

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Debate

Refugees

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Scottish Parliament Motions

S5M-01322 Angela Constance: Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees – That the Parliament welcomes the 1,000 Syrian refugees who have been received by local authorities across Scotland under the UK Government's Syrian Resettlement Programme since October 2015; commends the work of Scottish Government partners, including the

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Scottish Refugee Council, COSLA and particularly local authorities that have responded quickly to this humanitarian crisis; thanks the volunteers, third sector organisations and local communities that are welcoming and supporting refugees as they settle and begin to rebuild their lives; acknowledges the strong cross-party support shown at and since the First Minister's Refugee Summit on 4 September 2015 for Scotland's commitment to welcome refugees and play its part by taking a fair and proportionate share of the total number of refugees received by the UK; continues to urge the UK Government to do more, particularly to progress the transfer of unaccompanied child refugees under the Immigration Act 2016, and to coordinate with international partners, including Scotland's EU neighbours, to improve the situation of refugees in Europe, and celebrates and encourages the warmth of welcome and strong solidarity with refugees that has been demonstrated across Scotland.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01322&ResultsPerPage=10>

S5M-01322.1: Jackson Carlaw: Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees – As an amendment to motion S5M-01322 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees), leave out from "UK Government" to end and insert "Scottish and UK Governments to do more, particularly to progress the transfer of unaccompanied child refugees under the Immigration Act 2016, and to coordinate with international partners, including Scotland's EU neighbours, to improve the situation of refugees in Europe, and celebrates and encourages the warmth of welcome and strong solidarity with refugees that has been demonstrated across Scotland as has been the case in many conflicts over many generations, with refugees seeking safety and security in the face of violence and persecution."

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01322.1&ResultsPerPage=10>

S5M-01322.2: Alex Rowley: Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees – As an amendment to motion S5M-01322 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees), after "lives;" insert "recognises the need to set out refugees' rights to access services and enshrine national standards for integration in law, putting a 'New Scots' integration strategy on a statutory footing; agrees that clear rights to language and interpretation services and simplification of many provisions in Scots law can aid that integration;"

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01322.2&ResultsPerPage=10>

S5M-01322.3: Ross Greer: Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees –As an amendment to motion S5M-01322 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees), insert at end "supports the 'New Scots' approach of providing access to public services for all people seeking or granted refugee protection regardless of status; believes that the delivery and management of asylum support, accommodation and advice should be devolved to Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to support the creation of safe and legal routes for refugees to reach the EU and seek asylum without embarking on a dangerous and costly journey."

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01322.3&ResultsPerPage=10>

S5M-01370 Ben Macpherson: Edinburgh Direct Aid Renews Call to Help Syrian Refugees – That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh Direct Aid (EDA), which is a charity based in the Edinburgh Northern and Leith constituency, on its work in the last 24

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years delivering aid to people in other countries; notes that its current work is helping more than 70,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon; welcomes Qatar Red Crescent's (QRC) agreement to cover shipping costs, which will allow EDA to send a greater amount of vital clothing and equipment to the refugee camp in Aarsal; understands that, by covering the transportation fee, this has allowed EDA to send its seventh shipping container, weighing ten tonnes, to the camp on 5 September 2016; welcomes the support from QRC that has also allowed EDA to renew its call for additional warm winter clothing, as those in the camp prepare for temperatures of -10 C in winter; appreciates that EDA also provides school and work programmes to help refugees with education and income, and thanks its volunteers for their hard work and efforts to improve the quality of life of people in need.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01370&ResultsPerPage=10>

S5M-01355 Linda Fabiani: UK Home Office Announcement on Closure of Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre – That the Parliament welcomes the announcement by the Home Office that Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre will close in 2017; recognises that more than three quarters of those leaving detention in Dungavel were released back into the community in 2015; supports the call from the Scottish Refugee Council for swift assurances from the Home Office that men and women who would have been detained in Dungavel will not now be moved indiscriminately to other detention facilities in other parts of the UK, and hopes that this is the first step toward an end to long-term immigration detention across the whole of the UK.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01355&ResultsPerPage=10>

S5M-01269 Gillian Martin: The Rights of EU Citizens in Scotland – That the Parliament condemns comments made by an official spokesperson for the Scottish Conservatives, which suggested that it is “bizarre” that an EU citizen would take an interest in a planning application in their local area; considers that this negative attitude towards EU citizens has no place in Scotland; demands an immediate apology from the party for these comments, and reiterates the rights of EU citizens to make their voices heard in the country that they have chosen to make their home.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01269&ResultsPerPage=10>

S5M-01349 James Dornan: Congratulating Save the Children's Lifeboats for Refugees Appeal – That the Parliament congratulates Save the Children on the launch of its emergency appeal for £1 million to support a lifeboat, which would operate around the waters of Italy for a 15-month period, and welcomes the life-saving work that this craft will achieve by rescuing children and their families from danger in the water and allowing Save the Children teams to provide food, clothing and medical treatment to ensure that the most vulnerable people receive the support that they desperately need.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01349&ResultsPerPage=10>

S5M-01343 Christina McKelvie: Condemnation of the Great Wall of Calais – That the Parliament strongly condemns the proposal by the UK Government that a 13ft high wall be built along the port of Calais in an attempt to stop migrants reaching the UK; believes that this is a callous, abhorrent plan that completely ignores what it believes is the greatest humanitarian crisis of the 21st century; implores the UK Government to work collaboratively with French officials to develop a comprehensive plan to improve what it

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considers to be the dreadful conditions at Calais; believes that the UK Government should take immediate action to help reunite the hundreds of children remaining in the camp who have a legal right to enter the UK to join family; notes that this so-called Great Wall of Calais is a proposed £2 million project funded by taxpayer money, which it considers would be far better used in helping migrants who have fled their homes for fear of violence and persecution, and believes that the UK Government should have an immediate rethink of the proposals.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01343&ResultsPerPage=10>

UK Parliament Questions

Migration

Paul Monaghan [44683] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of excluding Scotland from the scope of the net migration target.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Our immigration system is designed to work for the whole of the UK and surveys show that people in Scotland want to see net migration reduced. We have a Scotland-specific Shortage Occupation List to accommodate skills shortages which are specific to Scotland. Applying substantially different immigration rules to different parts of the UK would complicate the immigration system, harming its integrity, and cause confusion for applicants and difficulties for employers who need the flexibility to deploy their staff to other parts of the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44683/>

Immigration

Diana Johnson [43739] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, what weight he plans to give to enabling the Government to meet its net migration target in his negotiation of a trade deal with the EU.

Reply from David Jones: The Government is committed to bringing net migration down to sustainable levels. The Prime Minister has said that as we conduct our negotiations, it must be a priority to regain more control of the numbers of people who come here from Europe in future – but also to allow British companies to trade with the single market in goods and services.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-20/43739/>

Immigration

8. **David Nuttall:** What assessment [has the Home Secretary] made of recent trends in the level of immigration. [906086]

17. **Peter Bone:** What plans her Department has to reduce net migration. [906095]

Reply from the Minister for Immigration (Robert Goodwill): The latest figures show that the reforms we have made to cut abuse across non-EU visa routes and toughen welfare provisions are working. Reducing the number of migrants coming to the UK will be a priority for the negotiations to leave the European Union.

David Nuttall: I welcome my hon. Friend to his new role, which must be one of the most challenging and difficult in Government. The most recent figures demonstrate, if proof were needed, that despite the steps already taken by the Government we urgently need new, clear, workable and effective policies. Will he set out when he intends to bring such

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policies before the House?

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We are committed to bringing down net migration to sustainable levels as soon as possible. It will take time to do so, because until we leave the European Union we will still be affected by the free movement rules, but we are doing everything we can now to ensure that the numbers come down. At every step of the negotiations we will work to ensure the best possible outcome for the British people and it would be wrong to set out unilateral positions in advance of that. ...

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-09-05/debates/1609052000015/Immigration>

EU Nationals: Residency

11. **Richard Arkless:** What discussions [has the Home Secretary] had with people from other EU countries living in the UK since the EU referendum on their right to live in the UK after an exit from the EU. [906089]

Reply from the Minister for Immigration (Robert Goodwill): The Prime Minister has been clear that she wants to protect the status of EU nationals here. The only circumstances in which that would not be possible are, as I have already said, if British citizens' rights in other EU member states were not protected in return.

Richard Arkless: In the two months since the EU referendum, the EU citizens in my constituency have become increasingly anxious. They literally lie awake at night wondering whether they will still be able to call my constituency their home. Will the Home Secretary do the decent thing and guarantee that no EU citizens will be used as bargaining chips in the forthcoming negotiations following the triggering of article 50?

Reply from Robert Goodwill: I repeat again that there is no change in the status of EU nationals living and working in the UK. The issue is not simply about the immigration status of an individual; EU citizens' rights are far broader than just the right to reside in the UK. The right to work, entitlement to benefits and pensions, the rights of access to public services and the ability to be joined by family members from countries outside the EU all need to be discussed.

22. **James Davies:** The Minister will be aware that the NHS would currently not be able to function without the input of skilled migrants from across the world. Indeed, there are currently 236 known non-Irish EU migrants employed by the health board in north Wales alone. What assurances can he give about the status of existing EU migrants working in the NHS, and, post-Brexit, how does he see future migration policy taking into account the needs of the health service? [906100]

Reply from Robert Goodwill: I hope I have already made that clear, but I recognise that EU citizens make an invaluable contribution to our economy, our society and our daily lives. They provide vital services, including in the NHS, where almost one in 10 doctors and one in 15 nurses are from an EU country. That is why the Government will seek an early resolution to this issue.

Joanna Cherry: Last week, in a statement issued by the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party press office, a Conservative Member of the Scottish Parliament, Alexander Burnett, questioned the right of EU citizens resident in Scotland to participate in Scottish politics. This has caused great concern in Scotland. Will the Minister unreservedly condemn this statement and give EU citizens resident in Scotland, and indeed across the UK, the assurance that they are still welcome to participate in politics and civic society?

Reply from Robert Goodwill: So long as we are members of the EU, the status of those citizens does not change.

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-09-05/debates/1609052000017/EUNationalsResidency>

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EU Nationals

The following two questions both received the same answer

Tom Brake [44107] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is her policy that EU citizens who have acquired permanent residence under Free Movement Directive 2004/38 will automatically retain their permanent residence in the UK after the UK has left the EU.

