

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### Foreign Workers

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many companies applying for the right to sponsor overseas employees have had their application fee reimbursed after refusal. [122356]

**Reply from Mike Harper:** No sponsor has had their application fee reimbursed after refusal.

Sponsors pay a fee for the consideration of their licensing application.

If the UK Border Agency refuses, the application the fee is not refunded. Where there is evidence to show that the UK Border Agency made an error in considering the application, the prospective sponsor submits a new application and the UK Border Agency will process the new application without a fee.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121025/text/121025w0002.htm#12102566000091>

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### Overseas Students: Registration

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) for what reasons overseas students are required to register with the Overseas Visitor Registration Office on arrival in the UK' [123632]

(2) on how many occasions between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2011, and for what reasons, the UK Border Agency accessed data submitted by international students to the Overseas Visitor Registration Office; [123633]

(3) what use is made of the information provided by international students to the Overseas Visitor Registration Office; [123639]

(4) whether the UK Border Agency already holds the details submitted to the Overseas Visitor Registration Office by international students at the time that such students register on arrival in the UK; [123640]

(5) on what date the list of countries whose residents must register with the Overseas Visitor Registration Office when they arrive in the UK as international students was last updated. [123641]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The Police (Foreign Nationals) Registration Scheme was set out in regulations made in 1972. This scheme sets out a requirement for immigrants of specified nationalities, who are granted at least six months' leave to remain, to register with the police within seven days of their arrival in the UK. The scheme is not specific to students. The list of nationalities required to register is set out in appendix 2 to the Immigration Rules. This list was last amended in May 1998. In view of the passage of time since the scheme was last reviewed, my officials have been conducting a review of the scheme and I have asked them to report to me by April 2013.

The UK Border Agency (UKBA) does not record the number of occasions that the information collected by the police is accessed. The review of the scheme is considering how this information is used and whether it could be better obtained by other means.

Much of the information collected under the scheme is now available to UKBA.

An example of information that is not collected by UKBA is the addresses of students. On arrival in the UK, students often have not yet been allocated an address by their educational institution so provide UKBA with the address at which they will be spending only their first night.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121019/text/121019w0002.htm#12101928000059>

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Priti Patel:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) what estimate she has made of the number of non-UK EU nationals who have lived in the UK for more than three months without employment in each of the last five years; [123465]

(2) what estimate she has made of the number of non-UK EU nationals who have settled in the UK with self-employed status in each of the last five years. [123466]

**Reply from Nick Hurd:** I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Cabinet Office. The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

*Letter from Glen Watson, dated October 2012:* ... The Annual Population Survey provides estimates of unemployment based upon the International Labour Organization (ILO) measure; that is, those who are without a job and are actively seeking employment and available to start work. It also provides estimates of people who are economically inactive; that is, people who are without a job but do not satisfy the ILO criteria to be unemployed.

The available information is provided in the table for the January-December twelve

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month period from 2008 to 2011; data prior to 2008 are not available. People who have settled are assumed to have lived in the UK for more than three months. The estimates are derived from the Annual Population Survey and are not seasonally adjusted. As with any sample survey, estimates from the Annual Population Survey are subject to a margin of uncertainty.

<i>Number of non-UK EU nationals (1) who have lived in the UK for more than three months by economic status. Twelve months ending December 2008 to 2011. United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted</i>			
<i>Thousand</i>			
	<i>Self-employed</i>	<i>Currently unemployed or inactive</i>	
		<i>Of which: those that have never been employed (2)</i>	
2008	142	447	112
2009	158	489	119
2010	170	508	132
2011	**203	*551	**146

