html?edition=tcm%3A77-280889>

Table 2.01a "LTIM Citizenship 1991-2011", provides estimates of immigration to the UK in each of the last five years.

Table 3.20abc "IPS Top Countries of Last or Next Residence by Citizenship, 1975-2011", provides estimates of the top 10 countries of last residence in each of the last five years.

The Home Office published statistics of persons granted British citizenship by previous nationality are given in the tables.

The latest Home Office immigration statistics on persons granted British citizenship, from which the citizenship data in this reply are derived, are given in table 'cz.06' of the statistical release 'Immigration Statistics July-September 2012'. This publication is available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Science website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q3-2012/>

To read the lengthy tables see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/text/121211w0001.htm#12121178000039>

Immigration

Philip Davies: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) on how many occasions someone resident in the UK whose dependent relative was granted leave to come to live permanently in the country was required to reimburse any costs to the public purse for their dependent relative's maintenance, accommodation or care in each of the last 10 years; [133126]

(2) what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of adult dependent relatives of UK residents who are given permission to live permanently in the UK who have been in the country for (a) less than and (b) more than five years in the latest year for which figures are available; and if she will make a statement. [133133]

Reply from Mark Harper: Information is not available on the reimbursement by UK residents of costs to the public purse arising from the settlement in the UK of a dependent relative, or on the cost to the public purse of adult dependent relatives living permanently in the UK.

On 9 July 2012 the Government introduced new rules governing the entry of adult dependent relatives. The new rules allow an adult dependent relative of non-European economic area nationality to settle in the UK if they can demonstrate that, as a result of age, illness or disability, they require a level of long-term personal care that can only be provided in the UK by their relative here and without recourse to welfare benefits. The UK resident will continue to be required to ensure that their adult dependent relative will be adequately maintained, accommodated and cared for without recourse to welfare benefits and sign an enforceable five-year undertaking to that effect.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121213/text/121213w0002.htm#12121349000031>

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Entry Clearances

Gareth Johnson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many applications for a Tier 2 General visa were (a) granted and (b) refused by the UK Border Agency in each of the last 10 years. [132345]

Reply from Mark Harper: Tier 2 of the Points Based System was introduced in November 2008. Figures for the number of Tier 2 General entry clearance visas issued and refused from 2008 to 2011 appear in the following table.

PBS Tier 2 General (1) entry clearance visas issued and refused (main applicants), 2008 to 2011

	<i>Issued</i>	<i>Refused</i>
2008	17	23
2009	8,556	1,648
2010	9,914	1,613
2011	7,762	567

(1) PBS Tier 2 was introduced in November 2008. Corresponding dependants cannot be separately identified. *Source:* Table be.01, Immigration Statistics July-September 2012

The latest Home Office immigration statistics on entry clearance visas including the Points Based System, are published in the release Immigration Statistics release, which is available at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q3-2012>

A copy of the latest release, 'Immigration Statistics July-September 2012' has been placed in the House Library.

Gareth Johnson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many visa applications were (a) granted and (b) rejected for each type of visa in each of the last 10 years. [132352]

Reply from Mark Harper: Figures for the number of entry clearance visas issued and refused by types of visa from 2005 to 2011 appear in the following tables.

<i>Entry clearance visas issued and refused, by type of visa (including dependants), 2005 to 2011</i>							
	<i>Entry clearance visa issued</i>						
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>
Work	243,466	249,634	205,826	184,712	155,691	160,739	149,221
Study(1)	191,584	211,114	213,052	231,975	303,363	285,544	261,405
Student visitors(2)	15,834	23,215	33,144	42,238	37,703	49,191	61,381
Family	66,324	70,119	64,389	53,544	49,473	53,716	45,677
Dependants joining/accompanying	28,421	27,559	42,088	41,460	17,480	15,357	14,148
Other(3)	1,519,795	1,646,623	1,504,137	1,400,681	1,431,664	1,580,095	1,741,059
Total	2,065,424	2,228,264	2,062,636	1,954,610	1,995,374	2,144,642	2,272,891
	<i>Entry clearance refused</i>						
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>
Work	36,205	35,575	31,693	40,728	25,445	19,875	12,506
Study(1)	86,536	91,458	93,807	98,653	103,268	90,458	50,939
Student visitors(2)	986	1,626	4,458	7,730	7,466	8,195	12,399
Family	13,941	14,294	15,801	15,113	13,452	14,848	11,430
Dependants joining/accompanying	4,484	4,980	6,995	6,309	2,879	3,337	2,957
Other(3)	316,899	330,852	316,729	260,086	275,815	242,871	232,773
Total	459,051	478,785	469,483	428,619	428,325	379,584	323,004

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Comparable data are not available for earlier years.