Graduates: EU Nationals

Paul Blomfield [44137] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has made to allow students from other EU member states to stay in the UK to live and work after graduation following the UK leaving the EU.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Prime Minister has been clear that she wants to protect the status of EU nationals already living in the UK, and the only circumstances in which that wouldn't be possible is if British citizens' rights in other EU Member States were not protected in return.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44107/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44137/>

Student Visas: Pilot Study

Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale: To ask Her Majesty's Government what criteria they used to select universities for the pilot study on student visas announced on 25 July.

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Williams of Trafford): My Lords, the four universities chosen to participate in the tier 4 visa pilot—namely, Oxford, Cambridge, Bath and Imperial College London—were chosen on the basis of their consistently low visa refusal rates.

Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale: My Lords, when he was Home Secretary, my noble friend Lord Blunkett and I agreed the Fresh Talent scheme for Scotland in 2003, which introduced a post-study work visa for students graduating from Scottish universities. That scheme, which helped reverse population decline and increased economic activity in Scotland, was never abused. It was extended to the rest of the United Kingdom in 2008, when it was abused elsewhere, and the Government abolished it in 2012. This new pilot scheme directly discriminates against the Scottish university sector and is a slap in the face for Scottish higher education. I ask the Government first, to review the involvement of the Scottish higher education sector in the pilot project and, secondly, to set a threshold which gives universities a standard to meet—and, if they get above it, to include more than these four elite universities in this discriminatory scheme.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: My Lords, the scheme may be expanded following the pilot; that has not been decided yet. On population decline in Scotland, I would say to the noble Lord that in fact it is projected that the population of Scotland will increase by 3.1% by 2024.

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-09-07/debates/16090727000535/StudentVisasPilotStudy>

Higher Education: Refugees

Jamie Reed [44362] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people with refugee status have undertaken study at the level of higher education in the UK in each of the last six years.

Reply from Joseph Johnson: The Government has a longstanding and proud tradition of providing a safe haven to those who have no choice but to leave their

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home country because of endangerment to their lives or those of their families. Student support is available to those recognised as refugees (and their spouses, civil partners and children named on the initial application for asylum), provided they have been ordinarily resident in the British Islands since being recognised by the Government as a refugee and are ordinarily resident in England on the first day of the first academic year of the course. They are exempt from the three year residence requirement.

Asylum seekers who are recognised as refugees after the start of their course may qualify for support for the remainder of their studies as follows:

- living cost support in any subsequent years of the course (and in the quarters following the award in the year of the award); and
- fee assistance in any subsequent years of the course (and in the year of the award if the award is made within three months of the first day of the academic year of the course).

Information on the total number of students with a refugee status undertaking Higher Education courses in the UK is not available.

Information is available from the Student Loans Company (SLC) on applicants with refugee status awarded student finance. Management information from the SLC showing the number of refugee applicants awarded loans in England in each of the last six years can be found in the table below:

English Domiciled applicants with a refugee status awarded student loans

Academic years 2009/10 to 2014/15 (data effective as at the end of each academic year)

Academic Year	Number of refugees awarded loans
2009/10	2,000
2010/11	2,500
2011/12	3,000
2012/13	3,700
2013/14	3,800
2014/15	3,900

Source: SLC, Management Information

Note: Awards do not necessarily translate into payments. An awarded applicant will only receive payments once SLC has received confirmation from the student's provider at the start of the academic year that the student has been registered on the course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44362/>

Marriage of Convenience: Convictions

Craig Whittaker [44438] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many convictions there have been for offences relating to cases of immigration marriage fraud in each of the last 10 years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The table below gives the number of individuals who were successfully prosecuted by Home Office Immigration Enforcement for offences relating to immigration marriage fraud.

Year	Successfully prosecuted
2014/15	121
2015/16	37

Prior to 2014, the records were not held centrally.

The decrease in the number of referrals to the Home Office can be aligned to the introduction of the Immigration Act 2014.

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This legislation extends the notification period for those seeking to marry up to 70 days and provides time for the Home Office to investigate whether the marriage is sham. The effect of this is that those marriages deemed to be sham can be prevented from taking place.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44438/>

Syrian Families: Resettlement Programme

1. **Michael Tomlinson:** What progress the Government have made in placing further vulnerable Syrian families in local authority areas. [906079]

Reply from the Secretary of State for the Home Department (Amber Rudd):

Under the scheme, local authorities sign up to accept refugees on a voluntary basis. Between the start of October 2015 and the end of June 2016, 2,646 people were resettled under the scheme across 118 different local authorities. The resettlement programme has sufficient pledges of places from local authorities across the UK to resettle 20,000 vulnerable Syrians and will continue to work closely with them to turn those pledges into places.

Michael Tomlinson: ... Many councils across this country are playing their part by taking in refugees. I am encouraging the local authorities in my constituency to do that, but they need support. Will the Home Secretary update the House on what support and encouragement she is giving to local authorities to do just that?

Reply from Amber Rudd: ... It is essential that the scheme is implemented on a voluntary basis. He is right: we provide support over a five-year period, and it is tapered, but we recognise that it is important to provide essential financial support to the local authorities which are supporting these vulnerable Syrians.

Yvette Cooper: ... I welcome the work that local authorities are doing. The right hon. Lady will know that two weeks ago several of us met a Syrian teenager in Calais whose family is here in Britain and who was given take charge leave by the British Government two months ago, but who is still in Calais alone in awful and dangerous conditions. He has now been given a transfer date for later this week, but only because three MPs and two national newspapers intervened in his case. There are hundreds more children and teenagers in Calais in awful conditions. Will she urgently intervene, speed up the bureaucracy and sort those out cases?

Reply from Amber Rudd: I recognise the excellent work that the right hon. Lady does in this area in drawing attention to the needs of the people in the Calais camp. She may already be aware of this, but I point out to the general public that that is French territory and it is French law that we have to engage with in order to help those people. We are identifying the children who we can help and we are now able to speed up that process and will continue to watch it carefully.

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-09-05/debates/1609052000009/SyrianFamiliesResettlementProgramme>

Refugees: Syria

Thangam Debbonaire [43773] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what timetable she has set for resettling 20,000 Syrian refugees in the UK; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Work continues with local authorities and international partners to deliver the Government's commitment to resettle 20,000 Syrian refugees over the lifetime of this Parliament and we are on track to do this.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43773/>

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Refugees: Syria

Alison McGovern [44185] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the Government plans to publish a comprehensive plan for resettling 20,000 Syrian refugees in the UK by 2020.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We intend to resettle up to 20,000 Syrians in need of protection during this Parliament. We will continue to work closely with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to identify appropriate cases, prioritising the most vulnerable. The numbers resettled in a particular period will depend on a range of factors including the flow of referrals from UNHCR in the field and the availability of suitable accommodation and care packages in the UK. We will manage the flows based on need and in support of the wellbeing of the people and communities involved, rather than rushing to meet arbitrary targets. However, we are clear that we want to help as many people as we can as quickly as possible.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44185/>

Refugees: Syria

Alison McGovern [44186] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress the Government has made towards its target of resettling 20,000 Syrian refugees in the UK by 2020.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Home Office is committed to publishing data in an orderly way as part of the regular quarterly Immigration Statistics, in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. Latest statistics published on 25 August confirmed that a total of a total of 2,898 Syrians have been resettled under the scheme since it began, 2,646 of these arriving since 1 October 2015.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44186/>

Refugees: Disability Living Allowance

Caroline Lucas [43778] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions her Department has had with Ministers in the Department for Work and Pensions on people who have been granted refugee status in the UK being eligible to access disability living allowance.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: There have been no recent discussions between the Home Office and Department of Work and Pensions Ministers about people who have been granted refugee status in the UK being eligible for disability living allowance.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43778/>

Refugees

Tangam Debbonaire [43497] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what measures her Department plans to put in place to improve the processing time for sending documentation including national insurance numbers and biometric residence permits to people who have been granted refugee status.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Details to apply for a National Insurance Number (NINO) are collected at the substantive interview and sent to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) if a claimant is granted asylum. DWP aim to return these to the Home Office within seven working days before it is sent to the claimant. Processing for Biometric Residence Permits begins once claimants have enrolled their details. If completed promptly it can be received by them within

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seven working days of the grant of asylum but delays can occur if a claimant has not enrolled their signature or biometrics prior to the grant of asylum.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-20/43497/>

Calais and Dunkirk: Refugee Children

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to speed up the reuniting of refugee children in the camps of Calais and Dunkirk with their families in the United Kingdom.

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Williams of Trafford): My Lords, the primary responsibility for migrants in Calais lies with France, but we continue to work with the French authorities and others to improve family reunification processes for unaccompanied children. We will shortly second another UK official to the French Interior Ministry to work on this issue. Transfer requests are now generally processed within 10 days, and children transferred within weeks. More than 70 children have been accepted for transfer this year from France.

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: I thank the Minister for her reply. I was happy to hear over the weekend that the Government considered that they were on track and that we will receive 20,000 refugees by 2020. Could we not start with the children? The winter is coming, and conditions are dire in northern France. Could not we have a special humanitarian effort this year? Kindertransport does not belong to yesterday alone. It could belong to today—and we could bring over some 380 children who are eligible to come to the UK in a matter of weeks. Will the Minister take that to heart?

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: My Lords, I certainly sympathise with the sentiment of what the noble Lord says—nobody wants children to have to survive a winter in cold conditions. But there are several things that we have to consider. First, what is in the best interest of that child in terms of safeguarding? Secondly, there are laws that we have to abide by from various countries. For example, if the child is not in this country, we have to do those negotiations to get the child out.

Lord Dubs: My Lords, it cannot be in the best interests of any child to stay in Calais, in awful conditions with no proper safety or security apart from a few British NGOs. It is deplorable. If the Minister would come to Calais—I was there last Saturday—she would see what I am talking about.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: I thank the noble Lord for bringing that up. Perhaps I can clarify what I said about negotiating with other countries and their laws and, certainly, the welfare interests of the child. While a child is in France, it is under the jurisdiction of France. Of course we work with France—and most children are out of the camps very quickly when they have relatives in the UK. But there are all those issues to consider. Of course, nobody has to stay in the camps. Reception centres have been made available; there are 130 of them for people to go to rather than stay in the camps.