(1) People aged 16 and over. (2) This excludes casual and holiday jobs. *Guide to Quality*: The Coefficient of Variation (CV) indicates the quality of an estimate, the smaller the CV value the higher the quality. The true value is likely to lie within +/- twice the CV – for example, for an estimate of 200 with a CV of 5% we would expect the population total to be within the range 180-220. Key: \* 0 = CV<5%—Statistical Robustness: Estimates are considered precise \*\* 5 = CV <10%—Statistical Robustness: Estimates are considered reasonably precise \*\*\* 10 = CV <20%—Statistical Robustness: Estimates are considered acceptable \*\*\*\* CV ? 20%—Statistical Robustness: Estimates are considered too unreliable for practical purposes It should be noted that the above estimates exclude people in most types of communal establishment (e.g. hotels, boarding houses, hostels mobile home sites etc.) *Source*: Annual Population Survey (APS)

**Priti Patel:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate she has made of the (a) number and (b) proportion of non-UK EU nationals who leave the UK within three months of entering the UK. [123469]

**Reply from Nick Hurd:** I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Cabinet Office. The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

*Letter from Glen Watson, dated October 2012:* ... Estimates have been produced from two datasets;

Firstly, the number of overseas travel and tourism visits to the UK of less than 12 months in duration which are completed in the reporting year, as measured by the International Passenger Survey (IPS) - these estimates are used to respond to questions a) and b);

Secondly, the number of people migrating to the UK for 12 months or more (long-term international migration, LTIM) during the reporting year, based on the IPS plus adjustments - these estimates are used to respond to question b).

The most recent year for which both sets of estimates are available is 2010.

Estimates are as follows:

a) The estimated number of completed visits of less than three months' duration to the UK by EU nationals, completed in 2010 is 17,702,000.

b) The proportion of non-UK EU nationals' visits who left the UK within three months of entering the UK is estimated as 98.6 per cent of all travel to the UK by non-UK EU nationals. This includes both overseas travel and tourism visits to the UK by non-UK EU nationals completed in 2010 plus all inbound long term migration commencing in 2010.

**Priti Patel:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate she has made of the number of non-UK EU nationals who have entered the UK to seek employment in each of the last five years by nationality. [123470]

**Reply from Nick Hurd:** I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Cabinet Office. The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

*Letter from Glen Watson, dated October 2012:* ... The Office for National Statistics

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produces estimates of Long-Term International Migration (LTIM), primarily based on the International Passenger Survey (IPS). The IPS is a continuous voluntary sample survey conducted by the Office for National Statistics.

The table shows estimates for the years 2006 to 2010 of the number of non-UK EU citizens who stated that their main reason for migrating to the UK for twelve months or more was to look for work. These are the latest estimates available and were published on 24 November 2011. Estimates for 2011 will be published on 29 November 2012.

Please note, these figures do not include non-UK EU citizens who migrated to the UK for less than 12 months. As the tables are large, they will be included in the House of Commons library.

Confidence intervals (CIs) provide an estimated range within which the true value of a population is likely to fall. The confidence intervals in the table are 95 per cent confidence intervals; this means that this range is expected to contain the true value of the number of migrants around 95 per cent of the time. Caution should be exercised when using an estimate which has a large confidence interval.

**To read the very lengthy table see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121019/text/121019w0001.htm#12101928000057>

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Stewart Jackson:** To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office (1) how many people are resident in the UK under Article 12 of European Directive 2004/38/EC, on the grounds that their associated national from an EU country has departed the UK; [124745]

(2) of those nationals of other EU countries and their associated family members who are resident in the UK on the basis of Article 7(1)(a) of European Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the EU and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of EU member states, how many are resident on the basis of (a) Article 7(3)(a), (b) Article 7(3)(b), (c) Article 7(3)(c) and (d) Article 7(3)(d) of that directive; [124249]

(3) how many nationals of other EU countries and their associated family members are resident in the UK on the basis of each of the following provisions of European Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the EU and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of EU Member States (a) Article 6, (b) Article 7(1)(a), (c) Article 7(1)(b), (d) Article 7(1)(c) and (e) Article 14(4)(b). [124251]

**Reply from Nick Hurd:** The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

*Letter from Glen Watson, dated October 2012:* ... The Office for National Statistics collects data on nationality from the Labour force Survey (LFS), which is a household survey of residents of the UK. It should be noted the survey does not include people living in most types of communal establishment.

