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Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-01394 Humza Yousaf: Human Trafficking in Scotland—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Equality and Human Rights Commission's report of its inquiry, which was led by Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, on human trafficking in Scotland; understands that women, men and children are trafficked to Scotland for a variety of purposes, including commercial sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic servitude and forced criminal acts; considers trafficking to be a form of modern slavery that constitutes one of the gravest assaults on human dignity and freedom imaginable; believes that there is a need for a comprehensive strategy for tackling human trafficking in Scotland with victims' needs at the centre; considers the interplay of devolved and reserved law, policies and agencies in this area to be complex; urges the UK and Scottish governments to take note of the report's recommendations and for them to develop an approach that meets the needs of victims by being grounded in human rights principles, having multi-agency and inter-governmental cooperation, and believes that such an approach will ensure that Scotland adopts a zero-tolerance approach to human trafficking.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?referencenumber=S4M-01394&isinanything=true&resultsperpage=10>

Westminster Ministerial Statement

Migration (Bulgarian and Romanian Workers)

The Minister for Immigration (Damian Green): I am confirming today that the restrictions currently applied to Bulgarian and Romanian nationals' employment in the United Kingdom will continue until the end of 2013.

The Government are concerned to ensure that migration to the UK does not have adverse impacts on the employment opportunities of the domestic labour force at the current time. Because of the uncertainty of any effects, the Government are firmly of the view that transitional measures are required to mitigate the impacts of labour migration when countries newly accede to the EU.

The transitional restrictions applied to Bulgarian and Romanian workers have been in force since 1 January 2007. They restrict Bulgarian and Romanian nationals to employment that is either skilled or is in sectors where there continues to be a shortage of labour, and have therefore helped to ensure that migration from those countries delivers economic benefits to the UK.

Under paragraph 5 of annexes VI and VII of the treaty concerning the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU, the UK may extend these restrictions to the end of 2013 where there is a serious disturbance to its labour market or threat thereof. We have approached the question of whether there is such a disturbance, or the risk of one, carefully. Economic events of recent years have inevitably impacted upon labour market conditions in the UK but the labour market has demonstrated a high degree of resilience, particularly in terms of levels of employment, during and since the recession. However, labour market conditions, and the extent to which they are affected by migration, are very uncertain in the current economic circumstances. ...

To continue reading the lengthy statement see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111123/wmstext/111123m0001.htm#11112377000005>

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Westminster Parliamentary Questions

British Nationality

Priti Patel: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department with reference to the citizenship data tables Immigration Statistics April-June 2011 table cz.09, refusals of citizenship by reason, how many refusals were due to the applicant being not of good character as a result of committing a criminal offence in the UK. [82108]

Reply from Damian Green: The available statistics are given in the following table. It is not possible to separately identify refusals of British citizenship due to a criminal conviction within the published figures before December 2007 when a specific code for this outcome was introduced to the UK Border Agency Case Information Database.

<i>Refusals of British citizenship by selected reason</i>		
<i>Year of refusal</i>	<i>Not of good character—criminal conviction</i>	<i>Total refusals and withdrawals</i>
2002	n/a	10,555
2003	n/a	8,331
2004	n/a	13,818
2005	n/a	16,642
2006	n/a	15,309
2007	7	15,628
2008	1,397	9,086
2009	1,515	10,251
2010	1,185	7,974

The latest Home Office immigration statistics on persons refused British citizenship, from which the data in this reply are derived, are given in table 'cz.09' of the statistical release 'Immigration Statistics April-June 2011'. This publication is available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Science website at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q2-2011/>

Priti Patel: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) with reference to the citizenship data tables Immigration Statistics April-June 2011 table cz.09, refusals of citizenship by reason, how many applicants not of good character were subsequently removed from the UK; [82109]

(2) with reference to the citizenship data tables Immigration Statistics April-June 2011 table cz.01, citizenship applications, grants and refusals, how many (a) applicants for British citizenship and (b) successful applicants for British citizenship were individuals who originally came to the UK as an asylum seeker in each of the last five years. [82110]

(3) with reference to the citizenship data tables Immigration Statistics April-June 2011, table cz.01 citizenship applications, grants and refusals, how many (a) applicants and (b) successful applicants for British citizenship were from individuals who had spent a period of time illegally residing in the UK in each of the last five years. [82111]

Reply from Damian Green: The information can be provided only at disproportionate cost as it would require a substantial data matching exercise which would exceed the cost threshold.