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A copy of the latest release, 'Immigration Statistics July-September 2012' has been placed in the House Library.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/text/121211w0001.htm#12121178000034>

Visas

Lord Taylor of Warwick: To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the reduction in the number of visas issued to students on the ability of United Kingdom businesses to attract young international talent.[HL3890]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The number of sponsored student visa applications to study at our universities has increased. The reduction in sponsored student visa applications has come from those sectors where there was previously most abuse. The immigration package is deliberately targeted at ensuring that UK businesses are able to attract the best international talent, who will contribute to growth in our economy. Upon graduation those with a job offer paying at least £20,000 per annum are able to stay and we also have a very attractive offer for graduate entrepreneurs to stay and build a business in the UK.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121214w0001.htm#12121436000070>

EU Immigration

Brian Binley: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what her policy is on future UK participation in the Common European Asylum System; and if she will make a statement. [132650]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Government do not support the creation of a Common European Asylum System (CEAS) as a whole. We believe that this focuses member states on "paper based" legislative solutions for problems which really need to be addressed through practical co-operation. Nonetheless we support two elements of CEAS: the Dublin and EURODAC Regulations and have opted in to both. These reduce abuse of the asylum system by tackling "asylum shopping".

It is firmly in the UK's interests that other EU member states have well functioning border and asylum systems. We believe that this is best achieved through practical assistance to help member states build capacity, improve the quality of their asylum systems and by sharing best practice. The Government supports the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) which leads this work, focusing in particular on assistance to Greece and the development of an 'early warning' system to prevent future migration crises.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/text/121211w0001.htm#12121178000037>

Immigration: Tuberculosis Testing

Baroness Gardner of Parkes: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will introduce blood tests for latent tuberculosis for immigrants from countries where tuberculosis is common.

Reply from Earl Attlee: My Lords, the Department of Health is evaluating the

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effectiveness of latent TB screening in migrant populations. NICE produces clinical guidelines on testing for diagnosing latent TB. It also advises on which is the most accurate approach in diagnosing latent TB in those who have recently arrived in the UK from high incidence countries.

Baroness Gardner of Parkes: My Lords, is the Minister aware that the moment you arrive here you become the responsibility of the National Health Service? Would it therefore not be much wiser to have these tests carried out in the country of origin where the visa application is made? As I understand it, something like three-quarters of the people diagnosed in the past year would have been missed with the present test. Can he assure me that, if country-of-origin testing is introduced, the Home Office will take action to ensure that the tests are up to standard and not subject to interference or even possible corruption?

Reply from Earl Attlee: My Lords, my noble friend is absolutely right. Overseas tests already take place, first by X-ray and then by a sputum test in the event of a positive result. This results in cost savings because we do not need to treat someone suffering from tuberculosis if they come to the UK.

Lord Morris of Handsworth: My Lords, given that tuberculosis is not exclusive to immigrants, does the Minister agree that everyone coming into the United Kingdom from some of the suspect countries should be tested?

Reply from Earl Attlee: My Lords, sadly, about 30% of the world's population have latent TB. We would not test people from other European states even if they have a TB problem.

Lord Ribeiro: My Lords, TB and HIV co-exist. The NHS is required to test all new healthcare workers for tuberculosis and blood-borne viruses, including HIV. In relation to overseas recruitment, it is recommended that the tests are performed in the country of origin before applying for employment. Can the Minister confirm that compliance with this guidance is being maintained and is it possible to move towards the situation that currently pertains in Australia, New Zealand and Canada?

Reply from Earl Attlee: My Lords, eventually for all the 82 high-risk countries, you will not be able to get a visa to the UK unless you are clear of TB. To clarify further my answer to the noble Lord, Lord Morris, arrivals from the other European states are not tested for TB because of course they do not need to be tested. They can come and go as they please.

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath: My Lords, is the noble Earl aware that the growing incidence of TB is actually a feature now in the UK, particularly in cities such as London and Birmingham? What priority are the Government giving within the National Health Service to dealing with a problem that is causing a great deal of concern?

Reply from Earl Attlee: The noble Lord is absolutely right: it is a problem in the big conurbations, due to deprivation and very dense accommodation. I can assure the noble Lord that the Government are on the case. We regard it as a serious problem. Further to the article in the *Financial Times*, we recognise that we must not let it get out of control. That is partially why we are insisting on testing people outside the UK so that we do not incur the costs for the NHS. It costs about £6,000 to treat someone who is very susceptible to treatment with antibiotics but if they are multiresistant it can cost £100,000 to treat them. We need to make sure that we do not import health problems and we concentrate on solving our own health problems-not just by activities in the NHS but also by improving housing, which I am sure all Governments have striven to do over the years.

Lord Avebury: My Lords, as blood tests for latent TB are already available to migrants through their GPs, is not the answer to encourage greater voluntary take-up in areas such as the noble Lord opposite mentioned-Birmingham, Hounslow and Newham-and enlist the help of diaspora organisations from the 67 countries where TB is most

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England & Wales											
<i>Inflow</i>											
2007	330	187	60	29	6	10	15	126	23	88	16
2008	329	183	61	27	6	8	19	122	29	78	16
2009	339	188	46	25	7	6	7	143	30	97	16
2010	353	205	53	28	7	10	7	152	21	114	17
2011	336	191	46	24	8	7	7	145	18	116	11

Notes: 1. Totals may not sum due to rounding. 2. Please note: From 2004 onwards, All, New and Other Commonwealth exclude Malta and Cyprus. Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Home Office, Central Statistics Office (CSO) Ireland, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/text/121211w0003.htm#12121184000035>

Immigration: Africa

Jim Fitzpatrick: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will make it her policy that children educated in the UK having arrived from Africa and with no status or passport on reaching their majority should be able to apply for UK citizenship. [133153]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Government will not introduce the suggested policy. There are a number of routes in the Immigration Rules which enable individuals to obtain residency in the United Kingdom. Generally permanent residents of the UK are eligible to apply to naturalise as British citizens after 12 months free of immigration control.

