

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motions

S5M-01963 Christina McKelvie: Human Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy for Scotland – That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's consultation on a human trafficking and exploitation strategy for Scotland; notes that the online consultation runs from 12 October to 7 December 2016; considers that the draft strategy is a direct result of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015, which is the first Scottish legislation on the issue; further considers that this legislation is a clear sign of the Scottish Government's serious intent to eradicate the illegal trade and exploitation of human beings; condemns the trafficking of people as an abhorrent, exploitative and degrading crime; praises the Scottish Government for its leading role in introducing this cross-collaborative, multi-agency draft strategy; further commends the

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various stakeholders and human trafficking advocacy groups that have played a role in bringing forward the strategy, and considers that, when complete, it will help to eliminate human trafficking and exploitation in Scotland and could also be used as a blueprint to eliminate exploitation throughout the UK and beyond, making Scotland a progressive leader in the eradication of human trafficking.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01963>

S5M-01968 Ben Madpherson: Protection of Children in Calais – That the Parliament condemns the news that there are a reported 1,022 unaccompanied children in the Calais refugee camp, which is set to be demolished under orders from the French Government; understands with concern that 129 children went unaccounted following a previous eviction of the camp; believes that, under the so-called Dubs' Amendment, 387 of the children now have the legal right to be in the UK, but that the UK Government has yet to issue a reassurance that all of these children with family ties will be granted entry; understands that a letter signed by Muslim and Jewish faith leaders and the ex-Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Williams, describes the camp as "a stain" on British and French consciences and that UNICEF has appealed to the UK Government to speed up the transfer of child refugees, and calls on the UK Government to take such action to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of both the 387 children that have the legal right to be in the UK and the 635 others whom it believes are still in crucial need of protection.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01968>

UK Parliament Ministerial Statements followed by Q&A

Calais Jungle (House of Commons)

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-10-10/debates/9D71E865-0139-40CC-83FC-EF8556FDCEE1/CalaisJungle>

Calais Jungle (House of Lords)

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-10-10/debates/754BB6BE-CD06-4223-996A-174F3AF7EF80/CalaisCampLoneChildren>

UK Parliament Questions

School Census: Pupils' Nationality

The Earl of Clancarty: To ask Her Majesty's Government for what purpose they intend to use the information ascertained from the newly introduced question in the school census on pupils' nationality.

Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie: My Lords, we will use information on pupils' nationality and country of birth to understand how we can give all pupils a better education that caters to their individual needs. If there are people whose first language is not English, we will be able to see how well they are doing and how we can help their school to contribute meaningfully to raising pupils' outcomes. These new data are solely for the DfE to use in research, statistics and analysis.

The Earl of Clancarty: My Lords, is the Minister aware that parents are appalled by the introduction of these questions on nationality and place of birth, which have nothing to do with a good education? Is he further aware that a freedom of information request has

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revealed that the Home Office has frequently used the pupil database for immigration purposes? Does he not therefore agree that these questions are on the same level of intrusiveness as listing foreign workers, and should be removed from the census?

Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie: My Lords, the census covers a range of things, and we should be aware that children of foreign nationals can face additional challenges upon starting school in the UK. They are not likely to speak English fluently and may not have been here for the full school choice or application round, so they are more frequently placed in schools that, ideally, they would not choose. The education system they have arrived from may be different from the English system, so they may be behind our expected standards simply because they have yet to cover elements of our curriculum. Understanding nationalities helps us to put the right policies in place to help those children, and there are safeguards in place.

Baroness Sharples: Can my noble friend confirm that the number of children with English as their second language has risen from 6% to 16% in one year?

Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie: I will need to confirm those exact figures to my noble friend in writing, but I suspect that that is the case. That lies behind the need to ensure that we look after those pupils effectively and support the teaching profession, which often has to deal with a range of nationalities in the classroom, with all the challenges that that brings.

Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall: My Lords, the noble Lord carefully said “may” in respect of these children’s potential to require special support. There is another way to look at this, which is that a lot of children of foreign nationals are extremely well able to take advantage of the education being offered to them here—for example, many of them are bilingual, which is helpful to them and their peers. Does he not agree that even an appearance of an us-and-them way of segregating different kinds of children within our schools is really unhelpful at this time? Whether or not the information is being used appropriately, it gives a most unfortunate impression.

Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie: I have to disagree with the noble Baroness, because we believe that adding items on nationality and country of birth as well as English proficiency will be helpful and will be used better to understand how children perform, whether they are bilingual or whether they have come with English as an additional language. It is right and proper that we introduce this assessment; it better enables us to monitor immigration issues within this country.

Lord Maginnis of Drumglass: My Lords, as a long-time school principal, perhaps I may expand the Question a little and ask whether the Government are aware of the dangers of either the census or questionnaires. When I asked a Question about Brighton and Hove Council asking five and six year-old children’s parents what was their children’s self-perception of their sexual orientation, I thought it was pretty rubbishy information, which could have been exploited by people who were bent on conditioning purposes and otherwise. Will the Government therefore take care of all information of this nature collected in schools and ensure that it cannot be abused, as I suspect it could at the moment?

Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie: My noble friend makes a good point. I should reassure him that the DfE has robust processes in place to ensure that the confidentiality of pupils’ details is maintained, and there are necessary checks and balances to ensure that there is no inadvertent misuse of these data. I go further to say that there is no requirement for schools to request or see documentary evidence such as a passport or birth certificate; it is purely focused on specific issues, with those safeguards.

Lord Steel of Aikwood: How do the Government propose to count the growing number

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of children who have dual nationality?

Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie: I believe that I have answered that question to the extent that all pupils are taken account of and the schools of course have their own management information system to be able to monitor pupils from wherever they come—from within this country or abroad.

Lord Singh of Wimbledon: My Lords, I can understand that such information may possibly be of use educationally, but can the Minister explain why and for what purpose that same information is given to the Home Office?

Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie: I can reassure the noble Lord that the information is not given to the Home Office. There has been some mischief in the press about this, but I reassure the House that the information is kept within the Department for Education and is not passed on to the Home Office.

Lord Harris of Haringey: My Lords, can the Minister give an absolute assurance that it is not obligatory for a school to fill in this question, and that no sanction will be applied to a school which fails to do so, or to a parent who does not answer?

Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie: That is absolutely correct. The guidance is very clear on that. If, for example, a school wishes to send information to the DfE and parents do not agree for that particular child, it does not get sent.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-10-12/debates/BE938C0A-75F0-453B-8EB3-D4DC2C4556AF/SchoolCensusPupils%E2%80%99Nationality>

Immigration Controls

Christian Matheson [47246] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 30 September 2016 to Question 46253, what steps her Department has taken via (a) broadcast media, (b) UK Visas and Immigration, and (c) agencies of her Department to advise employers of their responsibilities under a points-based immigration system on employing non-EU nationals in the UK; and what the cost of that advice was to the public purse in the latest period for which figures are available.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Comprehensive guidance for employers is published on the gov.uk website, and we regularly engage with employers and trade bodies, at no additional cost to routine business.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47246/>

Immigrants: Employment

Hilary Benn [47249] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many calls have been made by employers to the Employer Checking Service in each of the last five years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Employer Checking Service deals with checks submitted by employers via the web-based form.

In the calendar year of 2011 the Employer Checking Service processed 33,769 checks.

In the calendar year of 2012 the Employer Checking Service processed 52,868 checks.

In the calendar year of 2013 the Employer Checking Service processed 59,452 checks.

In the calendar year of 2014 the Employer Checking Service processed 67,609 checks.

In the calendar year of 2015 the Employer Checking Service processed 69,606 checks.

From 1st January 2016 to 9th October 2016 the Employer Checking Service processed 33,095.