Priti Patel: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department with reference to the citizenship data tables Immigration Statistics April-June 2011, table cz.01 citizenship applications, grants and refusals, how many (a) applicants and (b) successful applicants for British citizenship were from each country of origin or birth in each of the last five years. [82112]

Reply from Damian Green: The following tables provide information relating to the country of birth for the applications for British citizenship and those successful, for the last five years: **To read the very lengthy tables see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111123/text/111123w0002.htm#11112383000043>

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Immigration

Daniel Poulter: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent estimate she has made of the number of non-UK EU nationals who reside in the UK. [73713]

Reply from Damian Green: The subject raised in the hon. Member's question is a matter for the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

Letter from Stephen Penneck, dated November 2011:

As Director General for the Office for National Statistics (ONS), I have been asked to respond to your Parliamentary Question to Secretary of State for the Home Department, asking what recent estimate she has made of the number of non-UK EU nationals who reside in the UK. [73713]

The most recent estimate of the number of non-UK EU nationals who reside in the UK is 2,003,000 with a margin of error of +/- 61,000. This estimate, along with other published Population by Country of Birth and Nationality estimates, is based on the Annual Population Survey and relates to the 12 month period of January to December 2010. These can be found on the ONS website, table 2.1 & 2.2 at:

www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/re-reference-tables.html?edition=tcm%3A77-222711

The margin of error refers to the 95 per cent confidence interval and is a measure of the uncertainty associated with making inferences from a sample.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111123/text/111123w0004.htm#11112383000054>

Immigration

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many immigration case files have been open for (a) one year, (b) two years, (c) three years, (d) four years and (e) five years. [79438]

Reply from Damian Green: The number of immigration case files that have been open for:

- (a) Less than one year is 101,428
- (b) Between one and two years is 6,327
- (c) Between two and three years is 8,057
- (d) Between three and four years is 6,422
- (e) Between four and five years is 4,064

This includes all open asylum and temporary and permanent migration cases.

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

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111124/text/111124w0001.htm#11112465000018>

Immigration

Jeremy Corbyn: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many immigration cases are in the controlled archive. [81287]

Reply from Damian Green: As reported to the Home Affairs Select Committee on 12 September 2011 there are 98,000 cases in the controlled archive.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111121/text/111121w0001.htm#11112127000034>

Entry Clearances

Shabana Mahmood: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many spousal visa applications have been rejected on the basis of failure to meet English language requirements since 1 July 2011. [81144]

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Reply from Damian Green: 468 spousal visa applications have been refused on the basis of failure to meet the English language requirement since 1 July 2011. The data are based on management information. They are provisional and subject to change.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111121/text/111121w0001.htm#11112127000028>

Asylum

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many cases the UK Border Agency's Case Assurance and Audit Unit has considered in each month since July 2011. [79434]

Reply from Damian Green: From July 2011 to October 2011 the UK Border Agency's (UKBA's) Case Assurance and Audit Unit has considered cases relating to 6,651 cases:

July: 1,753 cases

August: 1,471 cases

September: 1,785 cases

October: 1,642 cases.

Source: Local Management information provided by UKBA, North West Region Planning and MI team. It is not a national statistic. As such it should be treated as provisional and therefore subject to change.

Shabana Mahmood: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to maintain the current average time for processing an asylum case. [79440]

Reply from Damian Green: We have scrapped the system which encouraged case owners to concentrate on files that were easy to resolve and discouraged them from tackling older cases. We have introduced a new performance framework consisting of a wide range of performance indicators which will help us to monitor the overall health of the asylum system.

Reform of the asylum system has already begun, through our Asylum Improvement Programme which is exploring and implementing ways to improve the efficiency and speed of the asylum system while maintaining and improving quality. We have already seen improvement outcomes from this project.