Whether any individual may remain in the UK is considered on a case by case basis in accordance with the immigration rules. The fact that an individual was educated in the UK, in whole or in part, is not determinative of any application.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/text/121211w0001.htm#12121178000040>

Entry Clearances: Syria

Paul Blomfield: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether visa concessions are being offered to Syrian nationals in the UK whose leave to remain is due to expire; and whether such concessions are consistent with the treatment offered to Libyan nationals. [133201]

Reply from Mark Harper: On 15 October 2012 limited visa concessions were introduced for Syrian nationals who are currently in the UK and have valid leave. The concessions are intended to allow greater flexibility for this group when either extending their visas or switching into a different immigration category but do not significantly change the underlying requirements of any visa category. They will be in place until March 2013 but may be extended further, subject to review. These concessions are consistent with those previously offered to Libyan nationals but reflect the learning from the operation of that concession and the differences in country situation.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/text/121211w0001.htm#12121178000036>

Overseas Students: Syria

Bob Russell: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will permit students from Syria to work during their time in the UK; and if she will make a statement. [131930]

Reply from Mark Harper: As a result of the exceptional situation in Syria we have allowed Syrian students in the UK to extend the period of their visas.

The immigration rules allow a student studying at degree level or higher at a

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Higher Educational Institution (HEI) to work for 20 hours per week during term time and without limit during vacations. Where the student is studying below degree level at a HEI or is studying at a publically funded Further Education institution they are able to work for 10 hours per week during term time and without limit during vacations. There are no plans to alter the current provisions for Syrian students in the UK.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/text/121211w0001.htm#1212117800043>

Illegal Immigrants: Deportation

Andrew Rosindell: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to actively remove illegal immigrants from the UK. [132016]

Reply from Mark Harper: The UK Border Agency takes swift action to enforce the removal of persons who do not have any legal right to stay in the United Kingdom and who have failed to leave voluntarily. The UK Border Agency works to remove all identified illegal migrants from the UK and encourages illegal immigrants to return to their country of origin voluntarily. Action will be taken against those who have no lawful permission to remain in the UK and illegal immigrants who fail to depart will be arrested, detained and have their removal enforced.

The Agency works in partnership with other law enforcement bodies to identify and remove illegal migrants, such as the ongoing work with the Metropolitan police delivered through Operation Nexus.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/text/121211w0001.htm#1212117800038>

Asylum: Housing

David Davies: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the total amount paid out in utility bills was for asylum seekers in National Asylum Support Service accommodation in the most recent year for which figures are available. [132651]

Reply from Mark Harper: Accommodation for asylum seekers is provided on behalf of the UK Border Agency by G4S, SERCO and Clearel. Payment is made to the suppliers by way of a daily unit rate which includes provision of utility services. The total amount paid by each supplier is not made available to the UK Border Agency.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/text/121211w0001.htm#1212117800029>

Asylum Seekers

Lord Laird: To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Taylor of Holbeach on 30 October (*WA 121-2*), by what methods and routes those 760 asylum seekers who had first been registered in Greece gained admission to the United Kingdom; and whether they will investigate any failings in border security which allowed this, and develop means to prevent entry of asylum seekers already registered in another European Union country. [HL3089]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The information is not held centrally and could only be obtained at disproportionate cost.

Individuals who have applied for asylum in another EU country and want to come to the UK are required to meet the same immigration requirements as any other foreign national. In most cases they would be unable to meet these requirements while their asylum application is under consideration and so would be unable to enter the UK legally.

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The Government are committed to tackling illegal entry by maintaining the highest standards of border security and regularly review its effectiveness. Border Force works closely with French partners, deploying the latest technology to detect individuals seeking to evade border checks in the juxtaposed ports in northern France. We are also working closely with European partners to support the improvement of border and asylum arrangements in countries such as Greece to help disrupt illegal migration flows long before they reach the UK.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121214w0001.htm#12121436000063>

Human Trafficking: Females

Cathy Jamieson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what agreements are in place to ensure effective working between the Scottish police service and police forces in England to identify women who have been trafficked into the UK. [131936]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Scottish police and police forces in England work collaboratively with a range of organisations to reduce the threat of human trafficking, including: exchanging data and intelligence to support investigations, identifying and supporting victims, targeting traffickers, and sharing best practice.

Cathy Jamieson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent discussions she has had with the Scottish Government on the number of women trafficked into the UK from (a) elsewhere in the EU and (b) other countries. [131937]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group on Human Trafficking, attended by Kenny MacAskill, the Scottish Justice Secretary, routinely discusses trends in trafficking activity into the UK. The UK approach to tackling human trafficking was also discussed by delegates at the human trafficking summit held in Edinburgh on Anti-Slavery Day, 18 October 2012.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121210/text/121210w0001.htm#12121032000007>

Press Releases

Home Secretary announces visa service improvements

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/december/15-china>

Workers' remittances in the EU27 Nearly 40 billion euro transferred by migrants to their country of origin in 2011

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STAT-12-176_en.htm?locale=en

New Publications

Home Secretary Speech on 'An Immigration System that Works in the National Interest'

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/speeches/home-secretary-imm-speech-dec12>