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47249/>

Immigrants: Employment

Hilary Benn [47250] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of employer enquiries to the Employer Checking Service resulted in a response confirming that the subject of the enquiry had the right to work in each of the last five years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The proportion of checks to the Employer Checking Service resulting in a response confirming that the subject of the enquiry had the right to work, by calendar year are as below:

2011 41.2%

2012 43.8%

2013 51.1%

2014 56.6%

2015 61.4%

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47250/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Tom Brake [47091] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many EU citizens resident in the UK are eligible to apply for permanent residency.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: EEA nationals who have exercised a Treaty right in the UK, for a continuous period of 5 years, acquire an EU right to reside here permanently. Exercising a Treaty right in the context means that the EEA national must have been a worker, a self employed person, a self sufficient person or a student.

Once they have fulfilled the relevant criteria, an EEA national automatically acquires this EU right to reside here permanently. They do not need to apply for documentation confirming this right.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47091/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Tulip Siddiq [46954] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans the Government has to ensure that all EU citizens living in the UK will receive proof of their right to remain in the UK before any restrictions on new EU citizens are introduced; and how it will ensure there is sufficient operational capacity for such plans.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The government has been clear that it wants to protect the rights of EU nationals already living in the UK and the only circumstances in which that would not be possible are if British citizens' rights in other EU Member States were not protected in return. The government will seek to address this issue as part of the wider negotiations on the UK's exit from the EU to ensure fair treatment of British citizens living in the EU.

EU nationals currently in the UK do not need to apply for any additional documentation in support of their status exercising treaty rights.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/46954/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Danny Kinahan [47192] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, if he will take steps to let current EU staff and students know they are welcome to stay

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beyond the UK exit from the EU.

Reply from David Jones: The Prime Minister has been clear that during negotiations she wants to protect the status of EU nationals already living here, and the only circumstances in which that would not be possible is if British citizens' rights in European member states were not also protected.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47192/>

Marriage of Convenience

Charlotte Leslie [47023] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to address the issue of non-British citizens tricking British citizens into marriage to obtain a UK visa or citizenship.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We take abuse of the spouse immigration route very seriously. In July 2012 the minimum probationary period before a non-European Economic Area (non-EEA) national spouse of a British citizen can apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK was increased from two years to five years. This is a better test of the genuineness of the relationship before it can be relied upon as a basis for seeking to settle permanently in the UK.

In March 2015, a new scheme to tackle sham marriages was introduced under the Immigration Act 2014. All proposed marriages where one or both parties could gain an immigration advantage from it are now referred by registration officials to the Home Office. This gives us a much stronger platform to identify, disrupt and deter sham marriages.

If the marriage breaks down permanently before or once the non-EEA national spouse has obtained Indefinite Leave to Remain, the British citizen spouse can provide the Home Office with any relevant information and we may cancel or revoke their former spouse's leave if it can be established that this was obtained by deception.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47023/>

Calais Camp: Lone Children

Baroness Hussein-Ece: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many lone children in Calais with family links in the United Kingdom have been allowed into the United Kingdom in the past 12 months.

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Williams of Trafford): My Lords, under the Dublin regulation more than 80 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children have been accepted for transfer from France into the UK this year, most of whom have arrived in the UK. More arrive each week and we continue to work closely with France to consider and implement transfers.

Baroness Hussein-Ece: That is a very disappointing figure. Does the Minister not recognise that what was an urgent issue is now a child protection crisis? According to the Red Cross, which contributed a report over the weekend, it is taking up to 11 months to process a single child to come to this country. With hundreds of children who have family links and legal rights to come here, why is it taking so long and why has the will of this House—the Dubs amendment was passed on 9 May with support from all sides of this House—not been properly implemented? Even the *Daily Mail* is championing this cause; why are the Government not?

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: My Lords, the Government are working very closely with the French Government to ensure that transfers are as speedy as possible. In fact, the Home Secretary is meeting today with Bernard Cazeneuve. In terms of children who meet the criteria under the Immigration Act,

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50 of them have been accepted for transfer and 30 have arrived. We now have a dedicated team in the Home Office Dublin unit and we are working with the UNHCR, UNICEF and NGOs, together with Italy and Greece as well as France, to speed up the process.

Lord Dubs: My Lords, will the Minister confirm that the majority of the children under Dublin III have been identified not by Home Office officials but by British NGOs? Is it not a sad comment that we have to keep on, as it were, complaining to the Government that nothing is happening when they gave an undertaking that they would accept the letter and spirit of the amendment? They are neither doing that nor dealing with children who have long had a right to be here.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: My Lords, I slightly dispute that. We are all working together in the best interests of these children to transfer those who meet the criteria under the Immigration Act as quickly as possible. That process has speeded up in recent weeks and we hope to speed it up further still.

The Lord Bishop of Norwich: My Lords, given the Prime Minister's welcome reminder last week of the good that government can do, does the Minister not agree that at the top of the list for doing good should be traumatised children in Calais who are young and unaccompanied, who often have family already in the UK and who are increasingly endangered by criminal gangs as the demolition of the Calais camp draws near?

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: I totally agree with the right reverend Prelate; children are at the top of our agenda. It is not just the Prime Minister who thinks that; I think that we all agree that children, especially vulnerable children, are our top priority. That is why we are working together, by putting additional funding into this, speeding up the process and engaging with officials in the French Government on a daily basis.

Baroness Butler-Sloss: My Lords, we are told that the French authorities are proposing to close the Calais Jungle camp some time in the next month or two, so the question of the children is extremely urgent. I fail to understand what is holding it up now. If there is a dedicated team and everybody else, who on earth is not pulling their finger out?

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The noble and learned Baroness asks a very pertinent question. As we have heard, the camp closure will begin soon. We have put in place various processes—as I have just said, we are speeding up transfers. We are working with NGOs and others to make sure that the process is speeded up. No unaccompanied child—or any other child—should be in the Calais camp. That is why we are redoubling our efforts, together with the French, to get those children to safety.

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey: While not wishing to dispute what my noble friend has just said in answer to another good friend on the Cross Benches, there is a need for the Home Office and other departments to put more staff on to this and not to leave it until there are complaints from Members of this House or another place, or from NGOs. I can envisage just how difficult this is, but you need the numbers to work through the papers as fast as possible—and I say that with a little experience.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: I pay tribute to my noble friend's experience; she has an awful lot in this area. We are putting more staff capacity into this. We are seconding a second asylum expert to France and we now have a dedicated team in the Home Office Dublin unit.

Baroness Jowell: My Lords, I register my interest as patron of Help Refugees, an organisation working on the ground in Calais with these children. There is a dispute about the number of children who have arrived in this country. There is urgency about processing their cases before the Calais camp is closed. Last time, when part of the camp was destroyed, 129 children disappeared. Will the Minister undertake to provide the House with a list, with identities suitably concealed, of children who have been given

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entry to this country and placed under Dublin III, as opposed to those children whose cases are being processed under the Dubs amendment—the Dubs children, in honour of my noble friend?

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: My Lords, as I said earlier, since the beginning of 2016, 140 children have been accepted for transfer, 80 of whom are from France. Since the Immigration Act, I understand that 50 children have been accepted for transfer, 35 of whom have arrived. I will double-check that the figures are correct, as the noble Baroness seems to think they may not be, but, as I understand it, the figures are correct to date.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-10-10/debates/754BB6BE-CD06-4223-996A-174F3AF7EF80/CalaisCampLoneChildren>

Refugees: Children

Tim Farron [47320] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to (a) monitor the welfare of unaccompanied refugee children who arrive in the UK and are in the care of the relevant authorities and (b) locate those refugee children who have gone missing in the UK in the last five years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: All local authorities have statutory duties to safeguard children as part of their local responsibilities regardless of nationality or immigration status. Once an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC) becomes a looked after child the main responsibility for that child's welfare lies with the respective local authority.