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-09-06/debates/16090640000432/CalaisAndDunkirkRefugeeChildren>

Calais: Refugee Children

Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer: To ask Her Majesty's Government when they will address the position of the refugee children in the Calais camps who are eligible to come to Britain. ...

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Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Williams of Trafford): My Lords, we are already working closely with the French to help to identify and transfer children who are eligible and are about to second another UK expert to France to support that work. Over 70 children have been accepted already this year and more arrive almost every week. Transfer requests are now generally processed within 10 days, and children are transferred within weeks.

Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer: My Lords, I thank the Minister for her reply, and I read carefully her reply to my noble friend yesterday. However, as she said, some 70 children have been accepted this year, which is about two a week, and yesterday she asserted that her department is working very quickly. Is she satisfied that that is quick enough? Given that the French intend to dismantle the camp by Christmas and that at least 370 children are eligible, that should be more like 20 a week. Further, does she realise that young people seeing the camp dismantled will take greater and greater risks in trying to get on to vehicles coming to the UK? Can the Minister assure the House that her department will be able to up the capacity to at least nearer 20 a week?

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: My Lords, on the question of whether we are doing things quickly enough, in an ideal world we would move all the children tomorrow. However, we cannot just take a child out of a country—I tried to make that clear yesterday and I make it clear today. Following due process is in the best interests of any child whom we are concerned about. We have to take account of the laws of the country in question—that is, France. When the child is in France, he or she is under its jurisdiction. We are working very closely with that country to make sure that children are transferred as quickly as possible. The welfare of the child is utmost.

Lord Dubs: My Lords, first, will the Minister confirm that under the terms of the Immigration Act not a single child has yet reached this country? The ones who have arrived have relatives here and have come under Dublin III. Secondly, will she comment on the news this morning that the Government are apparently advocating the building of a wall in Calais, for reasons which nobody can understand? Is that true and, if so, why?

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: My Lords, I do not have the exact figures since the introduction of the Immigration Act but I would certainly like to provide them to the noble Lord. He is an absolute expert in this area, so I am very reluctant to contradict him. It is the case that 120 children have come from France under the Dublin regulations. In the whole of last year, the figure was only 20. However, I will confirm that for the noble Lord in writing.

I know that the wall has received press attention. The measure is intended to further protect the rocade from migrant attempts to disrupt, delay or even attack vehicles approaching the port. I hope that that provides the clarification that the noble Lord seeks.

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-09-07/debates/16090727000538/CalaisRefugeeChildren>

Family Reunification: Europe

2. **Wayne David:** What steps the Government have taken to increase the speed of family reunification for unaccompanied refugee children in Europe. [906080]

6. **Stephen Gethins:** What steps the Government are taking to accelerate the family reunification process for unaccompanied children in Europe.[906084]

Reply from the Secretary of State for the Home Department (Amber Rudd): We continue to work with the French, Greek and Italian authorities and others to improve family reunification processes for unaccompanied children. We have seconded a UK official to Greece, we have a long-standing secondee working in

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Italy, and we will shortly be seconding another official to the French Interior Ministry. Transfer requests under the Dublin obligation are now generally processed within 10 days and children transferred within weeks. More than 120 children have been accepted for transfer this year from Europe.

Wayne David: As we speak today, there are hundreds of children in Calais who have a legal right to be reunited with their families in this country. Those children are putting their lives at risk by jumping on trains and lorries. What, specifically, are the Government doing to help those children in Calais?

Reply from Amber Rudd: The hon. Gentleman will be aware that under the Dublin obligation we have an obligation, which we are acting on, to work with the authorities in France to remove the children who have a family representative in the UK. We are working on that. Since the passage of the Immigration Act 2016 in May, we have agreed to take 30, of whom we have taken approximately half, and we have taken 120 this year. He should not underestimate the difficulty in making sure that we always do what is lawful under French law and EU law at the same time.

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-09-05/debates/1609052000010/FamilyReunificationEurope>

Refugees: Children

David Lammy [43939] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of refugee children seeking reunion with family in the UK who are currently in Europe.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We are unable to provide an estimate. Determining such figures is extremely difficult given the mobility of children within and between Member States, differing collection methods at different times and due to lack of registration and monitoring of children. The majority of estimates rely on partial censuses given different access rights and as such, figures can vary greatly.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43939/>

Refugees: Children

David Lammy [43930] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unaccompanied refugee children in Europe have been accommodated in the UK in each month of 2016 to date.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Since January 2016 the UK has transferred over 60 Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) from Europe to the UK under the family reunion provisions of the Dublin Regulation.

The UK made a commitment to bring vulnerable unaccompanied refugee children from Europe to the UK under the Immigration Act 2016. Over 20 children who meet the criteria in the Act have been accepted for transfer from Europe since Royal Assent in May, the majority of whom have already arrived in the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43930/>

Refugees: Families

Rebecca Long Bailey [43814] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assistance is available to foreign nationals in the UK who have indefinite right to remain to communicate with family members who are refugees abroad; and what support she is providing to overseas refugees with family members in the UK to seek asylum in the UK.

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Reply from Robert Goodwill: Recognised refugees and those granted humanitarian protection in the UK are advised about family reunion provisions as part of the information they receive with the decision on their asylum claim. Details are also on the Gov.UK website. Support in tracing family members overseas is available through the British Red Cross Family Tracing Service. More information can be found at: <http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Finding-missing-family/International-family-tracing>

We do not consider asylum claims made abroad and there is no provision in our Immigration Rules for someone to be allowed to travel to the UK to seek asylum. The Refugee Convention places no obligation on signatory states to consider claims made outside their territory. Those who need international protection should claim in the first safe country they reach – that is the fastest route to safety.

We support the principle of family unity and have several routes for families of refugees to be reunited safely. Our family reunion policy allows a spouse or partner and children under the age of 18 of those granted refugee status or humanitarian protection in the UK to join them here, if they formed part of the family unit before the sponsor fled their country.

The UK also operates several resettlement schemes that bring vulnerable individuals who need protection to the UK. These are Gateway, Mandate, the Syrian Vulnerable Person's Resettlement Scheme and the new Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme. All schemes see the UK working closely with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to identify cases that they deem in need of resettlement according to agreed criteria.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43814/>

Asylum

Steve McCabe [43314] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 June 2016 to Question 39897, how many full-time equivalent officials of her Department are responsible for identifying, verifying and processing all asylum cases.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Asylum Operations in UK Visas and Immigration currently have 73 full time equivalent (FTE) staff who are responsible for screening asylum claims. Staff in Border Force and Immigration Enforcement will also encounter new asylum claimants in the course of their duties.

Asylum Operations have 271 (FTE) decision makers responsible for interviewing and deciding asylum

claims. Over 100 additional decision makers are currently being recruited and trained, and we continually review our staffing levels to ensure that we can deal with levels of intake. The figures quoted have been derived from management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-19/43314/>

Asylum

Alex Salmond [44390] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure the safety of refugees coming to the UK.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Home Office works closely with local authorities to support resettled refugees as they arrive in their areas. Local authorities have a duty to protect individuals in their care – this includes resettled

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Syrians.

The Care Act 2014 put adult safeguarding on a legal footing and established that each local authority must set up Adult Safeguarding Boards with multi-agency membership including local partners and the Police. Local agencies, including the police and health services, also have a duty under section 11 of the Children Act 2004 to ensure that they consider the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children when carrying out their functions.

In addition, upon arrival, the local authority assign a caseworker to every resettled family/individual, who maintains close contact with the family for the first 12 months to support their well being and integration. The small number of unaccompanied minors being resettled will be placed into local authority care where their safety needs, along with other needs, will be met via the resettling authority's children's social care service.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44390/>

Asylum: Social Security Benefits

Caroline Lucas [44398] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to respond to the concluding observations and recommendations of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on the UK's sixth periodic report in relation to welfare support for asylum-seekers; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The report recommends that the cash allowance provided to destitute asylum seekers, currently set at £36.95 per week, is raised. The level of the allowance is reviewed regularly to ensure that it is sufficient to cover essential living needs of individual asylum seekers and we will announce the result of this year's review later this year.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44398/>

Asylum: Families

Steve McCabe [43315] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 15 June 2016 to Question 40147, what steps her Department takes in cases where further evidence of family links is required before asylum can be granted.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: As stated in the Answer of 15 June to Question 40147 the Dublin Regulation concerns the determination of the Member State responsible for examining an application for asylum. The Dublin Regulation does not, however, concern the factual assessment of whether or not asylum can be granted in individual cases. Consideration of an asylum claim will only take place in the UK once a transfer from another Member State has been accepted, the transfer has taken place and the individual has formally lodged their claim in the UK. In any event, existence of family links is not a reason for a grant of asylum.

The Dublin Implementing Regulation (EC) No. 1560/2003, as amended by Regulation (EU) No. 118/2004, contains two lists indicating the relevant elements of proof and circumstantial evidence to be considered. If the initial evidence does not establish the existence of proven family links referred to in the Implementing Regulation then the reasons why the Department is not satisfied about the claimed relationship are given so that the requesting Member State and/or the individuals concerned can provide further information

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-19/43315/>

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Asylum: Families

Thangam Debbonaire [43771] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applications have been identified for consideration by expert personnel deployed by her Department to Greece to support the Greek Dublin Unit and EASO under the Dublin III regulation on family unity since May 2016; and how many such applicants have been transferred to the UK.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Home Office staff seconded to the Greek Government and the European Asylum Support Office are there to support the overall asylum system in Greece and improve the Dublin process. Two applicants have arrived in the UK since May 2016.

Providing refugees with access to clear, detailed and coherent information is the responsibility of the Greek authorities. The UK believes that member states should meet their international obligations and provide due process and adequate care to those seeking protection within their territories.

The Commission Implementing Regulation No 118/2014 clearly sets out the obligations for Member States to provide an information leaflet for applicants for international protection, including a specific leaflet for unaccompanied children. Following the EU-Turkey agreement and discussions with the European Commission and the Greek Government, the UK has offered a further 75 expert personnel to help with the processing and administration of migrants in reception centres, act as interpreters, provide medical support and bolster our existing team assisting the Commission to ensure effective and efficient coordination.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43771/>

Asylum: Children

Thangam Debbonaire [43772] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, by which date she expects to have resettled 3,000 at risk child asylum-seekers and their families from the Middle East and North Africa to the UK.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Government has committed to resettling to the UK up to 3,000 individuals under a scheme designed to protect vulnerable children in the Middle East and North Africa over the lifetime of this Parliament. There will be a review of the scheme at the two year mark.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43772/>

Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre

The following two questions both received the same answer

Paul Blomfield [43769] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2016 to Question 41904, what mechanisms are in place to ensure that her Department meets its non-refoulement obligation in respect of victims of human trafficking held at Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre, and that no victims of human trafficking at risk of re-victimisation, torture or degrading treatment at return are subjected to deportation.