The LFS does not collect any information from respondents on the specific Article of the European Directive that allows them to reside in the UK. However, Table 1 provides figures on the number of nationals resident in the UK and their economic status.



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*Table 1: Economic activity of residents in the UK, by nationality, three months ending June 2012, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted*

	<i>In employment</i>	<i>ILO unemployed</i>	<i>Inactive</i>	<i>Aged 16 and over population</i>	<i>Population of people aged 0-15</i>
UK nationals	26,834	2,263	17,293	46,390	10,927
Non-UK EU nationals	26,834	2,263	17,293	1,990	388
Non-UK Non-EU nationals	1,130	148	769	2,093	333
Total	29,414	2,519	18,569	50,502	11,655

*Note:* Includes people who have not stated their nationality. *Source:* Labour Force Survey  
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121025/text/121025w0002.htm#12102566000051>

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Stewart Jackson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many nationals of other EU countries her Department has (a) told to leave the UK and have left voluntarily and (b) removed from the UK on the grounds that they no longer fulfil the criteria for the right to residence under Chapter III of Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the right of citizens of the EU and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of EU member states in each year since 2007. [124746]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The information requested is not held centrally.

**Stewart Jackson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what requirements there are for nationals of other EU countries and their associated family members who have moved to the UK under European Directive 2004/38/EC to register their presence in the UK; what evidence such people must present to satisfy the criteria for the right to reside in the UK; what sanctions there are for non-compliance with such registration requirements; and what follow-up checks are carried out to ensure such people continue to satisfy the criteria for the right to reside in the UK. [124747]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Under Directive 2004/38/EC EEA nationals and their family members who wish to reside in the UK for longer than three months must be exercising 'treaty rights' as a worker, or self-employed person, a self-sufficient person or a student.

There is no mandatory requirement to register though many apply for confirmation of their right to reside as it is the only means to evidence this right. As registration is not mandatory there is no sanctions regime for non-compliance.

The UK Border Agency has strict requirements in place to ensure that EEA nationals and their family members prove that they are exercising a treaty right. For example, employed workers must provide evidence from their employer and payslips or bank statements as evidence of income.

EEA nationals and their family members' right to reside in the UK is conditional upon them continuing to meet the requirements of the directive. The UK Border Agency will undertake checks to ensure the requirements remain satisfied with each application for residence documentation.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121025/text/121025w0002.htm#12102566000092>

### Immigration

**Priti Patel:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many non-UK EU nationals have entered the UK to seek employment with dependents who are (a) EU nationals, (b) UK nationals and (c) non-EU nationals in each of the last five years. [123460]

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**Reply from Nick Hurd:** I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Cabinet Office. The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

*Letter from Glen Watson, dated October 2012:* ... The Office for National Statistics produces estimates of Long Term International Migration (LTIM), primarily based on the International Passenger Survey (IPS). The IPS is a continuous voluntary sample survey conducted by the Office for National Statistics.

The IPS does not collect any specific information on dependants of migrants from respondents.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121022/text/121022w0002.htm#12102228000105>

### Entry Clearances

**Nicholas Soames:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many Tier 2 (General) work visas were issued for occupations in (a) accommodation and food service activities and (b) human health and social work activities in the year ended in June (i) 2011 and (ii) 2012. [123670]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The information available, from different IT systems, relates to total grants of Tier 2 (General) visas, and to the number of certificates of sponsorship used as part of visa applications.

There were a total of 7,746 Tier 2 (General) visas granted (for all industry sectors) in the year ending June 2011; and the corresponding figure for the year ending June 2012 was 8,927.

There were 1,718 certificates of sponsorship for the industry sector 'Accommodation and Food Service Activities' used in Tier 2 visa applications in the year ending June 2011; and the corresponding figure for the year ending June 2012 was 438.