Home Office staff dealing with UASC receive specialist training and are required to follow published guidance on processing asylum claims from children, which requires the child's welfare to be taken into account throughout the asylum claim.

The government takes the issue of missing children extremely seriously and has published a cross government strategy on missing children and vulnerable adults.

Migrant children over the age of 5, including asylum seeking children will have their biometrics captured by the Home Office. If a child goes missing, the local police and UK Missing Persons Bureau will be notified and the child's details will be circulated on the Police National Computer. Home Office guidance

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47320/>

Refugees: Children

Amanda Solloway [47124] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to locate missing refugee children in the UK.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The government takes the issue of missing children extremely seriously and has published a cross government strategy on missing children and vulnerable adults.

Migrant children over the age of 5, including asylum seeking children have their biometrics captured by the Home Office. If a child goes missing, the local police and UK Missing Persons Bureau will be notified and the child's details will be circulated on the Police National Computer.

Home Office guidance requires staff to maintain contact with the local authority and the police until the child is found.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47124/>

Refugees: Middle East and North Africa

Roger Godsiff [46417] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) Syrian refugees and (b) vulnerable persons from the Middle East and North

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African region the UK plans to resettle in the UK over each of the next four years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We intend to resettle up to 20,000 Syrians in need of protection and up to 3,000 vulnerable persons from the Middle East and North African region in the UK over the lifetime of 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/2016-09-14/46417/>

Visas: Syria

Marion Fellows [46521] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications by Syrian nationals for UK visitor visas have been (a) received and (b) granted in each annual quarter for the last three years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The latest quarterly Home Office immigration statistics on entry clearance visas are published in 'Immigration Statistics, April - June 2016', available from the Home Office website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-statistics>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-15/46521/>

Refugees: Syria

Imran Hussain [46887] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effect of changes to the funding of English for speakers of other languages services on the ability of local authorities to provide access to English language classes to resettled Syrian refugees.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Learning English is a key factor in integration and is vital for gaining access to the employment market. Our experience is that most Syrians resettled under the programme are keen to learn English.

English language tuition is already provided as part of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme (VPRS) and will be available for adults entering the UK under the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement scheme (VCRS). The recently announced additional £10 million of funding will increase the amount of training available for Syrian refugees resettled in the UK.

We will be working with local authorities to ensure that the funding is taken up in the most effective way, including providing funding for regional English Speakers of other languages (ESOL) co-ordinators to promote best practice, map provision, support authorities to commission services and coordinate volunteers. Many people across the country have also offered their time and support to help refugees improve English and integrate better into their community.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/46887/>

Asylum: Appeals

Andrew Smith [47206] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to increase capacity at the Asylum and Immigration Chamber.

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Reply from Oliver Heald: The First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) is administered by HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS). HMCTS have provided an additional 4,500 tribunal sitting days for this financial year compared to 2015/16. HMCTS keeps performance and resource levels under close review.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47206/>

Albania: Asylum

John Mann [47304] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the reasons for unaccompanied children from Albania seeking to purchase tickets to fly to the UK in order to claim asylum.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Albanians require a visa to travel to the UK and are not allowed to board the plane without one. We do not issue visas for the purpose of claiming asylum in the UK. Unaccompanied children who nonetheless manage to reach the UK, including those from Albania, claim asylum for a variety of reasons. Each case is considered on its individual merits in accordance with our international obligations and protection is granted where it is needed.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47304/>

Asylum: Homosexuality

Caroline Lucas [47014] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have applied for asylum on the basis of sexual orientation; how many of these claims have been unsuccessful; on what grounds those unsuccessful applications were refused in the last 12 months; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Home Office is currently undertaking a process to quality assure information on its Case Information Database relating to sexuality based asylum claims.

Until this exercise has concluded it is not possible to provide an accurate picture of the number of asylum claims based solely, or partly on sexuality.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47014/>

Asylum: Housing

Chris Stephens [46571] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 14 September 2016 to Question 46027, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the provision of Compass accommodation to asylum seekers is not let from property (a) where the landlord has lost registered social landlord accreditation and (b) deemed unsuitable for human habitation by the local authority.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Providers are monitored closely and accommodation is inspected frequently to ensure that accommodation for asylum seekers is contractually compliant and of the correct standard. We work closely with any local authority that raises concerns about asylum accommodation and dispersal to help address those concerns.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-15/46571/>

Asylum: Housing

Ian Murray [47816] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government has carried out a (a) policy equality statement, (b) equality impact assessment or (c) any equality monitoring on its contracts with Compass to provide

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accommodation to asylum seekers since those contracts were signed in 2012.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Home Office is currently considering any equality impacts as part of the wider considerations as to whether to extend the asylum support and accommodation contracts for the period from 2017-19.

The Home Office takes its equality duty seriously and engages regularly with Non-Governmental Organisations and its contractors to ensure that support and accommodation for asylum seekers meets the needs of individual service users.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-10/47816/>

Asylum: Housing

Shabana Mahmood [48040] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which contractors have been sanctioned for breaching contractual obligations in relation to accommodation for asylum seekers in (a) Birmingham, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England in the last two years; when each such contractor was sanctioned; and what each sanction so applied was.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The COMPASS contracts include Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for monitoring and measuring performance against required standards.

If a breach of the contractual obligations in relation to accommodation is identified then the Provider has a set timescale in which to rectify the breach. Should this not be rectified within that timescale then a KPI failure is recorded and may result in the application of a Service Credit. A 'Service Credit' is a rebate / money deducted from the Providers monthly invoice.

There were no service credits recovered from providers of the COMPASS accommodation in a) Birmingham, b) the West Midlands and c) England in the last two years, in relation to accommodation standards.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-11/48040/>

Asylum: Children

Steve Reed [46542] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the daily payment for unaccompanied asylum seeking children was for (a) under 16 and (b) 16-17 year olds in each of the last six financial years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: From 1 October 2010 until 1 July 2016 the funding rate for the majority of local authorities for supporting unaccompanied asylum seeking children was £95 per day for a supported child under 16 and £71 per day for a supported child aged 16 or 17. These rates were increased on 1 July 2016 to £114 per day for supported children under 16 and £91 for supported children aged 16 and 17. Enhanced levels of funding have been provided to a small number of "Gateway" local authorities, in recognition of the large numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in their care. The most recent funding instructions can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children-uasc-grant-instructions>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-15/46542/>

Asylum: Children

The following three questions all received the same answer

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL2051] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many claims have been made by young asylum seekers in Calais in the past 12 months; of

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those, how many have been accepted; and how many applicants have been allowed to proceed to the UK.

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL2052] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many claims made by young asylum seekers in Calais in the past 12 months were refused, and on what grounds.

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL2053] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many claims made by young asylum seekers in Calais in the past 12 months are still being processed; and how long is the average process time for such cases.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The number of asylum claims made in France over any given period, and their outcome, is a matter for the French authorities.

The Dublin Regulation is the mechanism for determining responsibility for considering an asylum claim. If accepted for transfer to the UK, the asylum claim is considered in the UK after the individual has been transferred.

The Home Office has accepted responsibility to consider the asylum claims of over 80 unaccompanied minors from France under Dublin since the start of the year and many more are in train.

Dublin transfer requests involving children are now generally processed within 10 days by a dedicated team in the Home Office. Children can then be transferred within weeks and are now arriving in the UK on an almost weekly basis. A senior Home Office official has been seconded to the French Interior Ministry to help speed up the process of identifying children who may qualify for transfer to the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-10-03/HL2051/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-10-03/HL2052/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-10-03/HL2053/>

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The following two questions both received the same answer

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL2050] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied young asylum seekers have arrived in the UK in the past 12 months; and where they have been sent.

