

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-07135 Christina McKelvie: Congratulations to the Making It Home Refugee Awareness Project—That the Parliament recognises 17 to 23 June 2013 as Refugee Week Scotland and congratulates the refugee arts groups that gave performances on 19 June in the Parliament as part of the week; commends the work of two diverse groups of women across Scotland, women who are refugees supported by Maryhill Integration Network in Glasgow and women from the Women Supporting Women in Pilton in Edinburgh on their Making It Home project; understands that the project grew from two of the Refugee Survival Trust's aims, to raise public awareness of issues affecting refugees

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and asylum seekers and to help build greater integration and understanding between Scottish people and those who have come from abroad seeking sanctuary; applauds what it considers the creative approach taken by the project, which has used poetry-based films, of which four have been created, to build bridges of shared experiences, dialogue and integration between two very diverse groups of women across Scotland; praises the contribution of the poet, Jackie Kay, to the Making It Home booklet, in which her poem, *No. 115 Dreams*, is included, her involvement with the Refugee Week Scotland event and her efforts in the organisation by helping numerous women refugees through the art of poetry, and wishes the participants of the Making it Home project continued success in raising public awareness and building integration with Scottish communities.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-07135&ResultsPerPage=10>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Migration

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the report of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Migration on new family migration rules, whether they have plans (1) to commission an independent review of the minimum income requirements, and (2) to review the rules on adult dependants.[HL1010]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The Government is satisfied that the minimum income requirement and the rules relating to adult dependent relatives are working as intended and has no plans to commission an independent review. However, as with all new policies, we will keep the impact of the family migration rules under review in the light of the published immigration statistics and other sources of information available. These will include the information and representations provided by those affected by the rules, such as are contained in the report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Migration published on 10 June 2013.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130626w0001.htm#13062680000431>

Immigration Controls

Fiona O'Donnell: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will review the effects of the minimum income requirement for UK citizens to bring a spouse or partner of non-European Economic Area nationality to settle in the UK. [161167]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Government is satisfied the minimum income requirement is working as intended. However, as with all new policies, we will keep the impact under review in the light of the published immigration statistics and other sources of information available. These will include the information and representations provided by those affected by the rules, such as are contained in the report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Migration published on 10 June 2013.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130625/text/130625w0002.htm#13062595000024>

Immigration

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many temporary migration cases were judged to be backlogged in each of the last 10 years. [160076]

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Reply from Mark Harper: The number of temporary migration cases judged to be backlogged in each of the last 10 years is not available in the format requested and can be obtained only at disproportionate cost.

However, the Home Office publishes figures on its performance against migration service standards on a quarterly basis as part of its commitment to transparency. These data are disaggregated by quarter and work stream and cover the period from April 2010 to March 2013. The latest figures are available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office website at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/percentage-of-migration/>

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what proportion of (a) Tier 1 and (b) Tier 4 applications were processed on time by the UK Border Agency in each year for which data is available. [160162]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Home Office publishes figures on its performance against migration service standards on a quarterly basis as part of its commitment to transparency. Although these figures are not disaggregated by tier, they are broken down into work streams, with Tier 1 cases included in employment and Tier 4 in study. The data are also disaggregated by quarter and cover the period from April 2010 to March 2013.

The latest figures are available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office website at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/percentage-of-migration/>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130624/text/130624w0002.htm#1306253000038>

Immigration

David Ward: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what criteria her Department uses to decide whether an immigration case is deemed complex; and what service standards apply to such cases. [158819]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Complex Casework Directorate forms part of UK Visas and Immigration and was formally established in April 2013. The directorate deals with the following workstreams that are defined as 'complex';

pre-March 2007 asylum cases;

Asylum Active review applications;

referrals for deprivation of citizenship where it was granted through deception;

referrals for revocation of Indefinite Leave where it was granted through deception; and

referrals for cancellation of cessation of Refugee Status.

The Complex Casework Directorate is in the process of defining service standards for each of the above workstreams. We are not able to supply the management information requested as we do not hold such information.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130625/text/130625w0002.htm#13062595000023>

Asylum

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the average time taken for a decision on asylum was for (a) male and (b) female applicants in each of the last 10 years. [159915]

Reply from Mark Harper: The information you have requested is shown in the table. Data prior to 2007 is not available and could be provided only at disproportionate cost.