There were 1,957 certificates of sponsorship for the industry sector 'Human Health and Social Work Activities' used in Tier 2 visa applications in the year ending June 2011; and the corresponding figure for the year ending June 2012 was 1,635.

Data relating to grants of visas by Tier, and relating to certificates of sponsorship used in visa applications are published in tables 'be.04q' and 'cs.02q' respectively of the quarterly Home Office statistical release 'Immigration Statistics', available from the Home Office's Science, Research and Statistics website at:

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

**Julian Huppert:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many applications for Tier 1 visas made before the closure of that route in April 2012 are still being processed. [124034]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The data requested are not held in a format compatible with National Statistics protocols, or produced as part of the UK Border Agency's standard reports. However the UK Border Agency publishes immigration statistics on a quarterly and annual basis, a copy of which can be found in the Library of the House.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121022/text/121022w0002.htm#12102228000101>

### Immigration: Appeals

**Dominic Raab:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department with reference to the letter from the Minister for Immigration of 13 June 2011 regarding the number of appeals allowed by the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum) on the basis of Article 3 and Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights in the fourth quarter of

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2010, how many such cases there were for July, August and September 2012 relating to (a) criminal casework (foreign national prisoners), (b) international group entry clearance, (c) special cases, (d) asylum appeals, (e) temporary migration, (f) permanent migration—settlement and (g) permanent migration—decisions under the Immigration (EEA) Regulations 2006. [123144]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The United Kingdom Border Agency's Case Information Database is not used to record the specific reasons why an appeal is allowed and the new information requested could be obtained only at disproportionate cost through the examination of locally held management information and by examining individual files, computer records and appeal determinations.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121019/text/121019w0001.htm#12101928000056>

### Asylum

**Priti Patel:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people are currently seeking asylum in the UK, by nationality. [123462]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The number of asylum applications received is published on an annual and quarterly basis. Latest figures are available in Tables "as.01" and "as.01.q" of the release Immigration Statistics, April to June 2012 Second edition, available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q2-2012/>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121022/text/121022w0001.htm#12102228000090>

### Asylum

**Margot James:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many asylum applications were (a) made and (b) granted to (i) women and (ii) men in each of the last five years. [122290]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The following table shows the number of asylum applications made and granted by gender in the last five years.

<i>Asylum applications for main applicants (a) made and (b) granted by gender</i>												
	<i>Applications made</i>				<i>Granted</i>							
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Unknown gender</i>	<i>Total male grants</i>	<i>Male grants of asylum</i>	<i>Male grants of HP</i>	<i>Male grants of DL</i>	<i>Total female grants</i>	<i>Female grants of asylum</i>	<i>Female grants of HP</i>	<i>Female grants of DL</i>
2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,746	2,026	64	1,656	1,996	1,519	60	417
2008	25,932	18,524	7,390	18	4,078	2,242	46	1,790	1,814	1,485	47	282
2009	24,487	16,410	8,049	28	4,408	2,286	41	2,081	2,333	1,902	53	378
2010	17,916	12,571	5,329	16	3,558	2,293	29	1,236	1,633	1,193	62	378
2011	19,865	14,460	5,392	13	3,920	2,994	39	887	1,727	1,318	42	367

n/a = Not available Key: HP—Humanitarian Protection DL—Discretionary Leave

The number of asylum applications and initial decisions by gender are published on an annual basis. Latest figures can be found in Table as.03 and Table as.05 of the release 'Immigration Statistics—April to June' which is available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Research Development and Statistics website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q2-2012/>

**Margot James:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many asylum applications were granted to (a) women and (b) men on the basis of (i) gender-related violence and (ii) sexual orientation in each of the last five years. [122291]

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**Reply from Mark Harper:** The data requested is not held in a format compatible with National Statistics protocols, or produced as part of the UK Border Agency's standard reports.