The asylum system now consistently delivers in excess of 50% and often above 60% of decisions within 30 days of application, up from 21% in the May 2009 cohort. In excess of 90% of cases have a decision within six months.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111124/text/111124w0001.htm#11112465000007>

Asylum Seekers

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the new system for providing interpreters and translators yet applies to the UK Border Agency (a) in respect of initial and substantive interviews for asylum seekers with inadequate command of English, and (b) for oral hearings before asylum and immigration courts or tribunals; if not, when they expect it to do so; and whether they will keep the quality of interpretation under review.[HL13027]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Henley): Although the Home Office has awarded the contract for face-to-face interpreting services to thebigword, the UK Border Agency is not using the contract for the provision of interpreter services for asylum interviews. The UK Border Agency will review this position in the next financial year and will continue to monitor the quality of the interpretation service that it provides to asylum seekers.

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Interpreters for asylum and immigration tribunals are booked by HM Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS). New arrangements for the provision of interpreters and translators services to HMCTS are to be introduced soon under a Ministry of Justice framework agreement.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/111121w0001.htm#11112111000734>

Detention Centres

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department which contractors provide security for the UK Border Agency's pre-departure accommodation locations. [82049]

Reply from Damian Green: UK Border Agency pre-departure accommodation is presently available at one site, namely Cedars at Pease Pottage near Crawley in West Sussex. The service provider for Cedars is G4S Care and Justice Services (UK) Ltd.

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how long on average individuals spend at UK Border Agency pre-departure accommodation prior to their removal. [82050]

Reply from Damian Green: Under the new family returns process, families have been accommodated initially at Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre and since 17 August 2011 at Cedars pre-departure accommodation.

The average length of time spent in pre-departure accommodation is not calculated as averages are subject to distortions by a small number of cases with large values. Data ranges are used instead as these give a more balanced view.

Published statistics on people detained in the pre-departure accommodation at Cedars by length of detention during the third quarter of 2011 will be published on 24 November 2011 in the Immigration Statistics: July to September 2011 release; a copy of which will be placed in the Library of the House. The release is also available from the Home Office Science Research and Statistics web pages at:

<http://homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics/migration/migration-statistics1/> One family was accommodated at Tinsley House in its capacity as a pre-departure accommodation. The length of stay was 3.16 days, or 75 hours and 45 minutes. This figure is based on management information, and does not form part of our publicised statistics.

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the longest period that an individual spent in pre-departure accommodation prior to removal has been since May 2010. [82051]

Reply from Damian Green: Pre-departure accommodation came into effect on 1 March 2011 as part of the new family returns process. Under this process families have been accommodated initially at Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) and since its opening on 17 August 2011, solely at Cedars pre-departure accommodation. The longest period that an individual was accommodated under the family returns process was at Tinsley House IRC. The length of stay was 3.16 days, or 75 hours and 45 minutes. This figure is based on management information, and does not form part of our publicised statistics.

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<http://homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics/migration/migration-statistics1/>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111123/text/111123w0004.htm#11112383000045>

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Detention Centres: Children

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether removals of children enforced in Scotland are made directly from a Scottish departure port or via a UK Border Agency facility elsewhere in the UK. [82046]

Reply from Damian Green: Removals will be through a Scottish point of departure where suitable flights are available. Where there are no suitable flights from Scotland removal will occur through one of the larger UK airports.

Scottish airports may be used to move a family to another airport in the UK prior to removal or to pre-departure accommodation.

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether the Independent Family Returns Panel has made any recommendations to (a) the UK Border Agency or (b) her Department that a family should not be detained. [82052]

Reply from Damian Green: The Independent Family Returns Panel was established in March 2011 as part of the new process for managing family returns. It advises the UK Border Agency on the method of removal from the UK of individual families when an ensured return is necessary.

The UK Border Agency no longer detains families in immigration removal centres as part of ensured returns (other than, exceptionally, for high-risk or criminal cases). Since August, the options for ensured return include (but are not limited to) holding families for a short period in pre-departure accommodation, known as Cedars.

Plans are drawn up by the UK Border Agency and referred to the panel. After discussion with the UK Border Agency, the panel advises on whether the plan (including any proposal to use Cedars) represents an appropriate method of return which takes sufficient account of the safeguarding and welfare needs of the children. The panel may advise that the plan be amended and there is a presumption that this advice will be accepted.