Changes to the Immigration Rules come into effect on 13 December 2012

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/december/17-rules>

New application forms

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/december/18-application-forms>

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Justice At Risk: Quality and Value for Money in Asylum Legal Aid

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/JusticeAtRisk-2012.pdf>

The Detention of Vulnerable People: Human Rights Breaches in the UK

<http://detentionforum.files.wordpress.com/2012/12/vpwg-briefing-for-parl-meeting-final-v2.docx>

News

Refugees 'are forced into destitution' in Britain because they cannot be sent back

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/refugees-are-forced-into-destitution-in-britain-because-they-cannot-be-sent-back-8397634.html>

'Evicting asylum seekers? We just follow orders'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/theguardian/2012/dec/14/asylum-seekers-contractors-mothers-housing>

Scotland for the Scots? No, we have to throw open our doors

<http://www.scotsman.com/scotland-on-sunday/opinion/comment/andrew-wilson-scotland-for-the-scots-no-we-have-to-throw-open-our-doors-1-2694283>

Spike in UK student numbers prompts fears of visa abuse

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2012/dec/11/bogus-student-visa-abuse-fear>

100,000 students coming to UK face immigration interviews

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2012/dec/12/100000-students-immigration-interviews-uk>

Immigration detention costs 130 million a year

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/9737848/Immigration-detention-costs-130-million-a-year.html>

Immigration detention casework must improve - watchdogs

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-20689637>

Prisons and immigration inspectors demand action on delayed deportations

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/dec/12/deportees-detained-over-two-years>

London's new female immigrants 'inspired' to lead

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-20640001>

Theresa May says UK plans more visa interviews for students

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-20692893>

Labour could back Tory cap on immigration

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political-news/labour-could-back-tory-cap-on-immigration.19685578>

Miliband: Too little done to integrate UK society

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-20715253>

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Ed Miliband tells immigrants to learn English as he admits Labour failed to stop segregation

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/9744501/Ed-Miliband-tells-immigrants-to-learn-English-as-he-admits-Labour-failed-to-stop-segregation.html>

Miliband calls for improved integration of immigrants to reduce pressures of a multi-ethnic society

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/miliband-calls-for-improved-integration-of-immigrants-to-reduce-pressures-of-a-multiethnic-society-8413814.html>

How can you be British without speaking English?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-20728634>

Learn English or face public sector job curbs, Ed Miliband tells migrants

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article3631384.ece>

May says UK cannot cope with migration levels

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/may-says-uk-cannot-cope-with-migration-levels-8412109.html>

Labour leader Ed Miliband calls for clear strategy on cultural integration in UK

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/labour-leader-ed-miliband-calls-1489422>

Ed Miliband: every Briton should speak English

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2012/dec/14/miliband-english-language-integration>

David Cameron attacks Ed Miliband's immigration plans

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/dec/14/david-cameron-ed-miliband-immigration>

Census: almost one in eight people in England and Wales born abroad

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/dec/11/census-one-in-eight-born-abroad>

Census result reveals one in eight UK residents was born overseas

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/census-result-reveals-one-in-eight-uk-residents-was-born-overseas-8405642.html>

Census 2011: 7.5m people in England and Wales were born outside the UK

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/9738300/Census-2011-7.5m-people-in-England-and-Wales-were-born-outside-the-UK.html>

'British whites' are the minority in London for the first time as census shows number of UK immigrants has jumped by 3million in 10 years

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2246288/Census-2011-UK-immigrant-population-jumps-THREE-MILLION-10-years.html>

Census 2011 shows the changing face of Britain

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/9737874/Census-2011-shows-the-changing-face-of-Britain.html>

Census: Maps show migration trends

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-20713380>

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Poles are here to stay in Britain, but it'll take time to make a cultural splash

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/dec/12/poles-britain-cultural-splash>

England, their England

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/focus/article1177499.ece>

MPs dismayed by 'total chaos' of £42m lost in translation

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/mps-dismayed-by-total-chaos-of-42m-lost-in-translation-8413694.html>

G4S contractor evicted heavily pregnant asylum seeker even though they knew she was being induced the same day

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/g4s-contractor-evicted-heavily-pregnant-asylum-seeker-even-though-they-knew-she-was-being-induced-the-same-day-8399581.html>

New group to back migration

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/new-group-to-back-migration-8420437.html>

Benefits to trap illegal migrants

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Society/article1177574.ece

The 6.15 to the promised land

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/Magazine/Features/article1172104.ece>

Immigrants' human right to work curtailed in Europe

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/pdfpress/2012-12-10%20human%20rights%20day.pdf>

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News

Mixed race children and young people are individual nation states. They defy classification

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/mixed-race-children-and-young-people-are-individual-nation-states-they-defy-classification-8411774.html?origin=internalSearch>

There's more to diversity than statistics. We need change at the top

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/dec/12/diversity-statistics-change-top>

The 2011 census shows a people at ease with diversity. Politicians must catch up

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/dec/11/2011-census-diversity-politicians>

Census reveals decline of Christianity and rise in foreign born to one in eight

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/dec/11/census-religion-decline-rise-born-abroad>

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Census shows a changing of the guard in Britain

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/dec/11/census-2011-england-wales>

Less religious and more ethnically diverse: Census reveals a picture of Britain today

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/less-religious-and-more-ethnically-diverse-census-reveals-a-picture-of-britain-today-8406506.html>