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL2055] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the statement by the Minister of State for Immigration, Mr Robert Goodwill MP, in his letter to Lord Roberts of Llandudno of 12 September, CTS Reference M9899/16, that "over 3,000 unaccompanied children arrived in the UK in 2015", where those children were from, and where they were sent in the UK.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Annual Figures on the number of claims for asylum from Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC), including by country of nationality, are published quarterly by the Home Office in the Immigration Statistics release. A copy of the latest release, Immigration Statistics April to June 2016, is available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-april-to-june-2016>

The Government is committed to ensuring that there is a more equitable distribution of UASC across the country and that no one authority has to care for more UASC than they are able to. That is why we introduced the voluntary National Transfer Scheme and have consulted with every region in England,

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Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on their capacity. In order to continue the success of the voluntary scheme more local authorities will need to participate and offer places for unaccompanied children from councils which are caring for disproportionately high numbers.

[Immigration Stats - April - June 2016](#)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-10-03/HL2050/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-10-03/HL2055/>

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Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL2054] To ask Her Majesty's Government what contingency plans are in place for the young asylum seekers in Calais when the camp there closes.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Although the decision to clear the camp in Calais is a matter for the French Government, the UK and France remain committed to working together protecting our shared border in Calais and addressing the humanitarian challenges in the camps.

The Home Secretary reaffirmed this when she met her French counterpart in August. Since the beginning of this year, over 130 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in Europe have been accepted for transfer to the UK under the family reunion provisions of the Dublin Regulation, of whom over 80 are from France. We continue to support the French Government to provide alternative accommodation for those in Calais, including thousands of new places in reception centres across France to accommodate migrants and unaccompanied children. The French Government continues to urge anyone who does not want to live in the makeshift camps in Calais to engage with the French authorities who will provide accommodation and support.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-10-03/HL2054/>

Asylum: Children

Alistair Carmichael [46928] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unaccompanied asylum seeking children have been transferred under the national dispersal scheme in each month since that scheme was introduced.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Annual Figures on the number of claims for asylum from Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC), including by country of nationality, are published quarterly by the Home Office in the Immigration Statistics release. A copy of the latest release, Immigration Statistics January to March 2016, is available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2016>

We introduced the Voluntary National Transfer Scheme on 1 July to ensure a more equitable distribution of UASC across the country. Over 100 UASC have been transferred so far. We have consulted with every region in England, Scotland and Wales on their capacity. If we are to make the voluntary transfer scheme a success we need more local authorities to participate in the scheme and offer places for unaccompanied children from councils which are caring for disproportionately high numbers.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/46928/>

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Asylum: Children

Fiona Mactaggart [47285] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many children who have applied in France for asylum in the UK have been successful in their application in the last three years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: It is not possible for an individual to apply for asylum in the UK from France. If an asylum claim is made in France and the French Government consider that the UK is responsible for examining that asylum claim under the Dublin Regulation, a transfer request is made, which the UK subsequently either accepts or rejects. If the transfer request is accepted, the individual is transferred to the UK where their asylum claim is considered.

Before the beginning of the year very few transfers of children were made from France to the UK. However, following a concerted effort to improve the functioning of Dublin by the UK and French authorities, between 1 January and 1 October 2016 over 80 children have been accepted for transfer from France to the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47285/>

Asylum: Children

Bridget Philipson [47390] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unaccompanied child refugees are in the process of seeking asylum to be reunited with family members who are already in the UK, under the terms of the Immigration Act 2016.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Between 12 May and 1 October 2016 over 50 children who meet the criteria in Section 67 of the Immigration Act were accepted for transfer. Over 35 have already been transferred to the UK and many more are in train.

The Government can only give figures for those who have been accepted for transfer to the UK; the number of unaccompanied child refugees in the process of seeking asylum in other Member States is a matter for that Member State.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47390/>

Asylum: Children

Tom Brake [47554] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government has received any legal challenge regarding delayed acceptance of child refugees in Calais with a legal right to residence in the UK.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The UK has received a number of legal challenges regarding alleged delays in accepting asylum seeking children in Calais who assert that they have a legal right to residence in the UK.

A number of these challenges include cases where the child is yet to seek asylum in France. We are clear that individuals must claim asylum before the UK can consider a transfer request. The recent case of ZAT demonstrates that due process must be followed.

We are working to improve the operation of the Dublin Regulation and transfer requests are now generally processed within 10 days.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47554/>

Asylum: Children

Rupa Huq [48044] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unaccompanied children the UK has accepted from the Jungle near Calais; and what estimate the Government has made of the number of such children the UK will take as a

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consequence of the Dubs amendment.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Between 1 January and 1 October 2016 over 80 children from France were accepted for transfer under the Dublin Regulation on the basis of close family links, of which nearly all have arrived in the UK.

On 10 October, the Home Secretary met with French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve to discuss a range of issues, including the proposed clearance of the camp in Calais.

The UK Government has made clear its commitment to transfer from Europe to the UK unaccompanied refugee children under the 2016 Immigration Act, and ensure those with close links to the UK are brought here using the Dublin Regulation, where it is in their best interests. Home Office teams are being deployed to France over the coming weeks to work with the French authorities to speed up the identification and transfer of eligible cases. We continue to work with the French authorities to establish the number of children who may be eligible.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-11/48044/>

Asylum: Families

Steve McCabe [46539] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2016 to Question 43315, on asylum: families, what additional support her Department provides to (a) requesting member states and (b) such people who have not had their asylum claims granted.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We are committed to making the Dublin Regulation work effectively and will take responsibility for an asylum claimant from another Member State where there are grounds to do so. The UK has been working to strengthen the process for family reunification of unaccompanied minors under Dublin for some time. We have seconded a UK official to Greece, have a long-standing secondee working in Italy and will shortly be seconding another official to the French Interior Ministry to support these efforts.

As stated in the answer of 5 September 2016 to Question 43315, the Dublin Regulation concerns the determination of the Member State responsible for examining a claim for asylum. It does not, however, concern the substantive assessment of whether or not asylum can be granted in individual cases. Asylum seekers and their dependants who are in the UK are supported by the Home Office if they would otherwise be destitute. The Home Office provides funding to local authorities for the care of unaccompanied asylum seeking children. Those who the Home Office have found not to be in need of protection and who have exhausted their appeal rights are expected to leave the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-15/46539/>

Assisted Voluntary Return Schemes

Stephen Gethins [47505] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government plans to maintain the Assisted Voluntary Returns schemes after 2020.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Assisted Voluntary Returns Service was integrated into the Home Office Voluntary Returns Service (VRS) on 1st January 2016 and provides a range of help and support to those who are here illegally and are seeking to leave the UK voluntarily. The Home Office envisages that the VRS will continue beyond 2020.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47505/>

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Deportation

Rob Morris [46534] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people the Government sought to deport from the UK in 2015-16 where the immigration status application had not been finally determined.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: All removals adhere to existing legislative requirements contained within the Home Office Enforcement Instructions and Guidance, available at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/chapters-46-to-62-detention-and-removals>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-15/46534/>

Deportation

David Davies [47307] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been deported to (a) India, (b) Pakistan, (c) China, (d) Nigeria, (e) Uganda and (f) Iran in the latest period for which figures are available.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The term 'deportations' refers to a legal definition of a specific set of returns. Deportations are a specific subset of returns which are enforced either following a criminal conviction or when it is judged that a person's removal from the UK is conducive to the public good. The deportation order prohibits the person returning to the UK until such time as it may be revoked.