If, exceptionally, the UK Border Agency does not accept the panel's advice, the case will be referred to me, as the Minister for Immigration, for a decision. The panel will include in its annual report any instances where its advice is not accepted. To date, there have been no instances where the UK Border Agency has not accepted the panel's advice so no referrals to me have been made.

The UK Border Agency retains the ability to detain families at the border while enquiries are made and/or pending a return flight. The panel considers the overall handling of this process to assess whether detention is being kept to a minimum, but it does not advise on individual cases.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111123/text/111123w0004.htm#11112383000046>

Detention Centres: Scotland

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department by what mode of transport individuals detained prior to removal are transported from locations in Scotland to UK Border Agency facilities or departure ports in other parts of the UK. [82047]

Reply from Damian Green: Detainees are normally moved by road in escorting vehicles. All the vehicles used by the UK Border Agency's escorting contractor must provide appropriate security while ensuring the welfare of detainees is maintained. This includes making every effort to minimise the amount of time they spend in vehicles. Detainees may occasionally be transferred from Scotland to departure ports in other parts of the UK by domestic flight.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111123/text/111123w0004.htm#11112383000047>

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Asylum: Deportation

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many failed asylum seekers have been deported under the fast-track process in each of the last 12 months; how many appeals made by such people were upheld following removal in each of the last 12 months; how many failed asylum seekers deported under the fast-track process (a) were removed with (i) 72 hours, (ii) 48 hours and (iii) 24 hours notice in each of the last 12 months and (b) were children in each of the last two years. [80335]

Reply from Damian Green: The number of failed asylum seekers that have been removed in the last 12 months is shown in the following table:

	<i>Total</i>
<i>2010</i>	
November	148
December	101
<i>2011</i>	
January	154
February	130
March	148
April	83
May	145
June	128
July	156
August	114
September	133
October	153
Grand total	1,593

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

No statutory appeals were upheld following removal in the last 12 months.

No asylum seekers removed under the fast track process were removed with less than 72 hours of initial notice in the last 12 months.

No children were removed under the fast track process in the last two years.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111121/text/111121w0001.htm#11112127000011>

Immigrants: Detainees

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many no-notice removals of failed asylum seekers and illegal immigrants were undertaken by the UK Border Agency in each of the last 12 months. [82094]

Reply from Damian Green: Individuals are given at least 72 hours notice of the time and date on which they will be removed from the United Kingdom except in port cases where removal can take place on the same day as arrival. Detailed guidance on removal notice periods is in chapter 60 of the Enforcement Instructions and Guidance and can be found on the UK Border Agency website at: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/policyandlaw/guidance/enforcement>

The number of same day port removals undertaken in each of the last 12 months could be obtained only by the detailed examination of individual records at disproportionate cost. The total number of quarterly port removals, however, is

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published within the Before Entry tables as part of the Immigration Statistics release which is available from the Library of the House and on the Home Office website. The Before Entry tables for April 2011 to June 2011 can be found at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-tabs-q2-2011v2/before-entry-q2-11-tabs>

Priti Patel: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people in detention on immigration-related grounds have been convicted of a criminal offence in the UK. [82107]

Reply from Damian Green: In 2010, for an average month, there were approximately 635 foreign national offenders detained in prison beyond the end of their sentence while deportation was considered. In addition, for an average month, there were approximately 1,135 foreign national offenders detained in immigration removal centres.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111123/text/111123w0004.htm#11112383000053>

Deportation

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) which private security firms her Department has approved to carry out enforcement of deportation orders; which have been contracted to perform such duties; and what the financial value of each such contract will be in each of the next five years; [80337]

(2) what the cost to her Department and its agencies was of employing private security firms to enforce deportation orders in each of the last five years. [80339]

Reply from Damian Green: The UK Border Agency contract for detention and escorting services (other than removal centres) is with Reliance Secure Task Management Services and includes transportation of immigration detainees within the UK (including to ports for removal), the provision of holding facilities at ports of entry and reporting centres, residential short-term holding facilities at Larne (Northern Ireland) and Manchester, and overseas escorting on both scheduled and chartered flights.

