

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

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<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=20151>

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## Westminster Parliamentary Questions

### Immigration Controls

**Matthew Offord:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will take steps to ensure that under her proposed changes to the immigration system, only (a) senior managers and (b) key specialists are permitted entry to the UK by means of the intra-company transfer scheme. [32326]

**Reply from Damian Green:** From April 2011, the Government will set a minimum salary requirement of £40,000 for intra-company transferees entering for over 12 months, ensuring that extended transfers are available only to managers and specialists. Other transferees will be able to enter for up to 12 months so long as they are paid at least £24,000.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0003.htm#11011029000018>

### Visas: Students

**Ms Gisela Stuart:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of the likely effect of the removal of (a) the two-year post-study visa and (b) the highly-skilled visa on (i) student numbers and (ii) revenue of universities offering MSc and MBA courses to overseas students. [32562]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The two-year post-study work and highly-skilled visas relate to work in the UK not to study, so there will be no direct impact of changes to these routes on universities.

We are presently consulting on the proposals to reform the student visa route, which will provide an opportunity for education providers to comment on the impact of the proposal to close the Tier 1 post-study work route. International students with a job offer are able to take employment through Tier 2 of the points based system upon graduation.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0003.htm#11011029000023>

### Assisted Return Scheme

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how much her Department has spent on the assisted return scheme in each of the last 12 months. [32543]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The total UK Border Agency cost of the assisted voluntary returns scheme for 2009-10 was £16.1 million giving an average monthly cost of £1.3 million.

Costs for the current financial year 2010-11 will be available once the 2010-11 accounts have been audited.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0002.htm#11011029000002>

## Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

### Refugees: Higher Education

**Katy Clark:** To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills (1) if he will take steps to ensure that refugee learners are included in his Department's proposals to widen participation in and ensure equal access to further and higher education; [32512]  
(2) if he will put in place mechanisms to assist refugee students who meet a university's entry requirements but who are unable to pay tuition fees; [32513]  
(3) if he will take steps to ensure that the equivalent and lower qualification policy for student support enables refugees who do not have evidence of their higher education certificates from overseas to fund their undergraduate study in England; [32514]  
(4) if he will take steps to ensure that refugees accepted to a bachelor honours degree course as home students are not disadvantaged by the equivalent and lower qualification policy when applying for student support for tuition fee loans. [32515]

**Reply from David Willetts:** The Government supports widening participation and improving fair access in higher education. All those who have the ability should be able to benefit from higher education irrespective of family income. The Government will provide up-front financial support for any student who is eligible and who secures a place at university.

In England, home fee status and student support are available to refugees and their family members as long as they have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands since being recognised as a refugee. There are no plans to change this. The previous Government introduced the equivalent and lower qualification policy and it applies equally to refugees. This Government recognises it has attracted a good deal of criticism.

We are reviewing the whole higher education system and will be publishing a White Paper later this winter.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110112/text/110112w0003.htm#11011291000012>

### Asylum: Children

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many unaccompanied children aged (a) under five years, (b) between six and 11 and (c) between 12 and 16 years are awaiting a decision on an application for asylum. [32541]

**Reply from Damian Green:** As of 21 December 2010, the numbers of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) awaiting a decision on an application for asylum were:

- (a) four children under five years old.
- (b) 12 children between six and 11 years old.
- (c) 276 children between 12 and 16 years old.

The length of time an applicant has been awaiting an asylum decision will vary depending upon the applicant's age when they entered the UK.