Paul Blomfield [43770] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2016 to Question 41904, what mechanisms are in place to ensure her Department meets its positive obligation under Article 4 of the European Convention on Human Rights to identify and take operational measures to protect victims of human trafficking held at Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: No one who is found to be at risk of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment on return to their country will be deported from the UK. There are processes in place for those held in Immigration Removal

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Centres to claim asylum if they believe they are at risk of such treatment. Home Office staff working in all Immigration Removal Centres, including Yarl's Wood, are trained as First Responders to identify signs that individuals may be potential victims of trafficking or slavery. Where an individual is identified as a potential victim, they will be referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for assessment.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43769/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43770/>

Human Trafficking

David Amess [906094] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle people trafficking.

Reply from Sarah Newton: Tackling human trafficking and modern slavery remains a top priority for this government. The Modern Slavery Act 2015 provides law enforcement agencies the tools to tackle trafficking and modern slavery. In July, the Prime Minister announced a new taskforce to accelerate progress. The PM also pledged £33.5m of development assistance funding to tackle slavery in countries from where we know victims are regularly trafficked to the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-08-30/906094/>

Human Trafficking: Females

Luciana Berger [45016] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 11 April 2016 to Question 32631 on human trafficking: females, if she will take steps to ensure that data referred to is collected.

Reply from Sarah Newton: Data about the number of victims of human trafficking with mental health issues who receive support through the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is not collated centrally. We work with victim support providers to strengthen data collection systems and will consider this as part of that.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-05/45016/>

Human Trafficking

Fiona Mactaggart [44784] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans for a training programme on human trafficking for existing independent advocates to be available to all looked-after children under the Children Act 2004 will commence; which organisation she plans to provide such training; and if she will confirm whether her Department plans to fund that training.

Reply from Sarah Newton: We are finalising arrangements for training with other Government departments and the Welsh Government, including how this will be structured and who will deliver the training. Further details will be announced later this year.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44784/>

Human Trafficking: Children

Fiona Mactaggart [44785] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many trafficked children she estimates will receive an advocate in the next phase of trials of the Independent Child Trafficking Advocates Service.

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Reply from Sarah Newton: Every child that is identified as being potentially trafficked will be allocated an independent child trafficking advocate in each of the early adopter sites.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44785/>

Human Trafficking: Children

Fiona Mactaggart [44800] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to roll out the independent child trafficking advocate scheme nationally beyond the early adopter sites; what response she has made to the recommendations of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner that a national roll-out should be implemented before the end of the designated second phase trial period if preliminary evaluations are positive; and when she plans to develop the secondary legislation and statutory guidance accompanying that section.

Reply from Sarah Newton: As the previous Minister for Preventing Abuse, Exploitation and Crime set out in June 2016, the Government intends to roll out independent child trafficking advocates nationally as soon as the procedures for Parliamentary commencement and the introduction of statutory guidance secondary legislation are completed. We will consider carefully the evaluation of the early adopter sites which will assist us in ensuring the secondary legislation and statutory guidance provide for the most effective model to be rolled out.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44800/>

Human Trafficking: Children

Fiona Mactaggart [44822] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what criteria were used to select Wales, Hampshire and Greater Manchester as the locations for the early adopter sites for the second phase trials of independent child trafficking advocates.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The early adopter sites were chosen because they offer a wide geographical coverage across England and Wales with the potential for differing levels and types of referrals, including children who may have been internally trafficked, as well as those that have been trafficked from abroad.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44822/>

Human Trafficking: Children

Fiona Mactaggart [44823] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution of the then Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department of 28 June 2016, Official Report, columns 50-1WH, announcing a new child trafficking protection fund, (a) when that fund will be established, (b) how such funds will be distributed, (c) what types of organisations will be eligible to apply for the fund and (d) whether the fund will be targeted at initiatives taking place in the UK or overseas.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The Child Trafficking Protection Fund will be established later this year and further detail on the bidding process will be provided when the fund opens. The fund will have up to £3 million of Government funding initially available over the next three years. The fund has two main aims: to reduce the number of trafficked children from going missing and having contact with traffickers, and providing better support for children from states where we have seen consistently high numbers of trafficked children. The fund will support work at a local level, adding value to the existing provisions for child victims of

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trafficking. The fund will be open to organisations involved with child victims of trafficking and will be aimed at innovative projects that offer enhanced outcomes of care for victims, both nationally and internationally.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44823/>

Human Trafficking: Children

Fiona Mactaggart [44824] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what mechanisms there are to monitor and evaluate the outcomes of children who received an independent child trafficking advocate under the 2014-15 trials of such advocates; and how her Department plans to evaluate the planned second phase trials in three early adopter sites of such advocates.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The evaluation of the 2014/15 trial of Independent Child Trafficking Advocates was completed in September 2015 and the evaluation findings were published in December 2015. Following the trial, children with an advocate were provided support to transition into existing trafficking or other support services.

Independent Child Trafficking Advocates will be introduced in three early adopter sites. The Home Office will conduct an assessment through monitoring outcomes for children who receive an advocate and considering how the advocates were implemented in the three sites. This will be overseen and informed by an expert panel of independent individuals. The learning from the early adopter sites will be used to refine the model for Independent Child Trafficking Advocates to be rolled out across England and Wales.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44824/>

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Refugees milestone

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Refugees-milestone-29d8.aspx>

Language boost for refugees

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Language-boost-for-refugees-2a8b.aspx>

One year on, refugee children still need greater protection

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2016/one-year-refugee-children-still-need-greater-protection>

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If voters designed a points-based immigration system...

<https://yougov.co.uk/news/2016/08/26/one-five-say-uk-should-not-admit-single-migrant-tu/>

Employment and immigration enforcement: The legal limits of what can be required from employers

http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/publications/KB_Lega_opinion_0916.pdf

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Scotland takes in 1,000th Syrian refugee

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-37234429>

1,000 plus Syrian refugees given shelter in Scotland

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/scotland/277841/1000-plus-syrian-refugees-given-shelter-scotland/>

Scotland welcomes 1,000th Syrian refugee

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/01/scotland-celebrates-arrival-of-1000th-syrian-refugee>

Scotland now home to over 1,000 Syrian refugees as part of resettlement push

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/scotland-now-home-to-over-1000-syrian-refugees-as-part-of-resettlement-push-a7220846.html>

Syrian refugee places for 20,000 'secured' in UK

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37268971>

Councils find places for 20,000 Syrian refugees in the UK

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/04/councils-find-places-for-20000-syrian-refugees-in-the-uk/>

'Phantom' students skew migration data

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-37279130>

EU nationals living in UK 'cannot be identified'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-37291830>

Number of working EU migrants 'undercounted by 900,000'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-08-31/news/number-of-working-eu-migrants-has-been-undercounted-by-900-000-ltw0kw93x>

Revealed: '800,000 hidden migrants' working in Britain missing from official job figures

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/08/31/800000-hidden-migrants-working-in-britain-tax-chiefs-reveal/>

Are there 800,000 more EU migrants in the UK than we thought? Tax records show there are 2.5m Europeans but only 1.7m accounted for in official statistics

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3766053/Are-800-000-EU-migrants-UK-thought-Tax-records-2-5m-Europeans-1-7m-accounted-official-statistics.html>

News: EU Migrants

Work permits among Brexit options, home secretary says

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-37332282>

Theresa May considering job-first system for migrants from EU

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14725158.Theresa_May_considering_job_first_system_for_migrants_from_EU/

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Theresa May considers banning EU migrants from coming to Britain unless they have a job

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/05/theresa-may-considers-banning-eu-migrants-from-coming-to-britain>

PM pledges to restrict EU migrants after Brexit

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/may-pledges-to-restrict-eu-migrants-after-brexit-b96wqctrq>

Restricting immigration will be at heart of Brexit deal, Theresa May says

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/aug/31/restricting-immigration-will-be-at-heart-of-brexit-deal-theresa-may-says>

May set for student visa showdown

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-08-31/news/may-set-for-student-visa-showdown-b9ffq3ql6>

News: Calais

UK and France pledge 'close co-operation' to resolve Calais migrants issue

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37217192>

Reality Check: Will migrants be allowed to claim UK asylum in France?

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37223921>

Britain and France pledge to tackle migrant crisis together

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/britain-and-france-pledge-to-tackle-migrant-crisis-together-1-4217101>

UK and France pledge to work together to resolve Calais migrant crisis

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News: Calais Wall

UK plan to build wall at Calais to keep out immigrants

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/uk-plan-to-build-wall-at-calais-to-keep-out-immigrants-1-4223669>

UK immigration minister confirms work to start on £1.9m Calais wall

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/06/uk-immigration-minister-confirms-work-will-begin-on-big-new-wall-in-calais>

Britain to build 13ft high wall in Calais to block refugees from entering the UK

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/britain-build-13ft-wall-calais-jungle-block-refugee-migrant-entering-uk-a7229386.html>

Great wall of Calais to deter Jungle migrants

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-07/news/great-wall-of-calais-to-deter-jungle-migrants-k570pxj66>

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Work to begin on 'big wall' at Calais to block migrants

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/06/work-to-begin-on-big-wall-at-calais-to-block-migrants>

Britain to build the 'Great Wall of Calais': Taxpayers will pay £2million for 13ft high, one-mile long concrete barrier along motorway to stop migrants sneaking across the Channel

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3776897/Britain-build-Great-Wall-Calais-Taxpayers-pay-2million-13ft-high-one-mile-long-concrete-barrier-migrants-out.html>

News: Child Refugees

'One in every 200 children in the world is a refugee'

<http://www.scotsman.com/giving-back/charities/one-in-every-200-children-in-the-world-is-a-refugee-1-4224273>

50m child refugees need urgent help, says Unicef

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-07/news/50m-child-refugees-need-urgent-help-says-unicef-mghmkw3q7>