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<i>Asylum application average processing times, 2007-12</i>				
<i>Days</i>				
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Unclassified</i>	<i>Overall</i>
2007	186	165	332	180
2008	216	196	281	210
2009	148	132	146	143
2010	69	64	123	68
2011	74	77	70	75
2012	59	60	33	59

Notes: 1. All figures quoted have been derived from management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols. 2. Figures relate to first time main applicants only. 3. Figures relate to asylum applications made between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2012. 4. Processing time based on mean average number of calendar days between application and first case outcome date. 5. Unclassified relate to cases where the sex of the applicant is not recorded.

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the average length of time taken to process settlement applications made by asylum seekers was between 1 October and 31 December 2012. [161010]

Reply from Mark Harper: Of the 57 settlement applications that were received and decided between 1 October and 31 December 2012, the average length for an application to be decided was 17 calendar days.

Notes:

1. The figures quoted have been derived from management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols.
2. Figures relate to asylum main applicants.
3. Figures relate to applications made for settlement, by individuals that have made an application for asylum.
4. Processing time is based on the average number of calendar days between application raised (received) and despatch date.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130625/text/130625w0001.htm#13062595000013>

Asylum Seekers

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, in the light of the planned withdrawal of legal aid from detainees, they will place a time limit on the length of time asylum seekers can be detained without trial.[HL783]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The Ministry of Justice consultation "Transforming Legal Aid", proposes that applicants for civil legal aid would need to be lawfully resident in the UK, Crown Dependencies or British Overseas Territories at the time they apply and for at least a 12 months continuous period in the past. Under the proposals, asylum seekers (including those in detention) would be exempted from the test and would continue to qualify (subject to merits and means) for civil legal aid.

The Ministry of Justice are currently considering responses to the consultation and no final decisions have yet been made.

We have no plans to introduce a time limit on immigration detention.

Lord Avebury: To ask Her Majesty's Government how long it currently takes on average to grant appointments for interview of asylum applicants; and whether they have plans to give priority to applicants suffering from cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. [HL977]

Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach: The Home Office is unable to provide

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figures on timescales for substantive interview or screening interviews because such statistics are not held in a format that is compatible with National Statistics Protocols. However, for non-detained asylum routes, we aim to make an initial decision on an asylum case within 30 days of application and our casework teams do take into account applicants' personal circumstances when scheduling substantive interviews.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130626w0001.htm#13062680000412>

COE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

Michael Connarty: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of which provisions of the Council of Europe convention on action against trafficking in human beings are (a) being complied with and (b) not being complied with by the UK, by Government Department. [160495]

Reply from Mark Harper: The UK is fully compliant with the convention on action against trafficking in human beings. We regularly review the UK's compliance in relation to our national and international obligations.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130624/text/130624w0002.htm#1306253000031>

Human Trafficking: Scotland

Michael Connarty: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many suspected victims of trafficking were found in Scotland in each of the last three years; how many traffickers were prosecuted and convicted in Scotland in that period; and what assets belonging to such traffickers were then seized from the UK and overseas. [161357]

Reply from Mark Harper: The numbers of potential victims of trafficking, who were found in Scotland in each of the last three years, are set out in the following table:

	<i>Number of victims referred</i>
2010	95
2011	94
2012	96

In Scotland, criminal law is devolved to the Scottish Government and the Lord Advocate has responsibility for prosecutorial matters in Scotland.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130625/text/130625w0002.htm#13062595000022>

Human Trafficking

Stephen Phillips: To ask the Attorney-General how many (a) attempted prosecutions and (b) convictions there were for human trafficking offences in 2012; what length of sentence was handed down to each person convicted; and what the value was of any assets seized. [160272]

Reply from the Solicitor-General: The CPS maintains a record of human trafficking prosecutions by way of a database monitoring flag. A flag is applied at the onset of a case; and remains in place even if the charges are subsequently amended or dropped. The number of finalised defendant prosecutions, flagged as human trafficking prosecutions, for 2012 are as follows:

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Rate (%)</i>
Convictions	103	69.6
Unsuccessful	45	30.4
All human trafficking prosecutions	148	—

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In 2012, the CPS obtained confiscation orders to the value of £582,478.18 against offenders whose primary offence was human trafficking. The CPS does not hold any data relating to sentences imposed by the courts.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130624/text/130624w0002.htm#1306253000015>

Human Trafficking

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many (a) adult and (b) children subjected to human trafficking have been detained while leaving the UK to go to Ireland in each of the last 10 years. [160833]

Reply from Mark Harper: This information is not collected centrally. The Common Travel Area (CTA) is based on the principle that once a person has been granted leave to enter one part of the CTA, they will not normally require leave to enter another part of it while that leave is still valid. Targeted operations may be conducted where intelligence identifies a particular risk.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent meetings (a) she and (b) her ministerial colleagues have had with their foreign counterparts on improving international co-operation in tackling human trafficking. [160931]