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

More information regarding asylum claims for unaccompanied children can be found in the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary: United Kingdom-Third Quarter 2010, Supplementary Excel Tables 2c, 2d and 2e. This is available on the Home Office website at:

<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0002.htm#11011029000005>

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### Asylum

**Philip Davies:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 15 November 2010, *Official Report*, column 546W, on asylum: deportation, how many of the 176 asylum seekers who have absconded after receiving deportation notices since May 2010 have subsequently been detained. [31729]

**Reply from Damian Green:** We have assumed 'deportation notices' to mean 'removal notices'.

Between 1 May 2010 and 31 October 2010, 176 failed asylum seekers (main applicants and their dependants) absconded after being served with removal directions. Of these 176 asylum seekers, 42 have subsequently been detained between 1 May 2010 and 10 December 2010, the UK Border Agency is currently in contact with an additional 15, and a further two were removed from the UK without being served removal directions.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0002.htm#11011029000003>

### Asylum: Housing

**Caroline Lucas:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) which local authorities provide homes to people seeking asylum in the UK under contracts with the UK Border Agency; how many homes each such local authority has provided under such contracts in each of the last five years; [33483]

(2) how many homes were provided to people seeking asylum in the UK in each local authority area, for each type of tenancy in each of the last five years. [33484]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Provision of accommodation for eligible asylum seekers is procured through contracts placed with a mixture of private and public sector providers. The UK Border Agency has in some cases contracts with individual local authorities but most of the provision is with consortiums made up of a number of local authorities operating within a specific region of the UK. The following local authorities and consortiums were all contracted to provide accommodation in each of the last five years:

- Glasgow city council
- Liverpool city council
- Cardiff city council
- Swansea city council
- Yorkshire and Humberside consortium
- North East consortium
- North West consortium
- West Midlands consortium.

The UK Border Agency does not hold the information requested in respect of the number of homes each local authority has provided in each of the last five years. Each contract stipulates a minimum and maximum number of asylum seekers each local authority/consortium is required to accommodate. The UK Border Agency refers individuals to the contractor whose responsibility it is to provide accommodation and related services whilst the service users remain eligible for asylum support. Accommodation providers are not required to make a specific number of homes available but to ensure they can provide suitable accommodation for asylum seekers up to the maximum figure contained within their contract. Payment is made on a per person per night basis and no tenancy agreement is formed.

**Caroline Lucas:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to provide housing to people seeking asylum in the UK who are at risk of losing their current homes following the decision by some city councils not to

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renew their contracts with the UK Border Agency from June 2011 to house people seeking asylum; and if she will make a statement. [33485]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The UK Border Agency is obliged under the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act to provide accommodation for eligible asylum seekers. The current suite of accommodation contracts expire in 2011 and a recent exercise to reduce the number of contractors in line with the reduction of asylum applications in recent years has meant a number of private sector and local authority/consortium contracts will naturally expire during 2011.

The agency is working with both existing and remaining providers to ensure that all asylum seekers continue to have their accommodation needs met. The UK Border Agency is committed to working with providers to identify solutions that will minimise any disruption to asylum seekers who may be affected. We have sought commitments from providers that they will look to minimise the number of relocations, particularly for families where there are children at school.

This may result in a contractual novation of properties allowing asylum seekers to remain in their current accommodation but this can not be guaranteed in all cases. When it is necessary for asylum seekers to move to alternative accommodation provided by a new provider we aim to provide suitable notice and will take into account special requirements to ensure minimum disruption.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110113/text/110113w0001.htm#11011370000038>

### Asylum Seekers

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many adult asylum seekers had been (a) granted and (b) refused permission to remain in the UK in the latest period for which figures are available. [32542]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The information requested is not available. In order to produce the information the statistics on asylum applications and statistics on settlement would need to be cross referenced at disproportionate cost.

Statistics are published on the number of asylum applications, initial decisions and outcomes of appeal hearings.

Separately, information is published on grants and refusals of leave to remain and settlement (which will include data on both asylum and non- asylum applicants).

These data are published in the Control of Immigration publications available from the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at:

[www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html)

The latest published data on asylum applications and initial decisions are provided in the following tables.

**To read the lengthy tables see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0002.htm#11011029000004>

### Detention Centres: Children

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children aged (a) under five, (b) six to 11 and (c) 12 to 16 years are being held in each immigration detention centre. [32546]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The latest published figures show that of the five children (figure rounded to the nearest five) detained in Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre as at 30 September 2010, fewer than three children were held in each of the (a) under five, (b) six to 11 and (c) 12 to 16 age groups. Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre was the only centre that held children aged 16 or under as at 30 September 2010.