Nearly 50 million displaced children 'at risk of falling through the cracks'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/displaced-children-at-risk-refugee-crisis-poverty-danger-unicef-discrimination-a7229161.html>

Child refugees are being abused by people smugglers due to the inaction of the British government warns Unicef

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3777038/Child-refugees-abused-people-smugglers-inaction-British-government-warns-United-Nations.html>

'It is a disgrace to Europe': former child refugee Lord Dubs on the Calais camp

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/05/disgrace-to-europe-former-child-refugee-lord-dubs-calais-camp>

Home secretary urged to act over refugee children stuck in Calais

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/02/home-secretary-urged-to-act-over-refugee-children-stuck-in-calais>

'Kindertransport' Britons help today's child refugees in Calais

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/11/refugees-calais-children-kindertransport-britain-migrants>

Refugee children give up on legal route and stow away

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/focus/refugee-children-give-up-on-legal-route-and-stow-away-6dnx2b2nf>

Peer who came to Britain as a refugee says Government is dragging its feet on helping Syrian children

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/syrian-child-refugees-numbers-alf-lord-dubs-nazi-refugee-a7221761.html>

Government under pressure to grant asylum to 400 Calais migrant children

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/government-calais-migrant-children-refugees-asylum-a7221246.html>

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Rise in lone children seeking asylum in England

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-36714617>

A year on from Alan Kurdi, we still have a moral case to help child refugees

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/sep/02/aylan-kurdi-child-refugees-conflict-theresa-may-amber-rudd-britain>

Refugee children who survive Alan Kurdi's journey face bleak future of detention, danger and abuse

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/alan-kurdi-death-anniversary-refugee-children-survive-deadly-journeys-bleak-future-of-detention-a7220771.html>

Alan Kurdi's death did change the world, if only for an all-too-brief time

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Alan Kurdi symbolised an army of dead children. We ignore them at our peril

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Syrian teenager met by cheers in London after months in Calais limbo

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/08/syrian-teenager-omar-calais-refugee-camp-arrives-london-dublin-regulation>

Teenage refugee to join family in London after months in Calais camp

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/01/teenage-refugee-to-join-family-in-london-after-months-in-calais-camp>

Renfrewshire Council one of first local authorities to care for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14735424.Renfrewshire_Council_to_care_for_unaccompanied_asylum_seeking_children/

News: Dungavel

Scottish Refugee Council statement on Dungavel closure announcement

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/3034_our_statement_on_dungavel_closure_announcement

Dungavel immigration detention centre to close

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-37307435>

Dungavel detention centre to close, Home Office says

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/dungavel-detention-centre-to-close-home-office-says-1-4224866>

Dungavel branded a jail by one former detainee, who pledged to campaign against its replacement

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political_news/14734736.Dungavel_branded_a_jail_by_one_former_detainee_who_pledged_to_campaign_against_its_replacement/

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Dungavel closure 'worsens plight' of asylum seekers

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14732475.Dungavel_closure_worsens_plight_of_asylum_seekers/

Dungavel 'a byword for frightening aspects of asylum system'

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14732170.Dungavel_a_byword_for_frightening_aspects_of_asylum_system/

Dungavel: 'Scotland's shame'

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political_news/14732330.Dungavel_Scotlands_shame/

Significant questions raised, though Dungavel closure is very welcome

http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/herald_view/14732471.Significant_questions_raised_though_Dungavel_closure_is_very_welcome/

"Inhumane" immigration detention centre to close

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/scotland/283861/inhumane-immigration-detention-centre-close/>

Dungavel immigration removal centre to be replaced with site near Glasgow Airport

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STUC on closure of Dungavel detention centre

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<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/08/dungavel-immigration-detention-centre-will-close-says-minister>

Dungavel detention centre closure: Campaigners welcome end of immigration removal facility in Strathaven

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Desperately Seeking Dignity

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A byword for strife and failure

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It was a bleak place, and so is replacement

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-09/scotland/it-was-a-bleak-place-and-so-is-replacement-9bp6p3vfg>

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Urgent guarantees sought on detainees at planned 'rapid removal centre' to replace Dungavel

<http://www.thenational.scot/news/urgent-guarantees-sought-on-detainees-at-planned-rapid-removal-centre-to-replace-dungavel.22180>

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David Cameron promised to take in 20,000 Syrian refugees. What have the Tories actually delivered?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/syrian-refugee-crisis-refugees-british-government-20000-4000-progress-how-many-migrants-immigration-a7219971.html>

Four Scottish councils to host Syrian refugee language schemes

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-37312495>

Four councils to host pilot language project for Syrian refugees

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/14732079.Four_councils_to_host_pilot_language_project_for_Syrian_refugees/

Scottish universities "concerned" by exclusion from visa pilot

<http://www.scotsman.com/regions/aberdeen-north-east/scottish-universities-concerned-by-exclusion-from-visa-pilot-1-4224853>

'Madness' of £10m English lessons for Syrian refugees

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/sep/03/english-lessons-syrian-refugees>

Illegal UK entry arrests surpass 27,000 in three years

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37215764>

Illegal immigrants caught in Britain's countryside trebles in three years as 27,000 suspects are arrested

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/08/30/27000-people-arrested-for-illegal-entry-into-uk/>

Britain's weak borders: Police arrest more than 27,000 suspected illegal immigrants in the UK over three years

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3764697/Britain-s-weak-borders-Police-arrest-27-000-suspected-illegal-immigrants-UK-three-years.html>

Vigil marks government failure to keep promises on refugees

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-02/news/refugee-vigil-052zqzmdl>

British firms 'can't survive' without open border immigration from the EU, claims ex-minister Anna Soubry

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3766942/British-firms-t-survive-without-open-border-immigration-EU-claims-ex-minister-Anna-Soubry.html>

Poverty fears for asylum seekers and refugees in Wales

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-37250762>

Refugees break down language barriers and vow to improve their English as they hail warm welcome from Scots

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/refugees-break-down-language-barriers-8751762>

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'A place to sleep is luxury to us': how Scotland welcomes refugees

<https://www.theguardian.com/housing-network/2016/sep/03/scotland-welcome-safe-housing-refugees>

Kirk urges people to sign petition and pray as Scotland welcomes 1000th Syrian refugee

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Asylum seeking serial offender released from detention after Home Office attempts to deport him fail

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/01/asylum-seeking-serial-offender-released-from-detention-after-hom/>

A year on world has 'learned little' from death of the refugee toddler

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/a-year-on-world-has-learned-little-from-death-of-the-refugee-toddler-1-4220035>

Activists surround Yarl's Wood detention centre with wall of noise

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/10/activists-demand-closure-yarls-wood-surround-centre-wall-noise>

Yarl's Wood protest: Campaigners urge closure as inmates reveal reality of living behind bars

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/yarls-wood-protest-campaigners-urge-closure-inmates-a7236196.html>

EU citizens can get resident visas online

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/eu-citizens-can-get-resident-visas-online-5gxtD00z7>

Migrants still fly in despite racist attacks

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/migrants-still-fly-in-despite-racist-attacks-dfbjpdjt7>

We need to be careful about demanding migrants speak English

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/mind-your-language/2016/sep/09/we-need-to-be-careful-about-demanding-migrants-speak-english>

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Community Relations

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-01291 David Torrance: Diversity Week Fife 2016 – That the Parliament recognise the work of Fife Centre for Equalities in co-ordinating Diversity Week Fife 2016, which aims to promote mutual appreciation and inclusiveness and highlight and showcase the many and varied communities and customs in Fife; understands that issues affecting families are ever increasing; appreciates that the conference will enable the public, third sector and private interest groups to explore the varied needs of modern families, gain an insight into developing flexible family-friendly policies and practices and discover how to accommodate modern families to establish a fairer, diverse and more inclusive Fife;

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notes that the week has a variety of events, including the Nurturing Modern Families Conference, the Diversity Open Day, which is being organised by the Fife Society for the Blind, and LGBTI+ Life in Fife, as part of the Equalities Participation Network; congratulates everyone involved with the week, and wishes them the best of luck in their endeavours.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01291&ResultsPerPage=10>

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Muslim women may wear veil 'to allow them to integrate more'

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/01/muslim-women-veil-integrate-study>

Muslim women wear veils to help integrate into society and mix with non-Muslims, study says

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3770724/Muslim-women-wear-veils-help-integrate-society-mix-non-Muslims-study-says.html>

Christians and Muslims unite for September 11 memorial

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UK Parliament Question

Apprentices: Ethnic Groups

Stephen Timms [43404] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase the number of apprentices who are of an ethnic minority.

Reply from Robert Halfon: In 2014/15, 10.6% of those starting an apprenticeship had a BAME background.

The Government is committed to increasing the proportion of apprentices from a BAME background by 20% by 2020.

We want to increase the quality and quantity of all apprenticeships, including for those from a black, Asian, and minority ethnic (BAME) background.

We have taken action through our current marketing campaign, 'Get in Go Far' to ensure that there is clear representation from BAME apprentices. Research undertaken prior to the campaign ensured that it could reach a diverse audience. In addition, we have established a network of employer Diversity Champions, who are committed to sharing good practice and raising awareness of apprenticeships amongst employers.