Published information on those deported is not separately available. As such, the question has been interpreted as referring to enforced returns. In an enforced return, it has been established that a person has breached UK immigration laws and / or has no valid leave to remain in the UK. They have declined to leave voluntarily and the Home Office enforces their departure from the UK.

Statistics on persons returned from the UK is published in the Home Office's Immigration Statistics. The latest edition, Immigration Statistics: April to June 2016 is available from GOV.UK on the statistics web pages at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/series/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47307/>

Human Trafficking: Undocumented Migrants

Keith Vaz [47103] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what type of reception institution suspected people traffickers and illegal migrants who are intercepted by Border Force or other UK government bodies are taken to.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: In all cases where there are reasonable grounds to suspect a person of trafficking, they would be arrested and processed in accordance with the provisions of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 ;at sea, Customs and Excise Management Act 1979; in Scotland Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995. Border Force, along with operational partners, carries out a range of activity to prevent migrants from entering the UK through clandestine and illegal means. Border Force has specific policy, guidance, operating procedures and referral mechanisms to other government departments in order to carry out the appropriate action when an illegal migrant is encountered at a port or other location. Illegal migrants who are intercepted at the Border are processed in accordance with their individual circumstances and where appropriate detained in accommodation based on these circumstances.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47103/>

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Human Trafficking

Bob Stewart [47074] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to make the punishment of people traffickers more severe to increase its deterrent effect.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The Modern Slavery Act 2015 increased the maximum sentence for modern slavery offences from 14 years to life imprisonment. The Act also gave law enforcement agencies the power to seize traffickers' assets and introduced risk and prevention orders which restrict the activities of traffickers outside prison if they are judged to pose a serious threat. Earlier this year, the Government commissioned the barrister Caroline Haughey to carry out an independent review of the operation of the criminal justice provisions in the Modern Slavery Act. Ms Haughey found that the Act had set an international benchmark to which other jurisdictions aspire, and recommended that we do more to ensure that law enforcement agencies use the Act to full effect.

The Government agrees and the Prime Minister recently announced that she will be chairing a modern slavery taskforce to ensure that we leave no stone unturned in bringing the perpetrators of this vile crime to justice.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47074/>

Human Trafficking

Martyn Day [46615] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his European counterparts on tackling human trafficking.

Reply from Alok Sharma: Modern slavery is a crime which crosses borders and requires a co-ordinated international response. The Foreign Secretary, my Rt Hon. Friend the Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip (Mr Johnson), has regular discussions with his European counterparts on human trafficking. The UK plays a leading role in the EU Threat group on Trafficking in Human Beings (EMPACT), which brings together law enforcement experts from most EU Member States and is supported by Europol, Eurojust, the European Commission, Interpol, Frontex and CEPOL (EU Police College). The UK has also led work to secure a UN Sustainable Development Goal to end slavery and irregular migration – including trafficking – was a priority theme at the 71st session of the UN General Assembly this year. The UK led a resolution on Contemporary Forms of Slavery at the recent Human Rights Council, working with EU partners to provide a focus for practical measures and concerted international action. In these and other ways, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office continues to support the Prime Minister, my Rt Hon. Friend the Member for Maidenhead (Mrs May), in her efforts to co-ordinate global action on these issues.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-15/46615/>

Human Trafficking: Victim Support Schemes

The following two questions both received the same answer

Martyn Day [46616] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what funding her Department has provided to support victims of human trafficking in each year since 2010.

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Martyn Day [46617] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of people in the UK who have been

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trafficked.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The Home Office and Ministry of Justice jointly fund the Adult Victims of Modern Slavery Care and Coordination Contract in England and Wales. Since July 2011, The Salvation Army has been delivering this service. The total Government funding over this period has been:

Year	Funding
2011-2012	
(July-June)	£2.3 million
2012-2013	
(Jul-Jun)	£3.8 million
2013-2014	
(July-June)	£3.9 million
2014-2015	
(July -March)	£4 million
2015-2016	
(April -March)	£9 million

The Home Office estimates that in 2013 there were between 10,000 and 13,000 potential victims of modern slavery in the UK.

In 2015 there were 3,266 of victims of human trafficking and other forms of modern slavery referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) – the UK’s framework for referring and supporting victims of human trafficking and modern slavery.

In addition, 427 potential victims of modern slavery were identified in England and Wales via the “duty to notify” requirement which requires specified public bodies to report to the Government all potential adult victims of modern slavery encountered in England and Wales who do not wish to be referred to the NRM. Similar provisions will shortly be in place in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-15/46616/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-15/46617/>

UK Parliament Early Day Motions

Deidre Brock (503) Immigration policy – That this House expresses serious concern over the future direction of immigration policy in the UK following proposals announced by senior Government Ministers speaking at the Conservative party conference, including plans for private companies to record the number of foreign workers in their employ; believes that a person's suitability for employment should not be judged on their nationality but instead on their skills and potential; further believes that such a move would discourage international talent from staying and contributing to the UK while encouraging a deeply divided and xenophobic society; strongly implores the Government to change its approach and reassure all citizens living in the UK, regardless of where they were born, that their contributions are valued and this remains their home.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/503>

Tom Brake (501) Polish community’s contribution to the UK – That this House recognises the unique and significant social, cultural, military and economic contributions of the Polish community to the UK; is concerned with the recent increase in hate crime

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and racist attacks against the Polish and other communities; and believes that EU citizens residing in the UK, along with their dependants resident in the UK, should have their acquired rights protected, including the right to remain, providing them with security and certainty ahead of the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/501>

Kirsty Blackman (520) Birth of the first child of Syrian refugees in Aberdeen – That this House welcomes the birth of Ibrahim Al Hussein, thought to be the first child of Syrian refugees born in Aberdeen; congratulates his parents Fadila and Khalid and his brother Shadea on making their new home in the North East of Scotland after fleeing the horrors of war-torn Damascus; recognises the harrowing experiences Fadila and Khalid went through living in the refugee camp outside Erbil in Iraq for 27 months; regrets that they were unable to reach the UK before Shadea's birth meaning Fadila had to give birth to her eldest son in the camp where the family lived in a small tent with a mud floor; believes that more refugees must be brought into the UK in order to prevent more individuals and families from living in such horrific conditions; and calls for the Government to take in more refugees fleeing the war in Syria so that more children like Ibrahim can be born in safe and peaceful circumstances.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/520>

Press Releases

Scotland's commitment to the EU

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scotland-s-commitment-to-the-EU-2d0c.aspx>

Swinney demands student immigration guarantee

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Swinney-demands-student-immigration-guarantee-2d27.aspx>

Ending human trafficking

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Ending-human-trafficking-2cf4.aspx>

Solicitor General to deliver speech at major conference on human trafficking

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/1428-solicitor-general-to-deliver-speech-at-major-conference-on-human-trafficking>

Help stop human trafficking

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2016/help-stop-human-trafficking>

Urgent solutions for refugee and migrant children in Calais 'long overdue' – UNICEF

<https://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=55282>

Calais camp closure: there must be alternative accommodation in France and increased cooperation for the transfer of unaccompanied children to the United Kingdom

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/calais-camp-closure-there-must-be-alternative-accommodation-in-france-and-increased-cooperation-for-the-transfer-of-unaccompanied-children-to-the-unit>

UN refugee agency welcomes France's decision to close Calais 'jungle' camp

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=55296#.WANTDJN96nY>

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New Publications

Claiming Asylum: What Women Need to Know

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0001/1331/RWSG-Claiming-Asylum-What-Women-Need-To-Know-RIGHTSLEAFLET.pdf>

The Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 - A Guide

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00507318.pdf>

Draft Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00507338.pdf>

Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy: Case Studies

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00507294.pdf>

Compendium of good practices on the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

<https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=09000016806af624>

2016 Report of the InterDepartmental Ministerial Group on Modern Slavery

http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2016-0753/Modern_Slavery_IDMG_Report_2016_FINAL.pdf

Recruitment in Britain: Examining employers' practices and attitudes to employing UK-born and foreign-born workers

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/research-report-104-recruitment-in-britain-final.pdf>

Day 46: Is there life after the Safe House for Survivors of Modern Slavery?