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The Home Office publishes statistics on the number of persons detained solely under Immigration Act powers on a quarterly and annual basis, which are available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html).

I refer the hon. Member to my written ministerial statement of 16 December 2010, *Official Report*, columns 125-127WS, which included the announcement of the immediate closure of Yarl's Wood to children. This Government are committed to ending the detention of children for immigration purposes.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0002.htm#11011029000013>

### Immigration: Detention

**Lord Dholakia:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children are in detention for immigration and asylum purposes.[HL4845]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):** The latest published statistics show that as at the 30 September 2010 there were five children, detained solely under Immigration Act powers, in UK Border Agency removal centres and short-term holding facilities. This figure is rounded to the nearest five and is of people recorded as being under 18 on 30 September 2010. Information on children detained solely under Immigration Act powers is available in the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom, July-September 2010 in the Library of the House and the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html).

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110110w0001.htm#11011012000997>

### Human Trafficking: Children

**Mike Weatherley:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many convictions there were for offences relating to child trafficking in each year since 2007. [32398]

**Reply from Damian Green:** There is no central record that holds details of the age of the victim in cases of human trafficking that have resulted in a conviction.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0003.htm#11011029000017>

### Human Trafficking: Sexual Offences

**Justin Tomlinson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what her most recent estimate is of the level of trafficking into the UK for the purposes of sexual exploitation. [32486]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The most recent estimate of the level of trafficking for sexual exploitation was produced by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) on 18 August 2010.

This estimate puts the figure of the number of migrant women trafficked to work in brothels and other premises in England and Wales at 2,600. A copy of the ACPO Report, "Setting the Record" can be found on their website at:

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/asp/policies/Data/Setting%20the%20Record%20%28Project%20ACUMEN%29%20Aug%202010.pdf>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110111/text/110111w0001.htm#11011167000046>

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### Human Trafficking: Arrests

**Mike Weatherley:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people have been arrested for offences related to human trafficking in each year since 2007. [33215]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The following figures are based on data taken from the Police National Computer and represent arrests for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2010; they relate to arrests under Sections 57, 58 and 59 of the Sexual Offences Act (SOA) 2003, and under Section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration Act (AIA) 2004.

	SOA	AIA	Total
2007	97	27	124
2008	119	77	196
2009	117	99	216
2010	109	91	200

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110113/text/110113w001.htm#11011370000039>

### Human Trafficking: Children

**Catherine McKinnell:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice what progress his Department has made on providing guardians ad litem for child victims of human trafficking; and if he will make a statement. [31073]

**Reply from Tim Loughton:** The Government do not believe that the introduction of a system of guardianship would be helpful here. Responsibility for the care, protection and accommodation of child trafficking victims rests with local authorities under their duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. Separated and vulnerable children from abroad have the same entitlements as UK born or resident children. Where a child becomes looked after by a local authority, a social worker will be responsible for putting in place an individualised care plan covering the full range of the child's needs. This will include any needs identified following an assessment which concludes that they may have been trafficked. The social worker will also make an assessment of the type of placement which best matches the needs of the child including, if necessary, the need to safeguard them from contact with traffickers. The additional involvement of a guardian risks adding unhelpful complexity to existing arrangements; there is already a risk of confusion for children themselves if plans for their care are not effectively coordinated by the local authority.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110112/text/110112w002.htm#11011287000006>

### Human Trafficking

**Justin Tomlinson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what her most recent estimate is of the level of trafficking into the UK for the purposes of (a) forced labour and (b) domestic servitude. [32485]

**Reply from Damian Green:** There is no overall estimate of the level of trafficking for forced labour including domestic servitude. We are improving our understanding of the extent of labour trafficking through enforcement efforts, liaison with experts in this area and in part from the statistics arising from the National Referral Mechanism, which from 1 April 2009 to 30 September 2010 show a total of 200 referrals of potential victims of trafficking for forced labour and 147 for domestic servitude. Of these 42 people were identified as being victims of trafficking for forced labour and 16 as victims of trafficking for domestic servitude.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110111/text/110111w001.htm#11011167000045>