Research has been commissioned to explore potential barriers that BAME applicants for apprenticeships face so that we can provide support to improve the rates of success for this group. We have started detailed analysis of apprenticeship data to identify areas of under-representation and areas of potential for growth. We are currently developing options to take forward.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-19/43404/>

Eauality (continued) **Press Release**

Equalities and Human Rights Commission welcomes government audit of racial and socio-economic disparities in public services

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/commission-welcomes-government-audit-racial-and-socio-economic-disparities-public>

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Human rights chief says government must act to support NI's ethnic minorities

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-37223190>

West Midlands Police may let Muslim officers wear burqas and niqabs in effort to boost diversity

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/burka-police-force-muslim-officers-west-midlands-ethnic-minority-a7234246.html>

Chief constable plans to let policewomen wear veils

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-10/news/let-policewomen-wear-veils-says-chief-constable-9wvsr82w6>

British police force says it may allow female officers to wear burkas as part of uniform

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/09/british-police-force-says-it-may-allow-female-officers-to-wear-f/>

'No barriers relating to burka' for women police officers in West Midlands

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3781884/No-barriers-relating-burka-women-police-officers-West-Midlands.html>

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Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-01257 Kenneth Gibson: Hate Crimes Against Polish Migrants – That the Parliament condemns recent hate crimes perpetrated against people from Poland living in the UK; recognises that Scotland and Poland have a long-standing, strong and fruitful connection and that this thriving relationship has brought great benefits to both countries, including from the wave of long-settled Polish migrants who came to this country after World War II having resisted Nazism and Stalinism; understands that 92% of Polish-born residents in the UK are in employment or education, which is considerably higher than the figure for people born in the UK; acknowledges that Poles and other migrants from Eastern Europe play a key part in many areas of the Scottish economy, particularly services, agriculture, construction and business; appreciates the high skills and excellent work ethic of Polish people and all that they bring to Cunninghame North and Scotland; believes that the negative rhetoric against Eastern Europeans in Britain has been built up and encouraged, in part, by irresponsible and shameful reporting by sections of the media; understands that, even after over 40 years of EU membership, less than 5% of Britain's population were born in the other 28 EU countries; strongly condemns hate crimes of all kinds and the upset and fear that they cause; stands in solidarity with Polish people, both in Scotland and the rest of the UK, and will continue to welcome and

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support Polish migrants in Scotland.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01257&ResultsPerPage=10>

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Racial Hatred

Jim Cunningham [43593] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations she has received from police forces in England and Wales on reports of an increase in racist incidents after the EU referendum; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The Home Office has been working with the police at national and regional levels to monitor the increase in reported hate crime over the past few weeks and to ensure that local forces have the necessary assistance and guidance to respond.

Police forces are responding robustly to recent incidents, and victims can be reassured that their concerns about hate crime will be taken seriously by the police and courts. Any decisions regarding resourcing of front-line policing are a matter for chief constables in conjunction with their police and crime commissioner.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-20/43593/>

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

Paula Sherriff [43752] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to tackle hate crime through education in schools.

Reply from Edward Timpson: Our vision is to ensure that pupils develop the knowledge, skills and understanding to succeed academically; protect themselves from harm; and play a full and active part in society. Schools play an important role in preventing hate crime by empowering young people to question and tackle the underlying beliefs of prejudice and intolerance that can lead to hatred and bigotry.

Schools are required to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. This includes challenging prejudice and promoting tolerance. Schools are also subject to the Equality Act and to the Public Sector Equality Duty which require schools to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between communities. There are a variety of approaches that schools can adopt in meeting these duties and in raising issues relating to hate crime, including:

- using teaching materials which help pupils to understand and build knowledge of the diverse cultures and faiths in modern Britain.
- encouraging classroom debate, and giving pupils the opportunity to discuss topical issues, to challenge each other and themselves, and to build the resilience and critical thinking skills they need to challenge views which are unacceptable.
- teaching in Citizenship to include preparing pupils to take their place in society as responsible citizens.
- ensuring pupils are taught about safeguarding through teaching and learning opportunities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum - this may include covering relevant issues through personal, social, health and

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economic education (PSHE).

In equipping pupils for life in modern, multi-cultural Britain, the Department wants to ensure that schools have access to good quality resources to support them. In January 2016, we launched the *Educate Against Hate*[1] website to provide practical advice to parents, teachers and school leaders on how to protect children from extremism and promote fundamental British values. The website includes resources to assist teachers to explore hatred and its consequences with their pupils and to develop their respect for diversity in their own cultural and religious traditions and in others. It also includes the Crown Prosecution Service's resource packs for schools on hate crime.

[1] <http://educateagainsthate.com/>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43752/>

Hate Crime

The following five questions all received the same answer

Paula Sherriff [43753] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department has taken to identify areas that have higher than average levels of hate crime; and if she will provide additional resources for those areas.

Paula Sherriff [43754] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that police officers are trained to deal with hate crime.

Paula Sherriff [43755] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what targets she has set the police relating to dealing with hate crime incidents.

Paula Sherriff [43756] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department provides specialist care for victims of hate crime; and if she will provide additional resources to deal with the rise in hate crime since the referendum on UK membership of the EU.

Paula Sherriff [43758] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to encourage reporting of hate crime incidents; and whether she plans to introduce new ways of reporting.

Sarah Newton: The Government condemns all hate crimes and is committed to tackling these crimes in partnership with the communities affected.

We have in place some of the strongest legislation to tackle hate crime in the world – this includes specific offences for racially and religiously aggravated activity and offences of the stirring up of hatred on the grounds of race, religion and sexual orientation.

We also have stronger sentences for hate crime. We continue to carefully consider the recommendations from the Law Commission review into hate crime legislation. The Government has committed to taking action to improve our response to hate crime.

This includes joint training between the police and Crown Prosecution staff to improve the way the police identify and investigate hate crime; building on the improvements to police recording of hate crime by working with the police to break down religious-based hate crime by religion; and working with victims and advocacy groups to improve victims confidence to come forward and report such crimes.

The police are also improving their operational practices and recording. Last year, the College of Policing published Operational Guidance for officers responding to hate crime which comprehensively covers how to address all forms of hate crime. Hate crime statistics show number of crimes recorded by the police by force area. The decision as to how hate crime is resourced in individual forces is an operational matter for the Police and Crime Commissioner for that area. The latest

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police funding settlement represents a fair deal for the police and reinforces this Government's commitment to protect the public. No Police and Crime Commissioner who maximised precept income is facing a reduction in cash funding this year.

Police and Crime Commissioners are also responsible for commissioning local support services for victims of crime. The Ministry of Justice provides the Commissioner with a grant to enable services which best meet the needs of local victims of crime to be funded.

The Home Office published a new hate crime action plan on 26 July 2016, which sets out Government action over the next four years to tackle hate crime. It includes:

- new steps to boost reporting of hate crime and support victims;
- new CPS guidance to prosecutors on racially aggravated crime;
- a new £2.4 million fund for protective security measures at potentially vulnerable places of worship;
- and additional funding to community organisations tackling hate crime.

Nobody in this country should live in fear because of who they are and anyone who experiences hate crime should report it to the police, either in person at a police station, online through the True Vision website, or by phoning 101.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43753/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43758/>

Radicalism and Religiously Aggravated Offences

Julie Cooper [44664] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure an effective balance between its policies on tackling radicalisation and protecting people at risk of Islamophobic attacks.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The Government is determined to tackle hate crime and extremism wherever it occurs.

The Government's Prevent strategy, published in 2011, explicitly tackles all forms of terrorism. That includes protecting individuals who are at risk from far right and Neo-nazi extremism, as well as those vulnerable to Islamist extremism.

Prevent is about safeguarding people who are at risk of radicalisation. Prevent does not target a specific faith or ethnic group. Rather, Prevent protects those who are targeted by terrorist recruiters. Currently the greatest threat comes from terrorist recruiters inspired by Daesh. Our Prevent programme will necessarily reflect this by prioritising support for vulnerable British Muslims, and working in partnership with British Muslim communities and civil society groups.

The Prevent programme is implemented in a proportionate manner that takes into account the level of risk in any given area or institution. In some areas the risk of far right extremism may be significant and we would expect in those

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circumstances for Prevent activity to focus on the far right threat.

Far right extremism often brings with it the threat of anti-Muslim or antisemitic attacks. We have a strong record of action against Islamophobia and antisemitism and deplore all religious or racially motivated crimes.

We strongly condemn the increase in attacks on Muslims that have been seen in this country in recent years. We know the majority of people in United Kingdom join our condemnation, and we have seen great examples of individuals and communities standing together to tackle this hatred.

Muslims make an enormous contribution to British society. They are all too often the victims of hatred and intolerance in this country and overseas. This Government is determined to act to protect British Muslims.

The United Kingdom has in place one of the strongest legislative frameworks in the world to protect communities from hostility, violence and bigotry. We will keep it under review to ensure it remains effective and appropriate in the face of new and emerging threats. We also published a new Cross-Government Hate Crime Action Plan on 26 July which will drive forward action against all forms of hate crime, including anti-Muslim hatred. This will be taken forward in partnership with communities to ensure we target the harm that hate crime causes.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44664/>

Racially Aggravated Offences

Barry Sheerman [44716] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to reduce racist hate crimes since the EU referendum.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The Government condemns all hate crimes and is committed to tackling these crimes in partnership with the communities affected.

The scenes and behaviour we saw over the summer, including offensive graffiti and abuse hurled at people because they are members of ethnic minorities or because of their nationality, are despicable and shameful. We must stand together against such hate crime and ensure that it is stamped out.

We already have in place some of the strongest legislation to tackle hate crime in the world – this includes specific offences for racially and religiously aggravated activity and offences of the stirring up of hatred on the grounds of race, religion and sexual orientation. We also have stronger sentences for hate crime.

The Government has committed to taking action to improve our response to hate crime. This includes joint training between the police and Crown Prosecution staff to improve the way the police identify and investigate hate crime; building on the improvements to police recording of hate crime by working with the police to break down religious-based hate crime by religion; and working with victims and advocacy groups to improve victims confidence to come forward and report such crimes.

The police are also improving their operational practices and recording. Last year, the College of Policing published Operational Guidance for officers responding to hate crime which comprehensively covers how to address all forms of hate crime.

On 26 July, the Home Office published a comprehensive new hate crime action plan which builds on the work already done, and sets out Government action over the next four years to tackle hate crime. It includes:

- new steps to boost reporting of hate crime and support victims;
- new CPS guidance to prosecutors on racially aggravated crime;
- new fund for protective security measures at places of worship, which is currently open for applications; and
- additional funding to community organisations tackling hate crime, including

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racist hate crime.

The increased levels of hate crime reporting seen over the summer have now reduced and we have observed three consecutive weeks of reporting levels that fall within the expected levels that we have observed in previous years. Police will continue to monitor the signs of tension and will react swiftly if they identify any future raised levels.

Nobody in this country should live in fear because of who they are and anyone who experiences hate crime should report it to the police, either in person at a police station, online through the True Vision website, or by phoning 101.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-02/44716/>

Online Hate Crime

2. **John Mann:** What assessment she has made of her Department's contribution to tackling online hate crime. [906055]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice (Phillip Lee): Hate crime is abhorrent and has no place in society. The Government published their plan to tackle hate crime, "Action Against Hate", in July 2016. This Government believe that the enforcement of criminal legislation has an important role in tackling online hate. We also need deterrence and prevention, which require a broader response, from counter-narrative activity through to effective management from the internet industry.