2011 Census: number of Christians falls by 4m

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3627585.ece>

Who are we? Census 2011 reports on ethnicity in the UK

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/blog/188/359/Who-are-we-Census-2011-reports-on-ethnicity-in-the-UK.html>

A white-only debate lacks balance

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/a-whiteonly-debate-lacks-balance-8420316.html>

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Westminster Parliamentary Question

Apprentices: Ethnic Groups

Stephen Timms: To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills what plans he has to increase the number of apprentices from an ethnic minority background. [133442]

Reply from Matthew Hancock: I am keen to increase diversity within apprenticeships because I am clear that apprenticeships provide a great opportunity for people from all backgrounds to develop valuable knowledge and skills. Provisional data for the 2011/12 academic year show that 9.8% of people starting an apprenticeship described themselves as having a black, Asian or minority ethnic background but there is an opportunity to make apprenticeships a more attractive option for those who have not yet engaged with the programme.

The National Apprenticeship Service recently published an evaluation of 16 Diversity in Apprenticeships Pilots which explored local initiatives to increase the accessibility of apprenticeships. One pilot based in Oldham, Leicester and Bradford focused on encouraging more young people from black, Asian and other minority groups to become apprentices. The National Apprenticeship Service is currently exploring ways to implement key lessons from the pilots. The evaluation can be found on the National Apprenticeship Service website:

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/Partners/Policy/Diversity-Pilots.aspx>

The National Apprenticeship Service has recently commissioned research to explore apprenticeships and engagement with people from ethnic minority backgrounds.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121213/text/121213w0003.htm#1212136000087>

Equality (continued) News

Muslim women face an uphill battle against prejudice to find work

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/dec/10/muslim-women-prejudice-getting-job>

To hijab or not to hijab - a Muslim businesswoman's view

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/the-northerner/2012/dec/10/hijab-muslims-women-islam-business-bradford-niqab-burka>

Pakistani and Bangladeshi women less likely to find jobs on the Work Programme

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/452/272/Pakistani-and-Bangladeshi-women-less-likely-to-find-jobs-on-the-Work-Programme.html>

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Learning and Justice

Stewart Maxwell (West Scotland, Scottish National Party): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-07322 by Kenny MacAskill on 6 June 2012 and to the publication of the report, Religiously Aggravated Offending in Scotland 2012, whether it will provide a breakdown of recorded religious hate crimes in 2011-12 expressed as the number of incidents per 1,000 members of each religious affiliation. (S4W-11536)

Reply from Roseanna Cunningham: The report 'Religiously aggravated offending in Scotland 2011-12' was published on 23 November 2012 and presented information on the number of religious aggravation charges (from section 74 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003) that were reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) by the police in 2011-12. The following table shows religious aggravation charges that were reported to COPFS in 2011-12 for conduct which was derogatory to each religion. The final column presents the number of charges per 1,000 members of each, as recorded in the 2001 census. It is important to note that reported charges only contain information about the nature of the offensive conduct and not about the religious affiliation of the victims of incidents.

Table: Religious aggravation charges derogatory to religions in Scotland in 2011-12 per 1,000 members.

The religion that conduct was derogatory towards [1],[2]	Number of Charges [3]	Number of Members [4]	Charges per 1,000 Members
Christianity[5]	865	3,294,545	0.3
of which:[6]			
Roman Catholicism	509	803,732	0.6
Protestantism	353	2,146,251	0.2
Judaism	14	6,448	2.2
Islam	19	42,557	0.4
Unknown	2	N/A	N/A

[1] Information on religious aggravations is taken from *Religiously Aggravated Offending in Scotland 2011-12*, Scottish Government, available online at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/11/7685>

[2] The number of charges refers to the religion that the conduct was derogatory

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towards and not the number of charges where victims had the relevant affiliation. Information about victims' religious affiliations are not recorded by the police.

[3] There were 876 section 74 charges reported to COPFS in 2011-12 but some charges referred to conduct that was derogatory to more than one religious affiliation.

[4] Religious group membership information data are taken from the 2001 census. Available online at: <http://scotland.gov.uk/publications/2005/02/20757/53570>

[5] There are three charges included in the 865 total which referred to conduct which was offensive to Christianity in general and were not directed towards Protestantism or Roman Catholicism.

[6] Religious group membership data is based on self-reported affiliation in the 2001 census. Christian denominations are presented in the census under three categories: 'Roman Catholic', 'Church of Scotland' and 'other Christian.' For the purpose of this table only 'Church of Scotland' membership has been attributed as 'Protestant' because 'other Christian' may include a mixture of Protestant and non-Protestant denominations. As a consequence this may lead to an under-reporting of the 'charges per 1,000 members' in the Protestant category.

The Scottish Government has been investing to tackle religious intolerance across Scotland, funding the national Scottish Interfaith Council to promote inter faith dialogue and specific communities, such as the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities, to address the specific needs of these communities. Over 2012-15, the Scottish Government will continue such investment, committing over £5 million from the Equality Fund to organisations tackling racism and religious intolerance and £9 million to tackle sectarianism in our communities.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-11536&ResultsPerPage=10>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Anti-Semitism

Mr Amess: To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills what recent meetings have been held of the higher education sub-group of the cross-government working group on anti-Semitism; which officials at each civil service grade attended each such meeting; what matters were discussed at each such meeting; what further meetings are planned; and if he will make a statement. [R] [131189]

Mr Willetts: The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills' (BIS) Anti-Semitism and Higher Education Group last met in November 2009. At this meeting a ministerial private secretary, the director for higher education policy and a policy official (higher executive officer) were present.