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### Developing Countries: Human Trafficking

**Peter Bone:** To ask the Secretary of State for International Development in which countries his Department provides funding for non-governmental organisations combating human trafficking. [32758]

**Reply from Stephen O'Brien:** The Department for International Development (DFID) currently funds the Salvation Army's Anti-Child Trafficking Project in Malawi. We are also planning a new regional programme aiming to reduce human trafficking in South Asia, which will include work with non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

As well as working with NGOs, DFID works to combat human trafficking with developing country governments and United Nations agencies. We are a leading financier of social protection programmes, which address short-term and long-term vulnerabilities that can put people at risk of trafficking.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0003.htm#1101113000003>

### Human Trafficking

**Justin Tomlinson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will meet Unseen (UK) to discuss the Government's proposed new policy on combating human trafficking. [31313]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The voluntary sector plays a key role in the identification of, and provision of support to, victims of human trafficking. We are strongly supportive of this role and will continue to work in partnership with voluntary organisations to reduce the incidence of human trafficking.

Home Office officials will shortly be contacting non-governmental organisations to discuss development of the forthcoming strategy on human trafficking.

**Louise Ellman:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent discussions she has had with representatives of non-governmental organisations on her Department's strategy on combating human trafficking. [31908]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Home Office officials will shortly be contacting non-governmental organisations to discuss development of the forthcoming strategy on human trafficking.

The voluntary sector plays a key role in the identification of, and provision of support to, victims of human trafficking. We are strongly supportive of this role and will continue to work in partnership with voluntary organisations to reduce the incidence of human trafficking.

**Justin Tomlinson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps she is taking to encourage information sharing between police forces in respect of human trafficking offences. [32487]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The sharing of such information is an operational matter for chief constables.

The UK established the UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC) in 2006 as the repository of information on human trafficking and a centre of co-ordination for law enforcement efforts in combating human trafficking, including the provision of tactical advice through its 24-hour helpline.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w0002.htm#11011029000016>



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### Human Trafficking: Accommodation

**Peter Bone:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice how much funding his Department plans to provide in grants to support the provision of accommodation to adult victims of human trafficking in each of the seven largest cities in England. [32700]

**Reply from Jonathan Djanogly:** Adults trafficked in England and Wales can access specialist support and accommodation through the National Referral Mechanism, a multi-agency framework for identifying victims of trafficking and referring them to support services.

It is not possible to ascertain the precise level of funding that a particular area will receive to support the provision of accommodation for adult victims of trafficking, as the Government fund such specialist support through a national model rather than through the allocation of funding to local areas.

As part of a wider strategy to combat human trafficking, the Government are in the process of introducing a new model for funding specialist support for adult victims of trafficking in England and Wales. Provision will continue to be funded through a centralised commissioning model, but with a prime contractor allocating and co-ordinating support. A tender exercise to select the prime contractor commenced on 15 December 2010. The value of the contract will only be known once the procurement process has concluded but it is expected to be within a range of £1 million to £2 million per annum.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110111/text/110111w0001.htm#11011168000027>

## Press Releases

### Immigration minister responds to asylum report

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/asylum-cases>

### Response to child detention ruling

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

### Children trafficked and exploited inside Europe by criminal gangs

<http://www.europol.europa.eu/index.asp?page=news&news=pr110111.htm>

## New publications

### UK Parliament Home Affairs Committee Report: The Work of the UK Border Agency

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmselect/cmhaff/587/587.pdf>

### The Wages of Fear: risk, safety and undocumented work

[http://www.pafra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/The\\_Wages\\_of-Fear.pdf](http://www.pafra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/The_Wages_of-Fear.pdf)

### The Role of Migrant Care Workers in Ageing Societies: Report on Research Findings in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada and the United States