However, the Home Office publishes the number of asylum applications and initial decisions by gender on an annual basis. Latest figures can be found in Table as.03 and Table as.05 of the release 'Immigration Statistics—April to June' which is available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Research Development and Statistics website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q2-2012/>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121019/text/121019w0001.htm#12101928000046>

## Press Releases

**Guidance for international students sponsored by London Metropolitan University**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/72-LMU-student-page>

**Improving standards for the reception of asylum seekers**

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/homepage/highlights/improving-standards-for-the-reception-of-asylum-seekers?lang=en>

**The fight against human trafficking**

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=826006082>

**Reception conditions for asylum seekers:  Better and more harmonised living standards and more effective rules for fighting abuse**

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/jha/133193.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/jha/133193.pdf)

## New Publications

**Monthly asylum application tables - August 2012**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/asylum-aug-2012?view=Binary>

**Children entering detention held solely under Immigration Act powers September 2012**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-sept2012?view=Binary>

**Immigration and Asylum Services**

<http://www.legalservicesconsumerpanel.org.uk/ourwork/vulnerableconsumers/2012%2010%2010%20Immigration%20desk%20research%20and%20scoping%20final.pdf>

## News

**Film tells how dreams of African immigrants are shattered when they arrive in the UK**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/real-life/film-tells-how-dreams-of-african-1395057>



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#### **Asylum seekers lead Glasgow city tour**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-20093790>

#### **Musical credits girls who changed the law**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article3581775.ece>

#### **One quarter of babies in UK born to immigrants**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/uk/one-quarter-of-babies-in-uk-born-to-immigrants-1-2599492>

#### **Baby boom for mothers born outside Britain**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3580002.ece>

#### **Britain facing new eastern Europe immigration surge**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/9637967/Britain-facing-new-eastern-Europe-immigration-surge.html>

#### **Sadiq Khan: new immigrants know more about British heritage than natives**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/labour/9635083/Sadiq-Khan-new-immigrants-know-more-about-British-heritage-than-natives.html>

#### **Glasgow's famine memorial stands for so much**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/oct/28/kevin-mckenna-immigration-good-for-scotland>

#### **Migrant and Refugee Woman of the Year, and Young Migrant and Refugee Woman of the Year**

<http://awards.migrantforum.org.uk/nominate/>

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## Race Relations

### Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-04543 Mary Fee: Renfrewshire Celebrates Black History Month**—That the Parliament acknowledges and celebrates the work done by many local and national organisations in celebration of Black History Month, which aims to promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage; congratulates Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities (REEM) on its event in Paisley Town Hall on 21 October 2012, which aimed to bring unity and strengthen community cohesion across the diverse communities in Renfrewshire, and notes that REEM is a community organisation that seeks to improve the socioeconomic welfare of ethnic minority communities in Renfrewshire and across Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-04543&ResultsPerPage=10>

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## Equality

### Westminster Parliamentary Question

#### Unemployment: Ethnic Groups

**Stephen Timms:** To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office what estimate he has made of the rate of unemployment among ethnic minority young men of (a) Afro-Caribbean, (b) Bangladeshi and Pakistani, (c) other Asian and (d) other ethnic origin. [124243]

**Reply from Nick Hurd:** The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

*Letter from Glen Watson, dated October 2012:* ... The table provides unemployment rates for the April-June period in 2012. The estimates are derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and are not seasonally adjusted.

In accordance with the International Labour Organization (ILO) convention, the unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people divided by the number of people in the workforce, that is, the number of people in employment plus those that are unemployed.

As with any sample survey, estimates from the LFS are subject to a margin of uncertainty.