<http://www.humantraffickingfoundation.org/sites/default/files/Human%20Trafficking%20Foundation%20Report%202016%20Day%2046.PDF>

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Scottish bosses back devolved immigration

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/scottish-bosses-back-devolved-immigration-rh8tvq5nl>

300 academics sign open letter to PM over 'xenophobia'

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/300-academics-sign-open-letter-to-pm-over-xenophobia-1-4253617>

Tech sector attacks plans for 'foreign workers list'

<http://www.scotsman.com/business/companies/tech/tech-sector-attacks-plans-for-foreign-workers-list-1-4253939>

Downing St suggests businesses might not have to hand over lists of foreign workers

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political_news/14793202.Downing_St_suggests_businesses_might_not_have_to_hand_over_lists_of_foreign_workers/

Amber Rudd's plan to force firms to reveal foreign staff numbers abandoned

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/oct/09/plan-to-force-firms-to-reveal-foreign-staff-numbers-abandoned>

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Ministers hide report on migrant numbers

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-10-13/news/ministers-hide-report-on-migrant-numbers-dv8dbj7cz>

Home Office failures allow illegal migrants off the hook

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/home-office-failures-allow-illegal-migrants-off-the-hook-7w770j3c0>

News: Calais

Families speak of their joy at being reunited with Calais children

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37674875>

Calais camp: List of children in the 'Jungle' to be given to UK

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37609973>

Children in Calais Jungle to arrive in UK 'in days'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37663125>

'Robust plans' called for to resettle Calais migrant children

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-37647632>

UK councils set for arrival of Calais refugee children

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/uk-councils-set-for-arrival-of-calais-refugee-children-1-4258622>

Children from Calais 'jungle' set to arrive in Britain ahead of camp demolition

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/world_news/14803268.Children_from_Calais_jungle_set_to_arrive_in_Britain_ahead_of_camp_demolition/

Britain will begin taking hundreds of child migrants from Calais refugee camp within weeks

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/10/britain-will-begin-taking-hundreds-of-child-migrants-from-calais/>

France tells UK to speed up asylum applications of lone migrant children

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/10/france-tells-uk-to-speed-up-asylum-applications-of-lone-migrant-children>

Taking in 300 children from Calais camp would be good result, says Amber Rudd

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/oct/10/300-children-from-calais-camp-good-result-amber-rudd>

Home Office faces court action over failure to protect Calais child refugees

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/15/home-office-in-court-for-failing-calais-refugee-children>

Syrian refugee children could be resettled in Britain in days

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/15/syrian-refugee-children-britain-france-calais-jungle>

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Calais Jungle children to arrive in UK 'within days'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/calais-jungle-children-to-arrive-in-uk-within-days-bxqghcj25>

Britain, here we come! Child migrants pose for selfies as they prepare to leave Calais for the UK ahead of the Jungle camp's demolition

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3836058/Britain-come-Child-migrants-pose-selfies-prepare-leave-Calais-UK-ahead-Jungle-camp-s-demolition.html>

Calais begins construction of anti-migrant wall

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/15/calais-begins-construction-of-anti-migrant-wall/>

The Calais Jungle: discerning fact from fiction among the rumours

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/the-calais-jungle-discerning-fact-from-fiction-among-the-rumours-a7363166.html>

News: Students

No fees for EU students starting 2017/18 courses in Scotland

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-37649436>

EU students to study for free at Scottish universities after Brexit

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/eu-students-to-study-for-free-at-scottish-universities-after-brexit-1-4259056>

SNP promises EU students free tuition in Scotland after Brexit

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/oct/14/snp-john-swinney-eu-university-students-free-tuition-scotland-brexit>

John Swinney announces EU students will get free tuition after Brexit - but not the English

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/14/john-swinney-announces-eu-students-will-get-free-tuition-after-b/>

EU students will have next year's fees paid

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/eu-students-will-have-next-years-fees-paid-m38cv0tbv>

Foreign students are welcome, says overwhelming majority of voters

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/foreign-students-are-welcome-says-overwhelming-majority-of-voters-9zdzjd937>

Visa breaches by foreign students are 'exaggerated' new figures suggest

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2016/10/12/visa-breaches-by-foreign-students-are-exaggerated-new-figures-su/>

Anti-migrant mood makes Indian students think twice about Britain

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/anti-migrant-mood-makes-indian-students-think-twice-about-britain-ptwm79fxd>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **News: Trafficking**

Scotland's first human trafficking strategy launched

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-37624067>

Scotland's first human trafficking strategy seeks help from public

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland-s-first-human-trafficking-strategy-seeks-help-from-public-1-4255948>

Human trafficking strategy launched by Scottish Government

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14796829.Human_trafficking_strategy_launched_by_Scottish_Government/

News: Other Immigration and asylum

Capital gains: third of immigrants make their way to London

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-10-13/news/capital-gains-third-of-immigrants-make-their-way-to-london-rhncpbkk2>

UK school pupil ethnicity question angers Italy

<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-37631062>

Birth data drive 'risks turning schools into immigration offices'

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/14793284.Birth_data_drive_risks_turning_schools_into_immigration_offices/

Individual children's details passed to Home Office for immigration purposes

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/oct/12/individual-childrens-details-passed-to-home-office-for-immigration-purposes>

The national pupil database puts children at risk of racial profiling

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/oct/10/national-pupil-database-children-risk-racial-profiling>

The society fighting for Scotland's Poles

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-37623184>

EU talks have Poles in Glasgow fearing for the future

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14793699.EU_talks_have_Poles_in_Glasgow_fearing_for_the_future/

Passport checks considered for pregnant NHS patients

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-37621239>

Forcing pregnant women to show passports is 'dangerous', say midwives

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/11/forcing-pregnant-women-to-show-passports-is-dangerous-say-midwives/>

Leukaemia transplant blocked by Home Office visa denial

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-dorset-37656377>

Woman 'distraught' as sister is refused UK visa to donate stem cells

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/oct/14/woman-distraught-sister-refused-uk-visa-donate-stem-cells>

Immigration and Asylum

News: Other immigration and asylum (continued)

'They've given me a death sentence': Mother, 23, with leukaemia and in need of a life-saving stem cell transplant is told Home Office will not let her donor-match sister into the UK because she may not 'be genuine'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3838664/UK-Home-Office-rejected-visa-application-stem-cell-donor-wanted-travel-country-save-sister-s-life.html>

Driving licences wrongly revoked under May's immigration measures

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/oct/13/driving-licences-wrongly-revoked-theresa-may-immigration-measures>

Why the government should offer an amnesty to the UK's illegal immigrants

<https://www.theguardian.com/public-leaders-network/2016/oct/11/government-amnesty-uk-illegal-immigrants-home-office>

The Brits helping refugees help Britain

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/10/brits-helping-refugees-help-britain>

Britain is the country most worried about mass immigration, survey shows

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3836592/Britain-country-worried-mass-immigration-survey-shows.html>

Police failures let foreign criminals avoid deportation: Thousands are escaping being kicked out because officers do not check if they should be in the country

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3837319/Police-failures-let-foreign-criminals-avoid-deportation-Thousands-escaping-kicked-officers-not-check-country.html>

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Community Relations

UK Parliament Debate

Gypsies and Travellers

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-10-12/debates/0A875213-1955-4FB5-AE62-508A70D22CBC/GypsiesAndTravellers>