<http://publications.iom.int/bookstore/free/MRS41.pdf>

### Website: Opening doors to UK citizenship

<http://www.citizenship4u.org.uk/>

## Immigration and Asylum (continued) News

**Asylum claimants: 61,000 unlikely to be traced**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-12157208>

**Asylum backlog leaves 60,000 claimants 'missing'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/asylum-backlog-leaves-60000-claimants-missing-2181449.html>

**Yarl's Wood child detention ruled unlawful**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jan/11/yarls-wood-child-detention-unlawful>

**Families reunited by refugee charity**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2011/jan/11/families-reunited-refugee-charity>

**Yarl's Wood mother jailed without charge for a year to 'silence' her**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jan/16/denise-mcneil-yarls-wood>

**Syrian refugee wins battle to stay in Scotland**

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/news/Syrian-refugee-wins-battle-to.6691888.jp>

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## Race Relations

### New publication

**Citizenship Survey: April–September 2010, England**

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/statistics/pdf/1815799.pdf>

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## Equality

### Westminster Parliamentary Question

#### Equality Act 2010

**Lord Harries of Pentregarth:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the estimated cost of putting into effect Section 9(5)(a) of the Equality Act 2010, which gives power to a Minister of the Crown to "provide for caste to be an aspect of race".[HL5596]

**Baroness Verma:** Officials are currently assessing the costs and benefits related to exercising the power in Section 9(5)(a) of the Equality Act 2010 and the Government will consider this work when they respond in due course to the National Institute of Economic and Social Research's report on caste discrimination and harassment in Great Britain.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110113w0001.htm#11011367000051>

## **Equality** (continued) **Press Releases**

### **Public sector Equality Duty**

[http://www.equalities.gov.uk/media/press\\_releases/public\\_sector\\_equality\\_duty.aspx](http://www.equalities.gov.uk/media/press_releases/public_sector_equality_duty.aspx)

### **Public sector equality duty guidance published by Commission**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2011/january/public-sector-equality-duty-guidance-published-by-commission/>

## **New publications**

### **Equality Act 2010: What do I need to know? A quick start guide to using positive action in recruitment and promotion**

<http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/Positive%20Action%20in%20Recruitment%20and%20Promotion%20Guide%201.pdf>

### **The essential guide to the public sector equality duty**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/EqualityAct/PSED/essential\\_guide\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/EqualityAct/PSED/essential_guide_guidance.pdf)

### **Equality analysis and the equality duty: A guide for public Authorities**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/EqualityAct/PSED/equality\\_analysis\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/EqualityAct/PSED/equality_analysis_guidance.pdf)

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### **Widening Participation and Race Equality**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/WideningParticipation.pdf>

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## **Racism and Religious Hatred**

### **Holyrood Parliamentary Motion**

**S3M-7697 Stewart Maxwell: Holocaust Memorial Day 2011**—That the Parliament notes that, on Thursday 27 January 2011, communities across Scotland will mark Holocaust Memorial Day; notes that this will be the 66th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau, the site of one of the largest mass murders in human history, where over one million men, women and children were killed; further notes that the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2011 is Untold

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Stories; congratulates the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for its work in supporting events across the country to mark the day; values the Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz Project, which gives two post-16-year-old students from every school and college in Scotland the chance to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; applauds James Clements and Mimi Evans-Agnew, two students from Hyndland Secondary School in Glasgow, on delivering the Parliament's Time for Reflection message based on their experiences of the project; commends what it sees as the great contribution to Scotland by Holocaust survivors, and encourages all members to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day and to commit to ensuring that racism and prejudice are never again allowed to gain a foothold in society.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=20538>