Reply from Mark Harper: Home Office Ministers and officials have meetings with a wide variety of international partners, as well as organisations and individuals in the public and private sectors, as part of the process of policy development and delivery. Details of these meetings are published on the Cabinet Office website on a quarterly basis.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what consideration she has given to developing multi-country specialist training for the purpose of tackling human trafficking. [160980]

Reply from Mark Harper: The UK works with other member states to share best practice and to strengthen its response to tackling trafficking, including sharing knowledge and information on training for a range of front-line professionals who may come into contact with potential trafficking victims.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what protocols are in place to improve data collection across Europe on human trafficking. [160981]

Reply from Mark Harper: The UK works with other member states to share best practice and improve data collection techniques, through a number of informal and formal EU networks. The UK is a key contributor of human trafficking data to EU data collection processes.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many victims of human trafficking who are owed wages by employers have been (a) granted, (b) denied access to those wages by the courts. [160982]

Reply from Mark Harper: There are no central records maintained of the number of victims of human trafficking who are owed wages by employers, where they have either been granted or denied access to those wages by the court.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what amount her Department spent on advertising to raise awareness of human trafficking in each of the last five years. [160983]

Reply from Mark Harper: The table sets out the amount spent by the Home Office and the UK Human Trafficking Centre on raising awareness of human trafficking during the last five years.

	£
2009	
Blue Blindfold Campaign Launch	15,000

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	£
2012	
Redistribution of an awareness and education toolkit for professionals on 'internal trafficking'	5,500
Contribution to the Lord Mayor's office evaluation on the multi-agency activities for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics	4,000
National campaign on labour trafficking conducted by Crimestoppers	30,000
2013	
Funding for NSPCC for awareness-raising activities for front-line professionals	10,000
Funding for Eaves for awareness-raising activities for frontline professionals	43,762
Funding for Stop the Traffik for awareness-raising activities for front-line professionals	20,512
Conference on human trafficking and UK industry held on 18 March 2013	18,353.3 4
Redraft and reprint of the police operational handbook	4,669.26

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what research her Department has commissioned on human trafficking in each of the last 10 years for which data is available. [160984]

Reply from Mark Harper: Home Office research commissioned in the last 10 years, on human trafficking, is set out as follows:

'An evidence assessment of the routes of human trafficking into the UK' (2012)

Kevin Marsh, Rashmi Sarmah, Phil Davies, Emma Froud, Jacque Mallender, Elizabeth Scalia, Tony Munton (Matrix Knowledge Group) With Andrew Zurawan, Laura Powlton, and Carlyne Tah (Analysis, Research and Knowledge Management, UK Border Agency)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/an-evidence-assessment-of-the-routes-of-human-trafficking-into-the-uk>

Interviews with prisoners convicted of HT offences to understand market dynamics (2009) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/organised-immigration-crime-a-post-conviction-study>

Process review of Operation Pentameter (HT for sexual exploitation) (2008)

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110218135832/http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs08/horr07b.pdf>

'Trafficking for the purposes of labour exploitation: a literature review' (2007)

Samantha Dowling, Karen Moreton and Leila Wright

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110218135832/rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/rdsolr1007.pdf>

Project Acumen: Setting the record—The trafficking of migrant women in England and Wales for off-street prostitution. August 2010)

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/crime/2010/201008CRITMW01.pdf>

Additional research has also been commissioned by the Association of Chief Police Officers, Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre and United Kingdom Human Trafficking Centre.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps she has taken to raise awareness of human trafficking in the (a) agriculture, (b) restaurant, (c) entertainment, (d) health and beauty and (e) construction industries. [160986]

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Reply from Mark Harper: The Government recognises that the private sector has an important role to play in tackling human trafficking and exploitation.

The Government held a conference with industry in March 2013. This highlighted the need for businesses and their employees to be aware of the potential for human trafficking to occur and what they should do if they suspect someone is a victim of trafficking.

The Gangmasters Licensing Authority continues to provide best practice guidance and briefing to the agriculture and food processing sectors, including companies in their supply chains.