The services were provided by G4S Care and Justice Services prior to May 2011. Reliance may use, and G4S may have used, sub-contractors. The UK Border Agency also used alternative suppliers prior to May 2011 to manage peaks in demand for its services, which have over the last few years included Serco, GEO Group, and Molyneux.

Owing to the commercial nature of the contracts, releasing the element relating to just overseas escorting could prejudice the commercial interests of both the UK Border Agency and its suppliers. However, the total value of the contract with G4S and use of alternative suppliers for all detention and escorting services for the past five financial years were:

	<i>Total value of contract (£)</i>
2006-07	35,492,843
2007-08	36,947,442
2008-09	42,330,850
2009-10	45,712,305
2010-11	51,683,916

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Our contract with Reliance is demand driven and we are unable to say with any accuracy what we will pay over the coming five years. However, details of all our expenditure with Reliance is published on a monthly basis and can be found at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/transparency/transparency-spend/>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm111121/text/111121w0001.htm#11112127000023>

People Trafficking

Lord Sheikh: To ask Her Majesty's Government what sanctions can be imposed on companies who employ trafficked individuals.[HL12093]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Henley): If there is sufficient evidence against an individual within a company, that s/he knowingly employed and exploited trafficked victims, those individuals can be prosecuted for offences of human trafficking or conspiracy to commit trafficking offences. The maximum penalty is 14 years' imprisonment, a fine, or both. Furthermore, if there is evidence that a company has profited from the employment of trafficked individuals, there can be consideration of offences under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to seize any profits they have made.

If a company in a Gangmasters Licensing Authority-regulated sector has knowingly employed illegal migrants who are victims of trafficking, their licence can be revoked under Gangmasters Licensing legislation. They could also be issued with fines by the UK Border Agency of up to £10,000.

The Gangmasters Licensing Act 2004 also creates offences for persons who enter into arrangements under which a gangmaster supplies him/her with workers or services while not under the authority of a licence. The sanction which applies here is a sentence of imprisonment not exceeding 51 weeks, or a fine, or both.

Sanctions for illegal activities including human trafficking can also be imposed on companies by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) by taxing the income, profits, and gains from human trafficking.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/111121w0001.htm#11112111000787>

Press Release

Access denied: Irregular migrants excluded from basic rights and services in Europe

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/media/pr-211111_en.htm

New Publications

Protection Appeal

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/1434_today_we_launch_our_protection_appeal

**Scottish Government response to the UK Government consultation on:
Employment related settlement, temporary and overseas domestic worker routes
in the UK immigration system**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/49296/0123420.pdf>

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Scottish Government Response to UK Government Consultation on Family Migration

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/49296/0123418.pdf>

Scottish Government response to the UK Government consultation on: Limits on non-EU Economic Migration

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/49296/0123419.pdf>

Review of the minimum income requirement for sponsorship under the family migration route Points Based System

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/workingwithus/mac/family-migration-route/family-migration-route.pdf?view=Binary>

Immigration Statistics July - September 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q3-2011/>

Monthly asylum application tables - September 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/asylum-sep-2011?view=Binary>

Children entering detention held solely under Immigration Act powers October 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-oct2011?view=Binary>

Working on migrant integration at local level

http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/publications/Toolkit_EN_low%20final.pdf

Fundamental rights of migrants in an irregular situation in the European Union

Report

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/FRA_2011_Migrants_in_an_irregular_situation_EN.pdf

Factsheet

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/FRA-Factsheet-fundamental-rights-irregular-migrants_EN.pdf

Protecting and Delivering Fundamental Rights of Irregular Migrants at Local and Regional Levels in the European Union

<http://www.ceps.eu/ceps/download/6352>

Responding to Migration from Complex Humanitarian Emergencies

<http://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/papers/view/179349>

News

Net migration to UK in 2010 at record high

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15868793>

Record immigration expands population by quarter of a million

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8912989/Record-immigration-expands-population-by-quarter-of-a-million.html>

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Immigration must be cut substantially to keep population under 70 million

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8910851/Immigration-must-be-cut-substantially-to-keep-population-under-70-million.html>

Asylum claims up as removals fall

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8913123/Asylum-claims-up-as-removals-fall.html>