## Westminster Early Day Motion

**Penny Mordaunt (1269) Holocaust Memorial Day 2011** - That this House notes that on Thursday 27 January 2011, the UK will mark Holocaust Memorial Day, the 66th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau, the site of the largest mass murder in human history; further notes that the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2011 will be Untold Stories, which provides an opportunity to reflect upon extraordinary experiences of loss and survival during the Holocaust and the immense courage of Holocaust survivors; pays tribute to the survivors who work tirelessly with the Holocaust Educational Trust in order to share their testimony in schools around the country; values the Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz project, which takes thousands of post-16 students and teachers from across the UK to Auschwitz-Birkenau each year; congratulates the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for organising this year's national Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations; further notes that a Book of Commitment will be placed in the corridor between the Members' Cloakroom and Members' staircase between the hours of 14.30 and 16.30 from Monday 17 January until Thursday 27 January 2011; and strongly encourages all right hon. and hon. Members to sign the book and to participate in this important day to ensure that the Holocaust and its lessons are understood by future generations.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=42284&SESSION=905>

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## Other Holyrood

### Petition

**Gypsy/Traveller Encampments (Guidance) (PE1364)**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/petitions/or-11/pu11-0102.htm#Col3290>

### Press Release

**A new disclosure scheme to improve the protection of Scotland's most vulnerable groups is to go live on February 28**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/01/12100422>

## Other Holyrood (continued)

### New publication

#### Summary of Full Financial Responsibility & Independence

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/918/0110416.pdf>

### News

#### Scottish police force merger plan outlined

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-12162004>

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## Other Westminster

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Ritual Slaughter

**Henry Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs whether planned changes to food labelling regulations will include consideration as to whether meat products have been processed using religious ritual measures. [32634]

**Reply from James Paice:** At the European Parliament's (EP's) first reading of the proposed food information regulation (FIR), the EP introduced a proposal to require meat from animals that have been slaughtered without stunning to be labelled as such. Negotiations in Europe are at an early stage.

We do not consider an amendment to the FIR to be the right vehicle for providing information on the method of slaughter. We believe this is primarily a welfare issue should be dealt with in this context.

There appears to be little support for the proposed EP amendment from other member states. However the EP may seek to incorporate its proposal into the draft food information regulation at the second reading stage.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110110/text/110110w001.htm#110110500049>

#### Food: Halal Meat

**Lord Mawhinney:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the proportion of (a) beef, (b) pork, and (c) lamb, in United Kingdom supermarkets that is halal compliant. [HL5497]

**The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Lord Henley):** We do not hold information on the proportion of Halal compliant beef and lamb sold through UK supermarkets. Muslims are not permitted to eat pork and no pork on sale in UK supermarkets will be Halal compliant.

EBLEX, the organisation for beef and lamb levy payers in England, has recently published a report on the Halal meat market. This provides an insight into the preferences, perceptions and motivations of Muslim consumers when buying meat. This report confirms most Muslims buy Halal meat mostly from Halal butchers and specialist outlets.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110110w0001.htm#11011012000978>



## Other Westminster (continued) News

**Spelman: 'Balance needed' over travellers' camps**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12199049>

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## Other News

**New Chair for charity regulator**

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/NewsItem.aspx?ID=e664fac5-3dbc-42bb-b1b2-8a92f60bd043>

**Faith in the World Competition**

Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has launched the 'Faith in the World' writing prize, which invites young people to submit an essay exploring faith in our world. ... Questions of how different faiths live together, or what religion says about money or the environment keep on being asked in public debate and in the media. Archbishop Rowan Williams wants to encourage young people to be part of this conversation, so that their voices can be heard on the key issues facing society today. ... The competition is open to all young people who were aged 13-21 on September 1st 2010. ...

<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/3110>

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

### Holyrood

**Certification of Death Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/index.htm>

**Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/index.htm>

**Local Electoral Administration Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/57-LocalElecAdmin/index.htm>

**Public Records Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/56-PublicRecords/index.htm>

### Bills in Progress Westminster

**\*\* Fixed Term Parliaments Bill**

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

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/119/amend/pbc1191301a.1363-1364.html>

## Bills in Progress

### Westminster (continued)

#### **\*\* Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill**

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

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/ml026-vii.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/su026-viia.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/ml026-viii.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/su026-viiia.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/ml026-ix.htm>

Committee Stage, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110110-0001.htm#1101107000447>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110110-0003.htm#11011033000094>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110112-0001.htm#11011253000345>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110112-0002.htm#11011292000083>