Work to raise the awareness of businesses in a number of sectors is ongoing.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will take steps to raise awareness of human trafficking among teachers. [160987]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Government recognises the importance of raising awareness of human trafficking among a wide range of front-line professionals, including teachers. The Joint Strategic Group on Human Trafficking, comprised of Government officials and non-governmental organisation representatives, is currently considering how training and awareness-raising can be improved for front-line professionals who may come into contact with potential victims of trafficking.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will consider issuing leaflets on human trafficking when work permits are issued. [161023]

Reply from Mark Harper: Work routes are generally managed under the points based system. Those applying under this system have access to detailed guidance on the Home Office website and local country sites and a telephone and email service. The Home Office will consider if the information we provide on the dangers of trafficking can be improved through the use of leaflets.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what seminars are held on human trafficking for staff processing work permits. [161025]

Reply from Mark Harper: Work routes are generally managed under the points based system. Human trafficking training is mandatory for all UK Visas and Immigration staff who manage and process applications under this system. This helps them to identify those who might have been trafficked and understand the steps that should be taken to safeguard possible victims. In addition, seminars and conferences may be arranged with local partners in countries where there is a known threat.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what definition of the term forced labour her Department uses for the purposes of tackling human trafficking; and whether she has any plans to change that definition. [161059]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Crown Prosecution Service has issued legal guidance to prosecutors on human trafficking for forced labour arising under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration Act 2004 and for the stand alone offence of requiring a person to perform forced or compulsory labour, arising under section 71 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009. For both offences, there is reference to the definitions outlined in Article 4 of the European Convention on Human Rights which, for forced labour, are as interpreted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conventions.

These define forced or compulsory labour as being:

'all work or service which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the said person has not offered himself voluntarily'.

There have been successful prosecutions brought for both trafficking for forced labour and for the stand alone offence of forced labour. There are no plans to change that definition.

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Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people have been trafficked for the purpose of removal of organs in each of the last 10 years. [161061]

Reply from Mark Harper: Since the establishment of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), on 1 April 2013, there have been three potential victims of trafficking referred to the NRM who reported organ harvesting as the main exploitation type. Data are not held prior to this date.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent discussions she has had with her Irish counterpart on the establishment of a European hotline for the purposes of tackling human trafficking. [161062]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Home Office has not discussed the establishment of a European hotline for the purposes of tackling human trafficking with the Irish Government.

There are no plans to introduce a human trafficking hotline. Individuals wishing to report suspicions of trafficking should contact the Crimestoppers hotline, the Metropolitan Police Service human trafficking phone line or their local police force.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many alleged victims of human trafficking have been deported in each of the last 10 years. [161063]

Reply from Mark Harper: The UK Border Agency began recording information on victims of trafficking in a reportable format on 1 April 2009. From 1 April 2009 to 30 April 2013, fewer than five victims of trafficking have had an enforced removal from the UK.

Notes:

1. The figures quoted have been derived from management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols.
2. Data relate to individuals removed after being deemed to have been a victim of trafficking.
3. Data relate to main applicants and dependants.
4. Figures rounded to the nearest five.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what co-operation her Department has with the European Migration Network's Common Research Template to tackle human trafficking. [161064]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Home Office is currently co-ordinating the response to the common research template for human trafficking. The response, which will take the form of a national report, will be published on the European Migration Network's website in September.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will consider using social networking sites to raise awareness of indicators of human trafficking. [161065]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Government recognises the importance of raising awareness of human trafficking among the public and front-line professionals through a range of media, including social networking sites. Work to raise awareness is ongoing and includes consideration of the target audience and the most appropriate media channels available.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will take steps to raise awareness of human trafficking in migrant communities. [161066]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Government recognises the importance of raising awareness of human trafficking among the public and, in particular, migrant communities. Government officials work with a number of non-governmental organisations to support their activities in raising awareness among communities at a local and regional level.

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The Home Office also regularly issues messages about the danger of illegal working and trafficking. There have also been targeted information campaigns on migrants' employment rights such as through the Home Office and TUC dissemination of leaflets to East European workers following the 2004 accession.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many (a) male and (b) female (i) adults and (ii) children were victims of human trafficking in each of the last 10 years for which data are available. [161067]

Reply from Mark Harper: Data on the number of male and female adult victims of human trafficking and the number of male and female child victims of human trafficking, who have been referred into the National Referral Mechanism since April 2009, are published on the Serious Organised Crime Agency website:

www.soca.gov.uk/about-soca/about-the-ukhct/national-referral-mechanism/statistics

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what rules govern access to the 45-day recovery and reflection period for victims of human trafficking; and whether she has any plans to change (a) the rules on access or (b) the length of time allowed for recovery and reflection. [161128]

Reply from Harper: Detailed information on the rules governing access to the extendable 45-day recovery and reflection period can be found in the Home Office guidance for competent authorities:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/asylumprocessguidance/specialcases/guidance/competent-guidance?view=Binary>