John Mann: ... True Vision, the internet reporting organisation based in the Secretary of State's offices, is the pride and joy of her Department and the envy of every other Government in the world. Is she going to allow it to disappear into some other Department, or is she going to keep it in her Department?

Reply from Phillip Lee: ... The cross-Government hate crime programme is highly regarded by this Government and internationally. I am committed to ensuring that that important work continues. ...

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-09-06/debates/16090629000011/OnlineHateCrime>

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Caste discrimination: consultation

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/caste-discrimination-consultation>

Investigation into Met police reveals significant weaknesses in handling discrimination

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/investigation-met-police-reveals-significant-weaknesses-handling-discrimination>

Equality and Human Rights Commission responds to UN report on racial discrimination in the UK

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/commission-responds-un-report-racial-discrimination-uk>

Improve N.I Record on Race Discrimination

<http://www.nihrc.org/news/detail/improve-n.i-record-on-race-discrimination>

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Confronting anti-Gypsyism is responsibility of mainstream society, needs strong political leadership, say participants at OSCE Chairmanship event

<http://www.osce.org/cio/262606>

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Section 20 investigation into the Metropolitan Police Service

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Hate crimes prosecutions fall despite rise in reporting

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Lasting rise in hate crime after EU referendum, figures show

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/sep/07/hate-surged-after-eu-referendum-police-figures-show>

Hate crimes have fallen since the post-Brexit vote surge - but they're still higher than a year ago

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3778889/Reports-hate-crime-post-Brexit-vote-surge.html>

Culture secretary will raise issue of hate crime with newspaper editors

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/sep/08/hate-crime-eu-referendum-culture-secretary-karen-bradley-newspaper-editors>

May expresses regret to Polish PM at attacks on Poles following Brexit vote

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political_news/14734747.May_expresses_regret_to_Polish_PM_at_attacks_on_Poles_following_Brexit_vote/

Theresa May calls Polish PM 'to express her deep regret' at post-Brexit attacks

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/theresa-may-has-called-the-polish-prime-minister-to-express-deep-regret-over-post-brexit-attacks-a7235046.html>

Hate crime has no place here, May tells Polish PM

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-10/news/hate-crime-has-no-place-here-may-tells-polish-pm-b5dqv5r5b>

The killing of a Polish man exposes the reality of post-referendum racism

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/sep/05/death-arkadiusz-jozwik-post-referendum-racism-xenophobes-brexit-vote>

Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

News (continued)

Corbyn supporters claim I played the race card. The left shouldn't try to silence minorities

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/sep/01/corbyn-supporters-claimed-race-card-silence-minorities>

Minority ethnic candidates suffer 'electoral penalty' in white regions

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/aug/31/minority-ethnic-candidates-suffer-electoral-penalty-white-voters>

Police 'treated UK Black Lives Matter protesters more harshly due to race'

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/aug/30/police-treated-uk-black-lives-matter-protesters-more-harshly-due-to-race>

Kick It Out data shows rise in 'incidents of hate' in football

<http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/37274152>

Muslim family accused of being 'terrorists' on trip to Skegness

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/muslim-family-skegness-trip-accused-of-being-terrorists-islamophobia-a7220001.html>

Asad Shah killing: 'Disrespecting Islam' murderer to appeal sentence

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-37290819>

Man convicted of murdering Glasgow shopkeeper Asad Shah appeals sentence

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime_courts/14726097.Man_convicted_of_murdering_Glasgow_shopkeeper_Asad_Shah_appeals_sentence/

Met 'unsafe for black officers' as new racism cases emerge

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/met-unsafe-for-black-officers-as-new-racism-cases-emerge-56f6thpnw>

Met officers fear victimisation if allege race, sex or gender discrimination

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3778880/Met-officers-fear-victimisation-allege-race-sex-gender-discrimination.html>

Great British Bake Off contestant Rav Bansal reveals racist abuse

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14719865.Great_British_Bake_Off_contestant_Rav_Bansal_reveals_racist_abuse/

Bake Off hopeful tells of racist abuse

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/bake-off-hopeful-tells-of-racist-abuse-xhmq997xd>

Great British Bake Off fame prompts racial slur for Sikh contestant Rav Bansal

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/01/great-british-bake-off-fame-prompts-racial-slur-for-sikh-contest/>

Great British Bake Off contestant Rav Bansal reveals racist abuse

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3770594/Great-British-Bake-Off-contestant-Rav-Bansal-reveals-racist-abuse.html>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

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Statement: Programme for Government 2016-17

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10498&i=96644#ScotParlOR>

Debate: Programme for Government 2016-17

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10498&i=96645#ScotParlOR>

and

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10501&i=96681#ScotParlOR>

Parliamentary Question

Gypsy/Traveller Sites

Ross Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what powers local authorities have to (a) deal with and (b) move on Gypsy/Traveller sites on land that is owned (i) privately and (ii) by the councils. (S5W-01968)

Reply from Kevin Stewart: There are a range of civil and criminal powers in relation to unauthorised Gypsy/Traveller sites, some of which fall under legislation relating to trespass and roads. Landowners, whether private or a local authority, are also able to take legal action in relation to removing people from their property. We encourage local authorities to develop strategies for managing unauthorised sites in their area, together with the police. It would be for the police to investigate any reported offences, and for the Crown Office to decide whether to take forward a prosecution. More information about the legal framework around unauthorised sites can be found online at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2004/12/20417/48831>.

The Scottish Government issued guidelines on managing unauthorised sites in 2004 to assist local authorities and the police to develop policies on responding to unauthorised sites. The guidelines are based on two key principles: that unauthorised sites should be managed to minimise disruption; and the same standards of behaviour are expected from all, whether that is Gypsy/Travellers living on an unauthorised site, or the settled population living around such a site. We are currently reviewing the guidelines and have sought views from the Police, local authorities, Gypsy/Travellers, and others. We plan to publish revised guidelines later this year.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-01968&ResultsPerPage=10>

Press Releases

First Minister Statement: Programme for Government

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/Speeches-Briefings/First-Minister-Statement-2a35.aspx>

Social attitudes survey

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Social-attitudes-survey-2998.aspx>

More lives saved by organ transplants

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/More-lives-saved-by-organ-transplants-29d4.aspx>

£500,000 Small Grants Programme opens

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/-500-000-Small-Grants-Programme-opens-29ed.aspx>

Other Scottish Parliament and Government Press Releases (continued)

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal to be the subject of a major new inquiry by MSPs
<http://www.parliament.scot/newsandmediacentre/100975.aspx>

New Publications

A Plan For Scotland: The Scottish Government's Programme For Scotland 2016-17
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00505210.pdf>

Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2015: Attitudes to Social Networks, Civic Participation and Co-production
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00504535.pdf>

Electoral Commission: Report on the administration of the 5 May 2016 Scottish Parliament election
https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/214888/2016-Scottish-Parliament-election-report.pdf

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Debate

Claim of Right for Scotland
<http://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-09-06/debates/16090639000001/ClaimOfRightForScotland>

Home Affairs Committee Inquiry into Female Genital Mutilation

Written evidence:

Baroness Caroline Cox
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/sharia-councils/written/35191.pdf>

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<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/sharia-councils/written/35193.pdf>

Professor Norman Doe, Professor Gillian Douglas and Dr Russell Sandberg, School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/sharia-councils/written/35075.pdf>

Geoffrey H.L.Berg
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/sharia-councils/written/35168.pdf>

Other UK Parliament and Government Home Affairs Committee Inquiry into Female Genital Mutilation

(continued)

Michael Petek

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/sharia-councils/written/34823.pdf>

Evan der Millne

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/sharia-councils/written/34638.pdf>

Parliamentary Questions

Female Genital mutilation

Thangam Debonnaire [43496] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what monitoring her Department undertakes of the incidence of female genital mutilation (a) for each of the four known types of female genital mutilations and (b) in Bristol; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Sarah Newton: Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a crime and it is child abuse. We will not tolerate a practice that can cause extreme and lifelong physical and psychological suffering to women and girls.

Work to tackle FGM forms an integral part of our cross-Government Violence Against Women and Girls strategy published on 8 March. The first annual statistics on the number of cases recorded by the NHS in England were published on 21 July for the period April 2015 to March 2016. They show that there were 5,702 newly recorded cases of FGM reported and of those, where type was known, Types 1 and 2 have the highest incidence (35 and 31 per cent respectively). In Bristol, there were 385 cases newly recorded.

More information on these figures is available on the Health and Social Care Information Centre's website.

A 2015 prevalence study part-funded by the Home Office estimated that approximately 137,000 women and girls in England and Wales are affected by FGM and 60,000 girls were born to women who had undergone FGM.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-20/43496/>

British Nationals Abroad: Forced Marriage

Steve McCabe [43633] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, how many British citizens who have entered into early forced marriage have been charged with the cost of repatriation to the UK in the last four years.

Reply from Tobias Ellwood: The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does not provide financial assistance to British nationals overseas, but is sometimes able to provide an emergency loan from public funds for pay for a repatriation. The FCO aims to support all vulnerable British Nationals overseas and this includes victims of forced marriage who receive specialist support from the Forced Marriage Unit. The Forced Marriage Unit work with colleagues overseas to repatriate forced marriage victims and arrange post-repatriation assistance which includes finding suitable emergency accommodation where needed and providing advice and support. The Forced Marriage Unit gave advice or support related to a possible forced marriage in 1,220 cases in 2015, 1,267 in 2014, 1,302 in 2013, and 1,485 in 2012. To provide more information on the nature of the assistance provided over the last 4 years, including repatriation, would involve a disproportionate cost.

Other UK Parliament and Government Parliamentary Questions (continued)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-20/43633/>

Forced Marriage: Victims

The following two questions both received the same answer

David Lammy [43780] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what help and support is available to historic victims of forced marriage.

David Lammy [43785] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many victims of forced marriage with indefinite leave to remain in the UK or with British citizenship her Department has information on who are (a) male and (b) female aged (i) under 13, (ii) 13 to 15, (iii) 16 or 17 and (iv) 18 or over.

Reply from Sarah Newton: Figures on the number of cases reported to the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU), via its public helpline and email inbox, are published annually and are available on GOV.UK. The figures include a breakdown of cases by age, gender and country to which the case relates.