The meeting included updates from members of the group on their wider work on equality and diversity, including tackling anti-Semitism, and on the guidance for students, 'A Student's Guide to Anti-Semitism on Campus', produced by the Union of Jewish Students and the Community Security Trust.

The work of the group has resulted in agreement to a number of practical actions which have been taken forward by HE stakeholders and the Jewish community. For instance a project on examining religion and belief in higher education and the experiences of students and staff, further practical guidance on academic freedom and hate speech from Universities UK to the sector and guidance on external speakers from the National Union of Students tailored to the needs of students' unions. The NUS also continues to offer training to students' unions on tackling

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hate speech, funded by BIS. The Equality Challenge Unit is also developing additional practical guidance for institutions on promoting tolerance on campus and dealing with external speakers.

In light of this activity and as significant work has been under way in the sector on tackling intolerance in HE the Government agreed with the Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group Against Anti-Semitism that BIS would suspend the BIS Anti-Semitism and HE Group unless and until significant new problems of anti-Semitism presented themselves. BIS continues to be a committed member of the wider Cross-Government Working Group on Anti-Semitism.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121212/text/121212w0004.htm#12121274000019>

Higher Education: Anti-Semitism

David Amess: To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills (1) what recent representations he has received on the incidence of anti-Semitism at universities; and if he will make a statement; [R] [130812]

(2) what recent reports he has received of the targeting by Islamic extremists of Israeli students at universities in (a) London, (b) Essex and (c) elsewhere in England; and if he will make a statement; [R] [130813]

(3) what steps he is taking to protect Jewish students from expressions of anti-Semitism while at university; and if he will make a statement. [R] [130814]

Reply from David Willetts: The Government abhors any form of racism. Anti-Semitism and intolerance have no place in our society and no place in higher education. Staff and students from all backgrounds, cultures and communities must be welcome in our higher education sector.

I have received no recent representations about incidences of anti-Semitism at universities in England, or from the Union of Jewish Students, nor reports of incidents of Israeli students attending universities in London, Essex or elsewhere in England, being targeted by Islamic extremists.

However, if any such incidents occur the Government expects universities to act swiftly to investigate and address them. The Government expects institutions to vigorously tackle intolerance on campus when it arises. Universities themselves hold the responsibility in this area and they have the tools to tackle intolerance.

The UK has in place one of the strongest legislative frameworks to protect people from harassment and abuse, and specifically racial or religious persecution. This framework provides protection to the Jewish community alongside other ethnic and religious groups. It also provides protection on the grounds of nationality. As independent organisations, higher education institutions are directly accountable for compliance with the law and hold the primary responsibility for ensuring that their staff and students are not subject to threatening or abusive behaviour on campus.

In addition to legal requirements, institutions have access to a range of practical guidance, developed by organisations such as the Equality Challenge Unit, Universities UK, and the National Union of Students for example, to help them ensure fair treatment of their staff and students, and to help them deal effectively with instances of intolerance, racism and harassment in their institutions. The sector's own guidance gives institutions a practical framework to apply to their own individual circumstances.

I have met the Union of Jewish Students to discuss anti-Semitism in higher education and assured them that the Government continues to take this issue seriously, and expects universities to use the tools they have to tackle anti-Semitism.

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In my visit to Israel in 2011 I also was very clear that English universities remain welcoming places for students of all nationalities, and Britain is a place where Jewish students can study or research in a peaceful and safe manner.

We have seen a fall in the number of anti-Semitic incidents in higher education, from 44 in 2010 to 27 in 2011, according the Community Security Trust. However, no incident is acceptable in higher education, or elsewhere.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121210/text/121210w0002.htm#121211400007>

Press Releases

Racist incidents recorded by the police

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/12/racistincidents11122012>

Rise in racist incidents ‘disappointing’

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/12/racism11122012>

New Publications

Racist incidents recorded by the police in Scotland, 2011-12

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00410290.pdf>

Racist incident reporting in Scotland’s schools

<http://www.crer.org.uk/attachments/article/RIReport.pdf>

The Innocence of Muslims: The People Behind the Movie, their Motives and the Drivers of their Hate

<http://faith-matters.org/images/pdf/innocenceofmuslim.pdf>

News

Racist incidents recorded by Scottish police increase by 10%

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-20675712>

Anti-English sentiment blamed as whites suffer rise in racism

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/scotland/anti-english-sentiment-blamed-as-whites-suffer-rise-in-racism-1-2685148>

This isn’t the true picture on racism: it’s far, far worse

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/opinion/comment/analysis-this-isn-t-the-true-picture-on-racism-it-s-far-far-worse-1-2686813>

Fear anti-English racism on rise

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/fear-anti-english-racism-on-rise.19649937>

Racist incidents in Scotland rise by 10% for first time in five years

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/racist-incidents-in-scotland-rise-by-10-1484390>

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Record number of racist attacks on English in Scotland

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/scotland/9737918/Record-number-of-racist-attacks-on-English-in-Scotland.html>