Migrant sums don't tally

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/telegraph-view/8903368/Migrant-sums-dont-tally.html>

Immigration to the UK: the key facts

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2010/jun/26/non-eu-immigration-uk-statistics>

UK net migration hits record high

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/nov/24/uk-net-migration-record-high>

Protesters stage own dawn raid on border police headquarters

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/politics/protesters-stage-own-dawn-raid-on-border-police-headquarters-1-1978050>

When Christmas holds no cheer

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/when-christmas-holds-no-cheer-1.1135626>

UK 'may return Afghan asylum children next year'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15862168>

Civil servants 'to staff borders' during strikes

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-15865138>

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New Publication

A Place for Pride

http://www.demos.co.uk/files/Place_for_pride_-_web.pdf?1321618230

News

Muslims proud to be British? There's something to learn from the surprise

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/belief/2011/nov/23/muslims-proud-britain>

David Starkey is wrong to call Britain a white monoculture

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/nov/23/david-starkey-britain-white-monoculture>

Race Relations

News (continued)

A 500 year-old message in song

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3238924.ece>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Caste Discrimination

Lord Avebury: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will place in the Library of the House a copy of the response by the United Kingdom representative at the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination meeting in Geneva to the discussion on caste on 24 August.[HL13421]

Reply from Baroness Verma: The United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination raised the issue of caste during the course of their examination of the United Kingdom on 23 and 24 August this year. The United Nations has not published a transcript of the proceedings but, in its reply to the committee, the UK delegation explained that the Equality Act 2010 includes a power which, if exercised by Ministers, would make caste an aspect of race for the purposes of domestic discrimination legislation. The delegation noted that the committee had received a number of reports and had heard presentations from organisations which strongly support the exercise of this power. However, the delegation also advised the committee that in the UK Government's view there is no consensus of opinion in the UK with regards to the need for legislative protection against caste discrimination, even among those communities potentially most affected by it. The delegation advised the committee that, in order to help determine the need for that power to be exercised, in 2010 the Government commissioned an independent report into the nature, extent and severity of caste prejudice, discrimination and harassment that may occur in Great Britain.

The delegation told the committee that the report had been completed in December 2010 and Ministers have since been considering the report carefully, together with a number of representations they have received both in favour of legislation and opposing it, but have not yet made a final decision on this.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/111123w0001.htm#11112391001695>

Westminster Early Day Motion

David Anderson (2444) Sepp Blatter – That this House condemns the unacceptable and offensive remarks made by the President of FIFA, Sepp Blatter; recognises that his comments have attracted the condemnation of both anti-racism campaigners and all sections of this House; believes that the comments have made his position untenable and that world football needs new leadership; further recognises that he is in conflict with FIFA's policy of zero tolerance and this conduct demonstrates that he has no understanding of what racism is, the ideology behind it, the damage it causes and how it denotes one group of people as inferior; further believes that enlightened leadership at this level is needed and a clear message delivered that racism is not a minor matter and cannot be dismissed and trivialised; and therefore calls on Sepp Blatter to resign with immediate effect.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-12/2444>

Racism and Religious Hatred (continued) **Press Releases**

Action to tackle sectarianism vital

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/11/23102243>

Communities Tackling Sectarianism

http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/10,1220/newsroom/communities_tackling_sectarianism/

Scarman Lecture by Nick Clegg: “Economic opportunity is the next frontier for race equality”

<http://www.dpm.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/dpm-economic-opportunity-next-frontier-race-equality-scarman-lecture-transcript>

News

Scottish government fund to tackle root case of bigotry

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-15855833>

£9 million to fund projects to help tackle sectarianism

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/politics/9-million-to-fund-projects-to-help-tackle-sectarianism-1-1981491>

Scottish Government reveals plans for £3m project aimed at tackling sectarianism

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics-news/2011/11/23/scottish-government-reveals-plans-for-3m-project-aimed-at-tackling-sectarianism-86908-23582565/>

Clegg seeks true equality for football’s black players

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/uk/clegg-seeks-true-equality-for-football-s-black-players-1-1981224>

Nick Clegg targets racial 'ceiling' in banks and sport

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-15868844>

Race variation in jail sentences, study suggests

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/law/2011/nov/25/ethnic-variations-jail-sentences-study>