#### **\*\* Scotland Bill**

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

Scottish Parliament Committee consideration of the legislative consent memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/scotBill/or-11/sb11-0102.htm#Col136>

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## Consultations

(closing date)

\*\* new or updated this week

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

**Introducing fee charges for appeals in the Immigration and Asylum Chambers of the First-Tier Tribunal and the Upper Tribunal (21 January 2011)**

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/fee-charges-appeals-consultation-211010.htm>

**Student Immigration System (31 January 2011)**

Full consultation paper:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/students/>

Online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BDPMGMTM>

## Consultations (continued)

**\*\* Department for International Development Match Funding Scheme** (24 February 2011)  
<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Consultations/Match-Funding-Scheme/>

**\*\* International Commission for Aid Impact (scrutiny of UK overseas aid)** (7 April 2011)  
<http://icai.independent.gov.uk/>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Funding Opportunities

### **The Jubilee People's Millions**

Closing date for applications: 4 February 2011

The Big Lottery Fund and ITV, with the approval of Buckingham Palace, will be helping to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. They are looking for new projects that will improve local places and the lives of people in your community. In June 2011 ITV regional news will feature two great project ideas in each region each night for three nights, competing for viewers' phone votes. At stake is up to £60,000 from the Big Lottery Fund ... £3.6 million to give out ... four awards in each ITV region.

For information see <http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/apply>

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## Events/Conferences/Training

**\*\* New or updated this week**

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

#### **Equality Act 2010: What does it mean for you?**

19 January 2011 in Edinburgh

17 February 2011 in Inverness

Equality and Human Rights Commission conferences to provide information about how the Act works and how to use it, what discrimination means and who is protected. For information contact David Reilly [David.Reilly@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:David.Reilly@equalityhumanrights.com) / 0141 228 5967 or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii\\_ehrc.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii_ehrc.pdf)

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

#### **OSCR Outreach Programme: Completing OSCR Returns**

19 January 2011 in Perth (10.00 – 12.30)

22 February 2010 in Glasgow (2.00 – 4.30)

10 May 2010 in Aberdeen (10.00 – 12.30)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training for charity advisors to enable them to assist charities to complete annual and supplementary monitoring returns. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=41d2239c-6e59-4edb-96ea-cfd052854b50> or contact [communications@oscr.org.uk](mailto:communications@oscr.org.uk)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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

18 January 2011 in Glasgow (5.30)

GRAMNet and BEMIS film screening and discussion: "As Seen Through These Eyes for the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11i\\_bemis.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11i_bemis.pdf) or contact 0141 548 8047 / [neil.foster@bemis.org.uk](mailto:neil.foster@bemis.org.uk)

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

#### **Kaddish for Kovno: Light and Darkness in a Lithuanian Ghetto**

19 January 2011 in Glasgow (7.30pm)

An inside look at daily life in a Nazi-controlled Jewish ghetto using historical images and diaries. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/noticeboard/files/11i19\\_hmd.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/noticeboard/files/11i19_hmd.pdf) or contact 0141 639 4083.

#### **Violence against Women in Muslim Communities**

24 – 26 January 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 6.00)

Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre training to enhance the skills and knowledge of existing trainers and those who work on women's issues. For information contact [tabassum@mwrc.org.uk](mailto:tabassum@mwrc.org.uk) or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11i\\_mwrc.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11i_mwrc.pdf)

#### **From the Ballot Box to the Podium: Webinar: Mobilising Immigrant Voters and Political Leadership**

25 January 2011

Webinar to explore how under-represented ethnic groups can be engaged, bringing fresh ideas and alternative perspectives to the political table. For information see <http://citiesofmigration.ca/integration-learning-exchange/calendar/lang/en/>

#### **OSCR Outreach Programme: Becoming a Charity**

26 January 2010 in Edinburgh (2.00 – 4.30)

19 April 2011 in Dundee (10.00 – 12.30)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training for charity advisors to enable them to assist organisations in deciding whether to register as a charity, and, if so, to do so. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=6bb95a2f-165b-4bbc-8f78-25fd07c79e34> or contact [communications@oscr.org.uk](mailto:communications@oscr.org.uk)