4 racist incidents a day take place in Glasgow

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/4-racist-incidents-a-day-take-place-in-glasgow-109703n.19650126>

Three reports of racist incidents per day in Edinburgh

<http://www.scotsman.com/edinburgh-evening-news/latest-news/three-reports-of-racist-incidents-per-day-in-edinburgh-1-2687524>

Tayside bucks trend of rise in racist crimes as minister warns against tarnishing nation's image

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/National/article/26414/tayside-bucks-trend-of-rise-in-racist-crimes-as-minister-warns-against-tarnishing-nation-s-image.html>

Anti-Semitism 'doubled' after Middle East conflict

<http://www.politics.co.uk/news/2012/12/10/anti-semitism-doubled-after-middle-east-conflict>

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Parliamentary Motion

S4M-05168 John Finnie: Celebrating International Human Rights Day 2012—That the Parliament notes that 10 December is International Human Rights Day; warmly welcomes the organisation of a so-called National InterAction on this day by the Scottish Human Rights Commission alongside the publication of a report called Getting it Right? Human Rights in Scotland; understands that the report concludes that, despite Scotland's strong legal and institutional framework for human rights, there are gaps that can and should be filled; commends the commission on taking the initiative to facilitate the development of Scotland's National Action Plan for Human Rights; considers that a national action plan would identify gaps in human rights protection and provide a coherent and systematic way of addressing those gaps; believes that inviting people from across Scotland to make their voices heard in the debate about human rights protection, by participating in shaping Scotland's National Action Plan for Human Rights, will ensure that the national action plan is evidence based, developed in an inclusive way and independently monitored, as recommended by international human rights bodies, and encourages people from Scotland to take part in the plan as other opportunities arise until March 2013.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-05168&ResultsPerPage=10>

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Appointment of new Member

The Presiding Officer wishes to make the following announcement:

Under Rule 1.5.4 of Standing Orders, I have determined that following John Park's resignation, the date of the subsequent vacancy is 8 December 2012.

As required by Article 86(1) of the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2010, I have sent a notice to the returning officer for the Mid Scotland and Fife region informing him of the vacancy. The returning officer has, in accordance with Section 10 of the Scotland Act 1998, as modified by Article 87 of the above order, ascertained that the vacancy should be filled by Jayne Baxter. Ms Baxter is therefore returned as a regional member for Mid Scotland and Fife region, in terms of Section 10(6) of the Scotland Act 1998.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/57704.aspx>

Press Releases

Same sex marriage

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/12/ssm12dec>

Leveson findings - expert panel appointed

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/12/leveson-findings-expert-panel-appointed13122012>

New Publication

SPICe Briefing: Local Government Funding: Provisional Allocations for 2013-14

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_12-74.pdf

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Ministerial Statement and Q&A session

Equal Marriage Consultation

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121211/debtext/121211-0001.htm#12121156000006>

Parliamentary Question

Female Genital Mutilation

Karl Turner: To ask the Secretary of State for Health what training (a) health professionals, (b) education professionals and (c) social care professionals receive in respect of female genital mutilation. [132528]

Anna Soubry: Guidance for health professionals is contained in the Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), published in 2011 by HM Government. Earlier this year, Ministers wrote to relevant Royal Colleges and national health service agencies asking them about their plans to raise awareness of FGM. The responses received are encouraging, and the overriding message

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from them all is clear—FGM is abhorrent and they are committed to playing their part in eradicating it.

At the same time, the Department's Chief Medical Officer and Director of Nursing, with the support of the Royal Colleges, wrote to health professionals drawing their attention to the illegal nature of the FGM and to the multi-agency practice guidelines on FGM published last year.

The Department for Education does not itself provide training on FGM. Schools should ensure that the head teacher, and all other staff who work with children, undertake training to equip them to carry out their responsibilities for child protection effectively. Guidance for schools is contained in the Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines on FGM, published in 2011 by HM Government.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121212/text/121212w0002.htm#12121272000154>

Press Releases

Equal marriage

<http://homeoffice.gov.uk/equalities/lgbt/equal-marriage/>

Foreign Office Minister Baroness Warsi marks Human Rights Day

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=842675682>

New Publications

Equal civil marriage: factsheet

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/equal-civil-marriage/factsheet?view=Binary>

News

Michael Moore: UK is committed to protecting the rights of all

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/opinion/comment/michael-moore-uk-is-committed-to-protecting-the-rights-of-all-1-2683052>

Maria Miller confirms religious groups will not have to conduct gay marriages

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2012/dec/10/maria-miller-religious-gay-marriages>

Church of England banned from offering same-sex marriages but all other religious organisations can 'opt in' for gay ceremonies

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/church-of-england-banned-from-offering-samesex-marriages-but-all-other-religious-organisations-can-opt-in-for-gay-ceremonies-8405966.html>

Church of England and Church in Wales protest at gay marriage ban

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2012/dec/13/anglican-church-protests-gay-marriage-ban>

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New Publications

2011 Census: Key Statistics for England and Wales, March 2011

http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171778_290685.pdf

Religion in England and Wales 2011

http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171776_290510.pdf

Ethnicity and National Identity in England and Wales 2011

http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171776_290558.pdf

International Migrants in England and Wales 2011

http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171776_290335.pdf

Seeing and doing: learning, resources, and social networks below the radar

<http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=X5IRJ%2bLTLOo%3d&tabid=973>

Is the third sector so special? What is it worth?