<i>Unemployment rate for men aged 16 to 24 by ethnic minority, three months ending June 2012, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted</i>	
	<i>Percentage</i>
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	52
Bangladeshi and Pakistani	23
Other Asian(1)	22
Other ethnic minority groups(2)	33
<small>(1) Includes respondents identifying themselves as 'Indian', 'Chinese' or another Asian background. (2) Includes respondents in Northern Ireland identifying themselves as 'Irish Traveller' and respondents in all UK countries identifying themselves as 'Arab', or with a 'Mixed/multiple' background. <i>Source:</i> Labour Force Survey</small>	

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121024/text/121024w0004.htm#12102463000030>

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### Anti-Semitism

**David Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate she has made of the number of anti-Semitic attacks during Jewish high holy days in (a) 2011 and (b) 2012 to date; and if she will make a statement. [R] [124194]

**Reply from Don Foster:** I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Individual police forces collate and analyse intelligence on the number of anti-Semitic attacks in order to inform local operational decisions and to provide adequate protection at times of demand. In addition, the Association of Chief Police Officers analyses this intelligence, to inform forces of any emerging challenges. Data on attacks on Jewish high holy days is not separately identified.

**David Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to protect the Jewish community from anti-Semitic attacks; and if she will make a statement. [R] [124195]

**Reply from Don Foster:** I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Department

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for Communities and Local Government.

Hate crime, including that targeting a person's religion, is an issue the Government takes very seriously. We work with the Association of Chief Police Officers and other partners to encourage the reporting of all hate crime and improve the response of the police and other criminal justice agencies to ensure better protection for victims.

The Cross-Government Working Group on anti-Semitism and the police regularly meet representatives of the Jewish community to discuss actions to protect the Jewish community against anti-Semitic attacks. The anti-Semitism Working Group and the Cross-Government Hate Crime Strategy Board have a number of actions in train to tackle anti-Semitism, which are reassessed on a regular basis. These include funding the security needs of Jewish faith schools within the state school sector, challenging anti-Semitism in online media, improving the recording of all hate crime, including anti-Semitic hate crimes, and improving the training of hate crime prosecutors.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121024/text/121024w0002.htm#12102453000062>

## Westminster Early Day Motion

**Keith Vaz (617) Rio and Anton Ferdinand and racism in football** – That this House recognises the actions of Rio and Anton Ferdinand to raise awareness about racism in football; notes that the chairman of the Kick It Out campaign, Lord Ouseley, has said the charity is relatively powerless in scope to affect the game; further notes that the FA has responsibility for all aspects of the game at every level; calls on the FA to take a stronger stance against racism; and further calls on the Government to give further support to the Kick It Out campaign to completely eradicate racism from football.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2012-13/617>

## Press Release

**Striking a balance between freedom of expression and the prohibition of incitement to hatred**

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Strikingabalancebetweenfreedomofexpression.aspx>

## News

**Racism row: lawyer reveals black footballers' association talks**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/20048531>

**Call for marching ban on extremist groups**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/call-for-marching-ban-on-extremist-groups-105263n.19227842>

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## Other Holyrood

### Ministerial Statement

#### **Edinburgh Agreement**

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=7456&mode=html#iob\\_68034](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=7456&mode=html#iob_68034)

### Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-04545 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Establishment of Committee**—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Referendum (Scotland) Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to The Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2013, the Referendum (Scotland) Bill, its implementation and any associated legislation.

Duration: Until 31 December 2014.

Number of members: 11.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party.

Membership: Bruce Crawford, Annabelle Ewing, Linda Fabiani, Stewart Maxwell, Stuart McMillan, Rob Gibson, James Kelly, Patricia Ferguson, Annabel Goldie, Tavish Scott, Patrick Harvie.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-04545&ResultsPerPage=10>

### New Publications

#### **'Your Scotland, Your Referendum': An Analysis of Consultation Responses**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00405470.pdf>

#### **Information on child protection**

Scottish Government website offering help and support to vulnerable children and families on child protection issues. It includes clear, accessible information on what the public should do if they are concerned for a child's welfare and a range of information on child protection issues.