#### **Domestic abuse: a consultation day for faith groups**

3 February 2011 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 1.00)

Consultation to bring together interested representatives from faith communities to explore how Scottish Women's Aid can work with and support faith communities in addressing domestic abuse. For information contact Fiona Buchanan 0131 226 6606 / [fiona.buchanan@scottishwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:fiona.buchanan@scottishwomensaid.org.uk) or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11i\\_swa.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11i_swa.pdf)

#### **UKBA asylum support - the essentials**

3 February 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people supporting those going through the asylum process. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/325\\_ukba\\_formerly\\_nass\\_asylum\\_support\\_-\\_the\\_essentials](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/325_ukba_formerly_nass_asylum_support_-_the_essentials)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **\*\* Toward a Registration System for CLD Practitioners**

3 February 2011 in Glasgow

4 February 2011 in Edinburgh

9 March 2011 in Glasgow

11 March 2011 in Edinburgh

Standards Council for Community Learning and Development for Scotland consultations on establishing a registration system for Community Learning and Development practitioners. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iii\\_cld.doc](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iii_cld.doc) or contact Gail Herrigan 0141 282 5054 / [G.Herrigan@LTScotland.org.uk](mailto:G.Herrigan@LTScotland.org.uk).

### **An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees**

10 February 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore immigration terminology, main refugee nationalities, why people flee and factors affecting migration, the Refugee Convention - its history and interpretation, the UK asylum process and current implementation in Scotland, how to develop culturally sensitive services, and issues facing practitioners and possible solutions; best practice for support and advocacy. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/858\\_an\\_introduction\\_to\\_working\\_with\\_asylum\\_seekers\\_and\\_refugees](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/858_an_introduction_to_working_with_asylum_seekers_and_refugees)

### **Becoming British citizens? The experiences and opinions of refugees living in Scotland**

14 February 2011 in Glasgow (1.30 – 4.30)

Research findings examining the opinions of refugees living in Scotland towards the UK citizenship process and their views on becoming British citizens. For information see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/events\\_calendar/892\\_research\\_seminar\\_becoming\\_british\\_citizens](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/892_research_seminar_becoming_british_citizens) or contact 0141 223 7915 / [info@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Violence Against Women Faith, Culture and Practice Training**

23 February 2011 in Stirling (10.00 – 4.00)

Amina training to explore the faith and cultural dimensions associated with the perpetration of violence against women in the Muslim and other Communities. For information contact [pdu@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:pdu@stirling.gov.uk) / 01786 442 562.

### **Justice and Fairness in the Workplace**

18 February 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 3.00)

Conference jointly organised by BEMIS, the Scottish Refugee Council, and the STUC to discuss employment and human rights, migrants and employment, the role of the unions, and active citizenship. For information contact Tanveer Parnez 0141 548 8047 / [conference@bemis.org.uk](mailto:conference@bemis.org.uk) or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii\\_bemis.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii_bemis.pdf)

### **An introduction to working with separated children**

24 February 2011 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about children under 18 years of age, in the UK without a parent or other guardian who may be going through the asylum process, have been granted leave to remain, or be victims of trafficking. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/879\\_an\\_introduction\\_to\\_working\\_with\\_separated\\_children](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/879_an_introduction_to_working_with_separated_children)



## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### Researching Poverty at Community Level

The second pilot programme will begin in April 2011

BEMIS in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University (Scottish Poverty Information Unit) and Faith in Community Scotland are offering a 12 week Certificate Level training programme to empower local community and faith groups with much needed necessary skills in relation to research and tackling poverty. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv\\_bemis.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv_bemis.pdf) and registration form

[http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv\\_bemis.doc](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv_bemis.doc) or contact Tanveer Parnez [Tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk](mailto:Tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BBC News24** <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/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 Charity SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>



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



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