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Equality

Press Release

Review of BAME representation in the Criminal Justice System

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/review-of-bame-representation-in-the-criminal-justice-system>

Equality (continued) News

BBC 'falling short' in representation of older women and minority communities

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14793755.BBC_falling_short_in_representation_of_older_women_and_minority_communities/

Police accused of failing to recruit ethnic minorities

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-10-11/scotland/police-accused-of-failing-to-recruit-ethnic-minorities-jnz37752g>

First Asian police officer 'would join police again now'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-birmingham-37638712>

London's black communities disproportionately exposed to air pollution – study

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/oct/10/londons-black-communities-disproportionately-exposed-to-air-pollution-study>

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Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-01997 Monica Lennon: Show Racism the Red Card – That the Parliament welcomes 14 October 2016 as Wear Red Day; notes that the day, which is organised by Show Racism the Red Card, aims to spread awareness about the impact of racism in society by raising funds that help the charity to support and educate young people and teachers throughout Scotland; believes that racism and xenophobia have no place in society and that education is key to challenging such prejudice, and commends the efforts of the lifelong anti-racism campaigner, Councillor Bob Chadha, and North Lanarkshire Council, for putting on record a commitment to promote a diverse and tolerant society.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01997>

UK Parliament Questions

Prime Minister's Questions

Angus Robertson: The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance has found that there are “a number of areas of concern” regarding political discourse and hate speech in the UK, as well as violent racial and religious attacks. Police statistics show a sharp rise in Islamophobic, anti-Semitic and xenophobic assaults over the past year. Does the Prime Minister agree that all mainstream Governments and mainstream political parties should do everything they can to oppose xenophobia and racism?

Reply from the Prime Minister: I have been very clear from this Dispatch Box on a number of occasions that there is absolutely no place in our society for racism or hate crime. It is right that the police investigate allegations of hate crime where they occur. I am pleased to say that as Home Secretary I was able to bring in arrangements that improved the recording of hate crime. We also improved the requirement on police specifically to record hate crime relating to faith, so that we can see when Islamophobia is taking place, as

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well as anti-Semitism and other types of hate crime. There is no place for such crime in our society. With one voice, from across this Chamber, we should make that absolutely clear, and give our police every support in dealing with it.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2016-10-12/debates/16101265000023/Engagements#contribution-3E9EE96F-49C8-492C-84DB-92FF0D11612A>

Consumers: Racial Discrimination

Keith Vaz [47432] To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will extend the proposed audit of public services to reveal racial disparities to all organisations and companies which provide (a) car insurance and (b) other consumer services required by law.

Reply from Ben Gummer: All companies and other organisations that provide a service to the public are legally obliged under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure no race discrimination occurs. The Race Disparity Audit was set up to identify and analyse racial disparities in public services, working with data from Government departments and their arm's length bodies to build a complete and accurate picture across the country. This is a unique and ambitious undertaking and there are no current plans to extend it beyond public services.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-07/47432/>

UK Parliament Early Day Motions

Anne McLaughlin (534) Hate crime awareness week – That this House welcomes the attention that Hate Crime Awareness Week gives to the impact of crimes that are motivated by prejudice of some kind, where the victim is targeted because they are a member of a particular social group or have a particular characteristic, which the perpetrator has negative views or beliefs, for example prejudice based on race, including nationality, ethnicity and skin colour, religion, sexual orientation, disability or transgender identity; notes the recent report by Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion; regrets that hatred and prejudice continue to have very serious consequences for people and communities across society; recognises that hate crime is a threat to the basic values of an open democratic society; considers addressing prejudice and hate crime is therefore not only an issue for minorities or those who are targeted but must be a priority concern for the whole of society; applauds the work by Glasgow Community Safety and the Scottish Government in challenging prejudice and hate crime within the Scottish Strategy for Justice; further notes that hate crimes in Scotland fell in the aftermath of the referendum on membership of the EU despite a 14 per cent rise being recorded across the UK as a whole; and believes change will require political leadership, legal support and public policy and calls on all those in a position of influence including politicians and the media to exercise respect and sensitivity with regards to minority groups and to commit to actively discourage those who commit or ignore hate crimes.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/534>

Christian Matheson (530) Winding up of FIFA's anti-racism taskforce – That this House expresses concern about the recent news that FIFA has disbanded its

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anti-racism taskforce; notes with consternation that FIFA states that the job of the taskforce is over despite abundant evidence of continuing racism in world football, including incidents at the UEFA European Championships in France in summer 2016; further notes that the taskforce has been disbanded during the lead-up to the World Cup in Russia, a country that has seen considerable problems with racism in football and where the number of racist incidents at football games has doubled in the last year, according to the most recent research from the Moscow-based SOVA Center and the Uefa-affiliated FARE Network; questions why campaigns such as FIFA's excellent Say No to Racism campaign should not be supported and encouraged; expresses general dismay at the apparent misguided priorities of FIFA's current governance; re-affirms support to UK campaigns such as Kick it Out and Show Racism the Red Card; and calls on the Football Association and relevant bodies in the UK to continue doing everything they can to combat racism in football.
<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/530>

Martyn Day (540) Central Scotland Regional Equality Council (CSREC) – That this House is aware that Crime Awareness Week takes place from 8 to 15 October 2016; recognises that the Central Scotland Regional Equality Council (CSREC) is a charity that promotes equality, fights all forms of discrimination, promotes community cohesion and operates a Third Party Reporting Centre that reports hate crimes and hate incidents to Police Scotland on behalf of victims and witnesses; notes that CSREC continues to work to increase awareness of hate crime; and encourages anyone who experiences or witnesses hate crime to report it, either to Police Scotland or to a Third Party Reporting Centre such as CSREC.
<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/540>

Press Releases

Lord Advocate's personal pledge on Hate Crime

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/1423-lord-advocate-s-personal-pledge-on-hate-crime>

Crown Prosecution Service publishes new social media guidance and launches Hate Crime consultation [England and Wales]

http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest_news/cps_publishes_new_social_media_guidance_and_launches_hate_crime_consultation/

Equality and Human Rights Commission comments on rise in hate crime

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/commission-comments-rise-hate-crime>

Hierarchy of hate crime is undermining confidence in the law

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/hierarchy-hate-crime-undermining-confidence-law>

All parties and media giants must address pernicious antisemitic hate

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/news-parliament-2015/antisemitism-report-published-16-17/>

Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination (continued) **New Publications**

Hate crime, England and Wales, 2015 to 2016

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/559319/hate-crime-1516-hosb1116.pdf

Hate crime, England and Wales, 2015 to 2016: data tables

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/559889/hate-crime-1516-hosb1116-tables.ods

Hate crime, England and Wales, 2015 to 2016: appendix tables

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/559809/hate-crime-1516-hosb1116-appendix-tables.ods

Report: Antisemitism in the UK

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmhaff/136/136.pdf>

Guidelines on prosecuting cases involving communications sent via social media [*England and Wales*]

http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/a_to_c/communications_sent_via_social_media/

Holocaust Memorial Day website 2017: How can life go on?