<http://withscotland.org/public>

### News

#### **Analysis of referendum consultation responses**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-20048107>

#### **MSPs John Finnie and Jean Urquhart quit SNP over Nato policy**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-20041667>

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## Other Westminster

### Parliamentary Question

#### Female Genital Mutilation

**Baroness Tonge:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will consider minimal mandatory antenatal data gathering, including on female genital mutilation and cutting. [HL2361]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health (Earl Howe):** The Maternity and Children's Dataset will be introduced in April 2013 and will provide information that can be used to improve the quality of clinical care and efficiency of maternity services. The data items that have been approved so far do not include female genital mutilation (FGM). We are discussing with the National Health Service and Social Care Information Centre whether and how soon it might be possible to include data on FGM.

Additionally, the NHS and Social Care Information Centre collect data on hospital episode statistics (HES), with details of all admissions to NHS hospitals in England. HES clinical codes do not currently enable us to identify admissions for FGM-related treatment such as deinfibulation. We are exploring the inclusion of a HES code for deinfibulation in the next update of HES coding scheduled for release in April 2014.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121022w0001.htm#12102222000855>

### Press Releases

#### Prime Minister's Eid al-Adha Message

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/eid-al-adha-201/>

#### Black History Month Reception

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/black-history-month-reception/>

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## New Publication

#### Can Cross-Sectional Imaging as an Adjunct and/or Alternative to the Invasive Autopsy be Implemented within the NHS?

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/emfpu/Can%20Cross-Sectional%20Imaging%20as%20an%20Adjunct%20and-or%20Alternative%20to%20the%20Invasive%20Autopsy%20be%20Implemented%20within%20the%20NHS%20-%20October%202012%20Final%20-%20TRV.pdf>

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## Bills in Progress

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### Holyrood

#### Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill

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



## Bills in Progress Holyrood (continued)

### **\*\* Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2013**

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

### **\*\* Social Care (Self-directed Support) Bill**

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

Proposed amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/55782.aspx>

and

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/55911.aspx>

## Bills in Progress Westminster

### **Draft Communications Data Bill**

Draft Bill as published

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

### **Crime and Courts Bill**

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

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

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

### **\*\* Small Charitable Donations Bill**

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

Public Bill Committee Debate

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmpublic/smallcharitabledonations/121023/am/121023s01.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmpublic/smallcharitabledonations/121023/pm/121023s01.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmpublic/smallcharitabledonations/121025/am/121025s01.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmpublic/smallcharitabledonations/121025/pm/121025s01.htm>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2012-2013/0028/amend/pbc0282310m.29-35.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2012-2013/0028/amend/pbc0282510a.51-54.html>

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## Consultations

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**Proposed Lobbying Transparency Bill** (closing date 29 October 2012)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_MembersBills/20120706\\_Lobbying\\_Transparency\\_consultation.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/20120706_Lobbying_Transparency_consultation.pdf)

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

**Small Charitable Donations Bill** (closing date 30 October 2012)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2012/september/small-charitable-donations-bill/>

**\*\* Review of the impact of ending employment restrictions on Bulgarian and Romanian nationals on the agriculture and food processing sectors** (closing date 18 January 2013)

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

**Here to Stay: People with learning disabilities from ethnic minority communities including new migrants** (no closing date given)

<http://www.snapsurveys.com/sw/surveypreview.asp?k=132127029508>

**Facing Facts: EU project to improve monitoring and recording of hate crimes and incidents throughout the European Union** (no closing date given)

[http://www.ceji.org/facingfacts/?page\\_id=158](http://www.ceji.org/facingfacts/?page_id=158)

**\*\* Engagement of PTAs and Parent Councils with parents from ethnic minority communities** (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JQVRK5R>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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**Equalities: It is everybody's Business**

31 October 2012 in Aberdeen (2.30 and 5.30)

Aberdeen City Council, Grampian Police, Grampian Fire and Rescue Services and The Robert Gordon University event to ask for views on the fairness of their services, barriers to access, and safety in Aberdeen. For information contact Faiza Nacef 01224 523183.