Nick Clegg is right – racism by banks is a problem

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/nov/25/nick-clegg-racism-banks>

Banks face probe into 'racist' lending practices

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/banks-face-probe-into-racist-lending-practices-6267066.html?origin=internalSearch>

Christian worker loses her job after being 'targeted' by Islamic extremists

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/8917675/Christian-worker-loses-her-job-after-being-targeted-by-Islamic-extremists.html>

Shameful cry of racism over the fiddling peers

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/newsreview/features/article830350.ece>

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Other Holyrood

Parliamentary Motion

S4M-01382 Bob Doris: African and Caribbean Network Glasgow—That the Parliament commends the work of the African and Caribbean Network based in Glasgow's Merchant City, an umbrella organisation for several community groups, which serves to represent Scotland's African and Caribbean communities, maximise their integration and combat discrimination by raising awareness of issues; notes with pride that the Namibian and Zambian teams for the 2012 Olympic Games have chosen to train in facilities in Glasgow; recognises that this represents an opportunity to develop links between Scotland and African and Caribbean countries and peoples across the world, particularly in advance of the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and believes that organisations such as the African Caribbean Network play a vital role as cultural ambassadors for Glasgow and Scotland in welcoming visitors to these shores to enjoy sporting occasions.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?referencenumber=S4M-01382&isinanything=true&resultsperpage=10>

Press Release

St Andrew's Day Message

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/11/25142842>

New Publications

Scottish Parliament committees - what are they and what do they do?

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/PublicInformationdocuments/CommitteesEnglish181111.pdf>

Forced Marriage Scottish statutory guidance

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/363697/0123466.pdf>

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New Publication

List of Resources for Gypsy/Travellers

<http://www.bemis.org.uk/resources/>

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Other News

Hundreds more young black men are in prison than at leading universities

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/8911456/Hundreds-more-young-black-men-are-in-prison-than-at-leading-universities.html>

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Bills in Progress

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**** Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/29678.aspx>

Stage 2 consideration of amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=6568&mode=pdf>

Bill as amended at Stage 2

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Offensive%20Behaviour%20at%20Football%20and%20Threatening%20Communications%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/Bill_As_Amended_pdf.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Offensive%20Behaviour%20at%20Football%20and%20Threatening%20Communications%20(Scotland)%20Bill/Bill_As_Amended_pdf.pdf)

Bills in Progress Westminster

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

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

Second Reading, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/111125-0002.htm>

**** Scotland Bill**

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

Scottish Parliament Committee evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=6556&mode=pdf>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

**** closes this week!**

The census and social science (30 November 2011)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/science-and-technology-committee/news/111109-new-inquiry---census/>

**** closes this week!**

Rights of Children and Young People Bill (1 December 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357438/0120726.pdf>

Reasonable accommodation of cultural diversity in the workplace

(no closing date given)

<http://www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=e80f85dd-1859-41b3-80b8-c1ffbccddc76>

Aviation security: Consultation on a statutory authority to carry scheme

(6 December 2011)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/authority-to-carry/>

The Registration of Civil Partnerships Same Sex Marriage (9 December 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/254430/0120640.pdf>

Consultations (continued)

Migration Advisory Committee: level of the 2012/13 annual limit on tier 2 and associated policies (21 December 2011)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/workingwithus/mac/mac-evidence-document>

Public Focus Strategy (closes 23 December 2011)

http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/279989/public_focus_strategy.pdf

**** Right to family reunification of third-country nationals living in the EU**

(1 March 2012)

http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/consulting_public/consulting_0023_en.htm

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Events/Conferences/Training

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Interfaith Week

27 November – 4 December November 2011

For information about events throughout Scotland see

<http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/resources/Scottish+Inter+Faith+Week+Events+FINAL.doc> or contact Frances Hume fhume@scottishinterfaithcouncil.org / 0141 420 6982.

For information about events in Edinburgh see

<http://www.eifa.org.uk/resources/EIFA+Inter+faith+week.pdf>

**** this week!**

believe you: A faith approach to domestic abuse

28 November 2011 in Edinburgh (11.30 – 1.00)

Church of Scotland and Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association to highlight the existence of domestic abuse within faith communities and reveal how the scriptures of the main faith communities condemn such violence. For information contact 0131 225 5722 / istewart@cofscotland.org.