<http://howcanlifegoon.hmd.org.uk/>

News: Statistics

Hate crimes soared by 41% after Brexit vote, official figures reveal

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/brexit-hate-crimes-racism-eu-referendum-vote-attacks-increase-police-figures-official-a7358866.html>

Hate crimes up 41 per cent in month following EU referendum

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/13/hate-crimes-up-41-per-cent-in-month-following-eu-referendum/>

Huge rise in hate crimes reported after referendum

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/hate-crime-on-rise-in-month-after-eu-poll-h15g3lfd7>

The Brexit result had a lasting impact on race and religious hate crimes

<http://tellmamauk.org/the-brexit-result-had-a-lasting-impact-on-race-and-religious-hate-crimes/>

News: UK Parliament report into antisemitism

Jeremy Corbyn's response to anti-Semitism in Labour criticised by MPs

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-37656197>

Jeremy Corbyn in 'denial' over critical report citing anti-semitism in Labour

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14805728.Jeremy_Corbyn_in_denial_over_critical_report_citing_anti_semitism_in_Labour/

Jeremy Corbyn 'in denial' over anti-Semitism in Labour

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/jeremy-corbyn-in-denial-over-anti-semitism-in-labour-1-4260092>

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News: UK Parliament report into antisemitism (continued)

Jeremy Corbyn has helped create 'safe space' for anti-Semites in Britain, damning MPs' report finds

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/15/jeremy-corbyn-has-helped-create-safe-space-for-anti-semites-in-b/>

MPs blame Corbyn for 'vile' abuse of Jews

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/mps-blame-corbyn-for-vile-abuse-of-jews-5p9h033lr>

Corbyn has shown poor leadership on anti-Semitism, say MPs

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/jeremy-corbyn-ant-semitism-poor-leadership-labour-party-mps-home-affairs-select-committee-report-a7363531.html>

MPs accuse Jeremy Corbyn of incompetence over antisemitic abuse

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/oct/16/jeremy-corbyn-antisemitism-chakrabarti-inquiry>

Corbyn slammed over 'safe space' for anti-Semites: Blistering official Commons rebuke for 'incompetent' leader and his 'whitewash' sidekick for failing to stamp out vile abuse of Jews

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3839994/Corbyn-slammed-safe-space-anti-Semites-Blistering-official-Commons-rebuke-incompetent-leader-whitewash-sidekick-failing-stamp-vile-abuse-Jews.html>

NUS leader Malia Bouattia condemned by MPs for 'outright racism'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/nus-president-malia-bouattia-anti-semitism-parliament-home-affairs-select-committee-israel-a7363591.html>

News: Other racism and religious hatred

Angus Robertson: Spike in UK hate crime is due to Tory xenophobia

<http://www.thenational.scot/politics/angus-robertson-spike-in-uk-hate-crime-is-due-to-tory-xenophobia.23603>

Police Scotland establishes liaison officer network to help combat hate crime

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14792132.Police_Scotland_establishes_liaison_officer_network_to_help_combat_hate_crime/

Racist hate crime is so out of control that even white British people are being attacked

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/brexit-racism-hate-crime-figures-rise-white-british-being-attacked-a7360836.html>

Football faces up to antisemitism issue

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/spurs-must-ban-own-army-from-using-the-y-word-6qgjtlfhf>

Home Office 'covered up racism of abuse judge'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/home-office-covered-up-racism-of-abuse-judge-cpct9clq3>

Racist remarks claims 'false', says Dame Lowell Goddard

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37653003>

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News: Other racism and religious hatred (continued)

Racist language claims are 'false', says former abuse probe head Dame Lowell Goddard

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14802732.Racist_language_claims_are_false_says_former_abuse_probe_head_Dame_Lowell_Goddard/

Dame Lowell Goddard denies making 'racist remarks' while head of child abuse inquiry

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/14/dame-lowell-goddard-denies-making-racist-remarks-while-head-of-c/>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Parliamentary Question

British Nationals Abroad: Forced Marriage

Steve McCabe [46239] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2015 to Question 43633, what the terms are of his Department's emergency loan agreement for British nationals overseas who require assistance from public funds to pay for repatriation; and what provision his Department makes for people who cannot afford the repayment conditions.

Reply from Tobias Ellwood: When a British national (BN) enters into an emergency loan agreement with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) they sign a form to declare that they have exhausted all other methods of helping themselves, and accept the sum of the debt in its entirety. By signing the form, the BN is acknowledging that if they do not repay the loan within 6 months, the remaining balance will be subject to a surcharge of 10%; and that the total amount loaned to them must be repaid within five years. Failure to repay the debt may result in legal proceedings to recover monies owed.

In most cases, people are also required to agree to give up their passport. In all cases they must acknowledge that Her Majesty's Passport Office will not process an application for a new passport until the debt is paid in full. They must also consent for the Department for Work and Pensions to release to the FCO such information as may be relevant in respect of any non-payment.

We know that some individuals face difficulties in repaying their loan. When agreeing to the terms of the loan agreement we advise people to contact the FCO upon their return to the UK to discuss the options for loan repayment.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-13/46239/>

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Bills in Progress

** new or updated this week

UK Parliament

Ethnicity Pay Gap Bill

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

Bills in Progress

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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/studentsupportnoninterestbearingfinance.html>

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Consultations

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** closes this week!

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

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

** closes this week!

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

** **Diversity in the Arts 2016** (closing date 31 October 2016)

<https://www.research.net/r/ArtsDiversityScot>

Police Scotland Equalities Outcomes Review (closing date 9 November 2016)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/equalities-outcomes-review>

** **Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy** (closing date 7 December 2016)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/human-trafficking-team/a-human-trafficking-and-exploitation-strategy>

Issues for migrants on early settlement in the UK (closing date December 2016)

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RTYR_orgs_1

Empowering teachers, parents and communities to achieve excellence and equity in education: A Governance Review (closing date 6 January 2017)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/empowering-schools/a-governance-review>

** **Consultation on the Crown Prosecution Service Public Policy Statement on Racially and Religiously Aggravated Hate Crime [England and Wales]** (closing date 9 January 2017)

http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/hate_crime_rr_consultation_2016.html

** **Consultation on the Crown Prosecution Service Policy on Prosecuting Crimes against Disabled People [England and Wales]** (closing date 9 January 2017)

http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/hate_crime_dhc_consultation_2016.html

Consultations (continued)

**** Consultation on the Crown Prosecution Service Public Policy Statement on the prosecution of offences involving hostility on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity [England and Wales]** (closing date 9 January 2017)

http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/hate_crime_ht_consultation_2016.html

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

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

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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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 '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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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>

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Dare to Dream

Until 30 November 2016

The Scottish Storytelling Centre festival invites everyone to discover the stories of the past and dream the stories of the future. For information see

<http://www.daretodream.scot/#home>

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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/jdfkkz2> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

**** *this week!***

GRAMNet Film Series

19 October 2016 in Glasgow (5.30-7.30)

Screening of the films "The Crossing" and "Stateless on Lesbos". For information see

<http://bemis.org.uk/event/gramnet-film-series-oct-2016/>

**** Political Shadowing Scheme**

November 2016 to March 2017 (closing date for applications: 7 November 2016)

CRER scheme to gain political experience, develop an understanding of Scottish politics, and empower and inspire participants and their communities to become politically active.

For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/16xi_crer.pdf

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

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Rights and entitlements of EEA nationals

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/>

Rights of refugees and asylum seekers

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/>

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.

**** Health in Faith Conference and Dinner**

26 November 2016 in Glasgow (2.00-6.00)

Waverley Care event to celebrate the efforts that people of faith have made and continue to make in the fight to end HIV and AIDS in Scotland and around the world. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/gnhq3cq>

New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

30 November 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

22 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

8 June 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.

**** Enhanced by our Diversity, Combined by our Humanity**

30 November 2016 in Edinburgh (10.00-4.00)

BEMIS and TRACS conference bringing together practitioners, policy-makers and academics to discuss how best to foster good relationships at a community level and promote a dynamic, inclusive Scottish national identity for the future. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/j7qkzq7>

Working with Interpreters

6 December 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

1 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

31 May 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.

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Integration and Working with Syrian Families

7 December 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

2 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

1 June 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.

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/>

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>

Useful Links (continued)

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. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <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/>

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