**\*\* Scottish Government Equalities Outcomes**

6 November 2012 in Glasgow (10.30 – 3.00)

BEMIs and CEMVO Ethnic Minority Third Sector Network Meeting to ensure involvement by ethnic minority groups in setting equality outcomes that will enable the Scottish Government better to perform the general equality duty. For information contact Neil Foster [mail@bemis.org.uk](mailto:mail@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### Completing the new OSCR Returns

6 November 2012 in Edinburgh (1.30 – 4.00)

8 November 2012 in Glasgow (1.30 – 4.00)

15 November 2012 in Inveraray (10.00-12.30)

20 November 2012 in Inverness (1.30-4.00)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training to look at the ways in which charities report to OSCR, and will include an introduction to OSCR Online. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/oscr/oscr-outreach-completing-oscr-returns/>

### Becoming a charity and choosing the right legal form

6 November 2012 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 12.00)

8 November 2012 in Glasgow (9.30 – 12.00)

29 November 2012 in Inveraray (10.00-12.30)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training to take an in depth look at the pros and cons of registering as a charity, and explain the various legal forms available, including the new Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) structure. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/oscr/oscr-outreach-becoming-a-charity/>

### BSL Awareness Session for Ethnic & Cultural Minority Communities

8 November 2012 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)

BEMIS and Ishara event to raise awareness of British Sign Language. For information contact [ishara@deafconnections.co.uk](mailto:ishara@deafconnections.co.uk) / 0141 420 2819 or Sue [sue.barnes@bemis.org.uk](mailto:sue.barnes@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047

### Faith in Peace-Building

17 November 2012 in Dundee (11.00-4.00)

Interfaith Scotland National Youth Conference to look at ways in which interfaith dialogue can have a positive impact in resolving conflict and promoting peace. For information contact Frances Hume [fhume@scottishinterfaithcouncil.org](mailto:fhume@scottishinterfaithcouncil.org) / 0141 420 6982.

### National Police Service Consultation

19 November 2012 in Glasgow (5.45 – 8.00)

In April 2013 all the police organisations across Scotland will join together to become a single police service. This is the biggest change to Scottish policing for more than a generation and your views can help shape the new organisation. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/12xi\\_wsrec\\_police.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/12xi_wsrec_police.pdf) or contact Janila Stanley [jstanley@wsrec.co.uk](mailto:jstanley@wsrec.co.uk) / 0141 337 6626.

### Meet the Charity Regulator

25 November 2012 in Paisley (1.30 – 3.30: public session)

25 November 2012 in Paisley (4.00 – 6.30: charity session)

27 November 2012 in Stirling (10.00 – 4.00: public session)

27 November 2012 in Stirling (1.45 – 4.00: charity session)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator events for the public, explaining how charities must operate and report to the Regulator, and for charity trustees, highlighting how charities can work with the regulator to meet challenges they face. For information see [http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/meet-the-charity-regulator/meet-the-charity-regulator-stirling-\(public-session\)/](http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/meet-the-charity-regulator/meet-the-charity-regulator-stirling-(public-session)/) (Stirling) and [http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/meet-the-charity-regulator/meet-the-charity-regulator-paisley-\(charity-session\)/](http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/meet-the-charity-regulator/meet-the-charity-regulator-paisley-(charity-session)/)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### Working with interpreters

29 November 2012 in Glasgow (1.00 – 4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with non-English speaking service users, including asylum seekers and refugees, who need a comprehensive understanding of how to work with interpreters. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/9fs8ae5> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### Equality in employment

29 November 2012 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

GCVS training to provide practical tips and explanations to help organisations meet their legal and ethical responsibilities. Issues covered include recruitment, monitoring and dignity at work, and issues around equality in volunteering. For information see [http://www.gcv.org.uk/whats\\_on/1507\\_equality\\_in\\_employment](http://www.gcv.org.uk/whats_on/1507_equality_in_employment)

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

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

**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)

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

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

## Useful Links (continued)

**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](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm)

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>



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