**** this week!**

Making Human Rights Happen

30 November 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

1 Decemer 2011 in Dundee (10.00 – 4.00)

British Institute of Human Rights workshops to discuss the role of human rights in a period of cut backs to public services, and in protecting the vulnerable, and whether human rights offer an effective tool for people wishing to challenge the impact of service cuts or changes. For information see <http://www.bih.org.uk/events/bihr-national-human-rights-tour-information-page>

Events/Training/Conferences (continued)

**** this week!**

Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children & Young People

1 (9.30-4.30) and 2 (9.30-12.30) December 2011 in Edinburgh

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

**** this week!**

Meet Your Muslim Neighbour

3 December in Glasgow (10.00–5.00)

Al-Furqan Islamic Centre Exhibition and tour of the Islamic Centre. For information contact Haq Ghani haqq@msn.com or Javed Gill javed.gill@btinternet.com

Collecting & Using Equalities Information

7 December 2011 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

GCVS training to provide best practice examples, ideas on how to use the information you collect and practical tips for implementing successful monitoring systems. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/5ta8f3p>

Working with Interpreters

8 December 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of best practice when working with interpreters, learn about service providers' responsibilities, and how to develop or improve existing practice. Participants will also learn how to communicate effectively with their service-users when using interpreters. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3gt2h8b> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Equality in Scotland's Third Sector

8 December 2011 in Glasgow (10.30 – 2.30)

Glasgow Council for Voluntary Services launch of a new online equality resource. For information contact Stacey Anderson stacey.anderson@gcvs.org.uk / 0141 332 2444.

Third Sector Forum Launch

9 December 2011 in Glasgow (2.00 – 3.30)

The Third Sector Forum will bring together voluntary organisations, social enterprises and volunteering organisations from across Glasgow. For information contact Tom Warrington tom.warrington@gcvs.org.uk.

Photography Road Show

10 December 2011 in Edinburgh (10.00 5.00)

The Autograph ABP Photography Road Show calls on Scots from culturally diverse backgrounds to unearth their photographic treasures. From birthday and street parties to intimate scenes of domestic life and high street studio portraits, Autograph ABP is searching for images that capture the 'missing chapter' of Britain's cultural history. For information see

http://www.autograph-abp.co.uk/C.aspx?VP3=CMS3&VF=ABP_Programme&FRM=CMSRightFrame:ABP_525

Events/Training/Conferences (continued)

Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children & Young People

16th (9.30-4.30pm) & 17th (9.30-12.30pm) January 2012 in Edinburgh
13th (9.30-4.30pm) & 14th(9.30-12.30pm) February 2012in Edinburgh
19th(9.30-4.30pm) & 20th(9.30-12.30pm) March 2012in Edinburgh

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

Research, Ethics and Active Citizenship: Towards Guidelines for Ethical Research Practice

18 January 2012 in Glasgow (11.30 – 3.30)

BEMIS and GRAMNet seminar to discuss how changes in social science and humanities research methods have led to a deeper commitment to active citizenship and human rights education. For information contact seminar@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047 or see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/12ii_bemis.pdf.

Towards Guidelines for Ethical Research Practice

Week of 13 February – date still to be confirmed – in Edinburgh

BEMIS and GRAMNet consultation on the subject of guidelines for ethical research practice in social sciences and humanities. For information contact seminar@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047 or see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/12ii_bemis.pdf.

New Muslim Cool

22 March 2012 in Glasgow (all day)

Faith Matters event about the work of Hamza Perez a Muslim Hispanic American whose multi-faith work has seen Christians and Jews support him during difficult times post 9/11. For information contact pa@faith-matters.co.uk / 0207 554 8847 or see <http://faith-matters.org/images/stories/Faith%20Matters%20New%20Muslim%20Cool%20UK%20Tour%20March%202010.pdf>

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Useful Links

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

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

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

Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw

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

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

Useful Links (continued)

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

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

Volunteer Development Scotland 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>

BBC Parliament online

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 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/>

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