The FMU carries out a range of activity, including delivery of a comprehensive programme of outreach, provision of an e-learning tool and guidelines for professionals, and a series of short films aimed at supporting victims and deterring potential perpetrators. We also recently launched a new forced marriage campaign, ahead of the summer holidays, aimed at raising awareness through radio adverts.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43780/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43785/>

Forced Marriage

David Lammy [43781] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, how the Forced Marriage Unit defines historic victims.

Reply from Tobias Ellwood: There is no formal definition of historic victim for the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU), which considers every case individually and advises accordingly. The support that the FMU offers includes providing advice and support to victims of forced marriage, as well as to professionals dealing with cases, via a public helpline and email address. This advice will include safety planning to prevent forced marriages (both in the UK and abroad), supporting victims attempting to escape forced marriages or to return from overseas, and in extreme circumstances organising the rescue of victims held against their will overseas. Where the FMU is not the appropriate service to provide advice, for example on matters of immigration status, divorce, child custody or other legal issues, victims and professionals will be signposted to partner organisations.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43781/>

Forced Marriage

David Lammy [43786] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, how many forced marriages the Forced Marriage Unit has helped prevent since 2005.

Reply from Tobias Ellwood: Figures on cases of potential or actual forced marriage reported to the Forced Marriage Unit via its public helpline and email inbox are published on GOV.UK on an annual basis and already includes data for 2012-2015. Figures for 2005-11 are provided below.

Other UK Parliament and Government Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Year	Total number of cases
2011	1,468
2010	1,735
2009	1,682
2008	1,618
2007	262
2006	197
2005	152

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-07-21/43786/>

Early Day Motion

Alistair Carmichael (425) The Prevent Strategy – That this House welcomes the Government's strong commitment to keeping Britain safe from terrorist attacks; believes that the Prevent strategy is no longer fit for purpose to serve this agenda; notes that there is little evidence to support Prevent or the conveyor belt theory of radicalisation; further notes that no impact evaluations or indicators are available that show Prevent has been successful; further believes that the severe lack of transparency with the Prevent strategy strongly undermines it; notes that Prevent has had a worrying impact on freedom of expression at schools, colleges and universities; believes that the behavioural indicators of possible extremism are vague and unhelpful; believes that the rhetoric of British values is alienating to many who already believed in those values and encourages ministers to adopt a more inclusive approach and rebrand these as universal values; is strongly concerned that the British Muslim community has been particularly stigmatised by Prevent; encourages ministers to engage with affected communities and their relevant grievances, including around foreign policy issues; further encourages ministers to engage with community actors and organisations that have grassroots credibility; believes that ultimately extremism is best tackled by the Government working in partnership with communities and engendering genuine two-way trust, neither of which Prevent has enabled; and therefore calls on ministers to scrap the Prevent strategy in its entirety and replace it with a community-led programme that builds institutions and resilience for tackling social problems, has grassroots credibility and empowers communities rather than alienating them.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/425>

Press Release

Foreign Secretary's Eid message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretarys-eid-message--4>

New Publications

FGM: video resources for healthcare professionals

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fgm-video-resources-for-healthcare-professionals>

Female Genital Mutilation - Apr to Jun 2016, enhanced data set

<http://www.digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB21528>

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New Publications

The Charity Social Media Toolkit

<http://landing.skillsplatform.org/charitysocialmediatoolkit/>

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Other News

'I am a gypsy. This is our Mecca'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37212831>

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Bills in Progress

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Bills in Progress UK Parliament

Ethnicity Pay Gap Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/ethnicitypaygap.html>

EU Citizens Resident in the United Kingdom (Right to Stay)

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/eucitizensresidentintheunitedkingdomrighttostay.html>

Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

Student Support (Non-Interest-Bearing Finance) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/studentssupportnoninterestbearingfinance.html>

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Consultations

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Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) review on teacher shortages (closing date 16 September 2016)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/527653/Teachers_Call_for_evidence.pdf

**** closes this week!**

Mental Health in Scotland – a 10 year vision (closing date 16 September 2016)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/mental-health-unit/mental-health-in-scotland-a-10-year-vision>

Refugees Welcome Inquiry (closing date 1 October 2016)

http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0003/8247/Refugee_Welcome_APPG_inquiry_TOR_for_website.pdf

Consultations (continued)

**** The role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service** (closing date 19 October 2016)

<http://www.parliament.scot/Inquiries/CallForEvidenceCOPFS.pdf>

Proposed Football Act (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill (closing date 23 October 2016)

http://www.parliament.scot/S4_MembersBills/20160628_FINAL_CONSULTATION_Word_-_version_for_publication.pdf

Police Scotland: local policing (consultation open during the whole year)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX>

Why me? experiences of individuals from diverse equality backgrounds who have experienced hate crime (closing date not listed)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/whymesurvey>

Suicide and BME Communities in North East Glasgow (closing date not listed)

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BME_suicide_NorthEastGlasgow

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

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Scottish Winter Festivals

All applications will be considered until all available funds have been distributed.

Scotland's Winter Festivals aim to mobilise the people of Scotland and those with an affinity to Scotland to join in the St Andrew's Day, Hogmanay and Burns celebrations, boosting Scotland's key tourism and events sectors and the wider economy, enhancing community engagement and raising Scotland's international profile. Our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities are key elements of Scotland's past, present and future so the Scottish Government, BEMIS Scotland, and other national partners are committed to ensuring that our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities participate fully within this year's Winter Festival celebrations. For information see <http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/swf-grant-guidelines.pdf>.

An application form is available at

<http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/swf-grant-application.docx>

Year of Innovation, Architecture & Design

All applications will be considered until all available funds have been distributed.

Our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities are key elements of Scotland's past, present and future so we want to ensure that your story, history, innovation and narrative plays a full part in the celebration of the themed year.

The Scottish Government and BEMIS Scotland, and other national partners are committed to ensuring that our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities participate fully within this year's celebrations. We believe that in order to fulfil our potential as individuals and communities of place, culture and ethnicity that we should celebrate and promote our diversity. This reflects our shared objective to build an

Funding Opportunities (continued)

'Inclusive National Identity' which celebrates Scotland's vibrant, diverse, confident and dynamic people. For information see <http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/yiad-grant-guidelines.pdf> and the application form is available at <http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/yiad-grant-application.docx>

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Events/Conferences/Training

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Scotland without Prejudice?

12 September 2016 in Edinburgh (11.00-2.00)

Equality and Human Rights Commission seminar on prejudiced attitudes and behaviour, hate crime, and community cohesion. For information contact

0141 228 5910 / scotland@equalityhumanrights.com

**** this week!**

Disparity in Britain, Changing Europe - The real experience of women subjected to Domestic Abuse

14 September 2016 in Edinburgh (9.00 – 4.30)

Shakti conference to more about the negative impact of government policy on migrant women who are being denied safe ways to end domestic abuse due to their immigration status. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zvw4ajy>

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Rights and entitlements of EEA nationals

20 September 2016 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

15 November 2016 in Dundee (9.30-12.30)

17 January 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training on issues related to EEA nationals' access to services and important changes in regulations. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

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Rights of refugees and asylum seekers

20 September 2016 in Glasgow (1.15-4.15)

15 November 2016 in Dundee (1.15-4.15)

17 January 2017 in Glasgow (1.15-4.15)

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (1.15-4.15)

PAiH course to explore how the asylum system operates, and barriers faced by refugees and asylum seekers. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

28 September 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

30 November 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

22 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

23 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK and what opportunities they have for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

**** Black History Month**

1-31 October 2016-09-11

Black History Month provides an opportunity to learn, understand and honour the role that minority ethnic men, women and children have played in shaping both Glasgow and Scotland's history. The full programme is available at

<http://www.crer.org.uk/images/BHM2016.pdf>

Holocaust Memorial Day Workshop

5 October 2016 in Aberdeen (1.00-4.00)

6 October 2016 in Edinburgh (1.00-6.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop to discuss importance of Holocaust Memorial Day in Scotland, network with local activity organisers, and find out about support and resources. For information contact Rhys Prosser enquiries@hmd.org.uk or see <http://tinyurl.com/jugarfu> (Aberdeen) or <http://tinyurl.com/jb8yadl> (Edinburgh)

The changing story of religion and human rights

5 October 2016 in Edinburgh (6.00 – 8.30)

Interfaith Scotland and Equality and Human Rights Committee event to discuss the current situation regarding Religion and Human Rights in Scotland, and to then explore together the importance of freedom of conscience and belief to the different faith traditions. For information contact Maureen Sier maureen@interfaithscotland.org

Working with Interpreters

6 October 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

1 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the process of using an interpreter, where the responsibility lies for the success of the interpreted session, examines the pitfalls and their consequences, and sets out best practice for using interpreters. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Integration and Working with Syrian Families

7 October 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

2 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlights the challenges and opportunities for them as they build a new life here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zy436gr> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Cultural Competence

19 October 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

31 January 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

25 April 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course focusing on how culture affects all our lives, and examines the extent to which culture influences and governs our beliefs, attitudes, behaviours and decision-making. It explores our own practice and attitudes to cultural differences, and examines different worldviews, so that participants can confidently work with people no matter where they come from. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jdfkz2> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Refugee Rights to Housing

10 November 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

30 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course about refugee housing rights. For information contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Launch of Scottish Interfaith Week

13 November 2016 in Paisley

The theme of the launch will be "Religion and the Media". For information please contact Frances Hume frances@interfaithscotland.org

Separated Children

17 November 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

9 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

11 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about supporting separated child refugees. For information contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Engaging hard to reach groups

13 December 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

8 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about engaging with hard to reach groups. For information please contact Frances Hume frances@interfaithscotland.org

Community Sponsorship – What Do You Need to Know?

15 December 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

5 April 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about the new UK Government scheme to enable community groups to sponsor refugee families. For information contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

National Holocaust Memorial Day

26 January 2017 in Bishopbriggs (6.00 – 8.30)

The theme of this year's memorial event is "How can life go on?" For information please contact Maureen Sier maureen@interfaithscotland.org

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.parliament.scot/>

Scottish Government <http://www.gov.scot/>

UK Parliament <http://www.parliament.uk/>

GovUK (links to UK Government Departments) <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

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

One Scotland <http://onescotland.org/>

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Scottish Refugee Council <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

Interfaith Scotland <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>

Equality Advisory Support Service <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com>

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

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) www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services

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

BBC News <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

BBC Democracy Live http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm

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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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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/>



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://onescotland.org/>