<http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=7%2bKUjEnc54M%3d&tabid=964>

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Other News

Most Scots don't check charity numbers before donating

<http://www.thirdforcenews.org.uk/2012/12/most-scots-dont-check-charity-numbers-before-donating/>

Primary school league tables 2012: Faith schools account for six out of 10 top scoring primaries

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/leaguetables/9743057/Primary-school-league-tables-2012-Faith-schools-account-for-six-out-of-10-top-scoring-primaries.html>

Council reduces grants to third sector by £4.25m

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/council-reduces-grants-to-third-sector-by-425m.19646040>

Community action is not about formal training, says research

<http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/NewsandEvents/Communityactionisnotaboutformaltraining/tabid/973/Default.aspx>

Volunteers do not have protection from discrimination in law, Supreme Court rules

http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/bulletin/third_sector_daily_bulletin/article/1164097/volunteers-not-protection-discrimination-law-supreme-court-rules/?DCMP=EMC-CONThirdSectorDaily

Sikh heads for place in history

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/uk/sikh-heads-for-place-in-history-1-2686788>

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Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/51531.aspx>

Post-16 Education Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/56717.aspx>

Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2013

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00404790.pdf>

Social Care (Self-directed Support) Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/48001.aspx>

Bills in Progress Westminster

Draft Communications Data Bill

Draft Bill as published

<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm83/8359/8359.pdf>

**** Crime and Courts Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/crimeandcourts.html>

Report Stage, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121210-0001.htm#1212107000692>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121210-0002.htm#12121036000218>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121212-0001.htm#12121243000421>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2012-2013/0049/amend/ml049-iiir.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2012-2013/0049/amend/ml049-iv.htm>

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provisions and Support for Victims) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/humantraffickingandexploitationfurtherprovisionsandsupportforvictims.html>

Small Charitable Donations Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/smallcharitable donations.html>

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Post-16 Education Bill (closing date 18 January 2013)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EducationandCultureCommittee/General%20Documents/Call_for_evidence\(2\).pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EducationandCultureCommittee/General%20Documents/Call_for_evidence(2).pdf)

Review of the impact of ending employment restrictions on Bulgarian and Romanian nationals on the agriculture and food processing sectors

(closing date 18 January 2013)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/workingwithus/mac/all-saw-sbs.pdf>

Scottish Parliament: post-legislative scrutiny (closing date 25 January 2013)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Inquiries/Call_for_views.pdf

Parliamentary inquiry into new family migration rules (closing date 31 January 2013)

<http://www.appgmigration.org.uk/family-inquiry>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Equality Strategy (closing date 9 February 2012)

[http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/tell-us-what-you-think/!](http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/tell-us-what-you-think/)

** **Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill** (closing date 20 March 2013)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00410328.pdf>

National Action Plan for Human Rights (closing date 29 March 2013)

<http://www.scottishhumanrights.com/actionplan/participatesnap>

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International Migrants Day

18 December 2012 in the Scottish Parliament (6.00 – 8.00)

Migrants' Rights Scotland event to bring together representatives of minority civil society groups, migrants and their families and MSPs to share deeper understanding of who counts as a migrant and the issues facing real people as a result of immigration policy.

For information see <http://migrantsrightsscotland.org.uk/?p=3641>

Mainstreaming Equalities

16 January 2013 in Glasgow

6 February 2013 in Glasgow

27 February 2013 in Glasgow

20 March 2013 in Glasgow

deadline for applications: 7 January 2013

Institute of Leadership and Management training to support voluntary sector organisations

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to develop capacity on mainstreaming equality. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/13i-iii_equalities.pdf or contact John Robertson 0141 332 2444 / john.robertson@gcvs.org.uk.

**** Discrimination Law in 2013**

21 January 2013 in Glasgow (9.45 – 4.15)

Equality and Human Rights Commission conference to summarise the practical implications of key judgments over the past year, and help ensure that organisations are advising on discrimination law appropriately. For information contact David Reilly 0141 228 5967 / equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com.

An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

25 January 2013 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council training to identify fundamental issues facing asylum seekers and refugees today, and highlighting current legislation and entitlements. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/cn3znfj> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / <http://tinyurl.com/burro73>

Domestic Abuse and Minority Ethnic Women, Children & Young People

28 January 2013 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30) and 29 January 2013 (9.30 – 12.30)

25 February 2013 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30) and 26 February 2013 (9.30 – 12.30)

Shakti training course to increase awareness and understanding of issues facing Minority Ethnic women, children & young people affected by domestic abuse. For information contact Mridul, Lisa, or Aleksandra 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk.

Training to support survivors of sexual violence

11 February 2013 in Dundee

Shakti and Rape Crisis Scotland training for staff and volunteers within minority ethnic organisations. For information contact Ola 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk

**** Progressing Together?**

28 March 2013 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 4.45)

CEMVO conference to explore the role of Community Empowerment in Mainstreaming of Race and Equalities across the Public Sector. For information contact Fiaz Khan 0141 248 4830 / fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk or see <http://tinyurl.com/d2eyumh>.

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

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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

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

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

Scottish Refugee Council 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

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ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) <http://www.oscr.org.uk/>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

Disclosure Scotland <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

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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>



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