This guidance is currently being updated. There are no plans to change the rules on access or the length of the recovery and reflection period, which is longer than the 30 day minimum stipulated by the Council of Europe Convention and can be extended in cases where there are high levels of trauma or acute support needs.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department when she last met the Director of Public Prosecutions to discuss human trafficking. [161267]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Solicitor-General, my hon. and learned Friend the Member for North East Hertfordshire (Oliver Heald), representing the Attorney-General, my right hon. and learned Friend the Member for Beaconsfield (Mr Grieve) who is responsible for appointing the Director of Public Prosecutions, is a member of the Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group on Human Trafficking. The Group oversees the UK's response to tackling trafficking, including prosecutions and convictions.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 4 June 2013, *Official Report*, column 1077W, on human trafficking, what amount was awarded by government grant to the (a) Refugee Council and (b) Children's Society for the purpose of scoping the practical care arrangements for trafficked children. [161411]

Reply from Mark Harper: £44,266, in total, was paid to the Refugee Council and The Children's Society for a joint bid to undertake the scoping review on the practical care arrangements for trafficked children.

Chris Ruane: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department who monitors the performance of the UK national rapporteur on human trafficking. [161466]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group (IDMG) on human trafficking is the UK's national rapporteur equivalent mechanism. The first IDMG Group report, published on 18 October 2012, was the subject of a Westminster Hall debate held on 20 December 2012. As Chair of the Group and Minister responsible for policy on human trafficking I also attended a recent Home Affairs Select Committee enquiry into human trafficking. I and my fellow Minister am accountable to Parliament for the performance of the IDMG.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130625/text/130625w0002.htm#13062595000020>

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Human Trafficking

Baroness Doocey: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many United Kingdom nationals under the age of 18 have been referred to the National Referral Mechanism since 2009; and what percentage of those young people referred have received positive conclusive decisions that they have been trafficked.[HL1042]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): Since 1 April 2009 there have been 96 referrals of UK minors to the National Referral Mechanism. Of these, 77 received a positive conclusive decision which represents 80 % of the total.

The information provided concerns referrals made to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) relating to UK minors only. The data is current as at 19 June 2013. The data used is a 'snapshot in time' and there are outstanding decisions yet to be made. The response covers the period 1 April 2009 to 19 June 2013.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130627w0001.htm#13062758000154>

Westminster Early Day Motion

Barry Gardiner (301) £3,000 visa bond – That this House recognises the enormous importance of family visits for weddings, funerals and other special gatherings to many UK citizens with relatives living abroad; considers that visitor visas should only be issued to those whom entry clearance officers reasonably believe will comply fully with these visa conditions and leave the UK at the end of their permitted stay; and believes that those applicants who do not satisfy this test should not be able to secure a visa by offering to provide a £3,000 financial bond, as this is to erode immigration rules and discriminate against poorer families, and expose the UK to the accusation of operating a colour-coded immigration policy.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2013-14/301>

Press Releases

Right of appeal for family visit visas abolished

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/right-of-appeal-for-family-visit-visas-abolished>

Court of Appeal rules that full investigation is key in decisions to prosecute victims of trafficking

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/court-of-appeal-rules-that-full-investigation-is-key-in-decisions-to-prosecute-victims-of-trafficking>

UKBA application forms are changing

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2013/june/91-form-changes>

New Publications

Monthly asylum application tables

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/208795/asylum-apr2013.ods

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Children entering detention under Immigration Act powers

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/208796/child-detention-may2013.ods

Forced labour and human trafficking: media coverage in 2012

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/forced-labour-media-coverage-full.pdf>

News

Grant all illegal immigrants an amnesty, says Conservative MP Nadhim Zahawi

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/grant-all-illegal-immigrants-an-amnesty-says-conservative-mp-nadhim-zahawi-8677600.html>

Illegal Immigrants Should Be Given Amnesty, Says Tory Nadhim Zahawi

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2013/06/28/illegal-immigrants-amnesty-nadhim-zahawi_n_3515025.html

David Cameron: Immigrant amnesty 'is not a good idea'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-cameron-immigrant-amnesty-is-not-a-good-idea-8679236.html>

Foreign students 'feeling less welcome in UK'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-23003987>

Migration policies 'alienate students'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political-news/migration-policies-alienate-students.21422084>

The Britons leaving the UK to get their relatives in

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23029195>

India warns over UK plan to make visitors pay £3,000 bond

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-23044324>

UKBA failed to pursue more than 3,000 leads on missing asylum seekers

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/ukba-failed-to-pursue-more-than-3000-leads-on-missing-asylum-seekers-8673901.html>

Migrants to be charged for visits to GP

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Health/article1281160.ece

Nick Clegg forces rethink on visa bond plan

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2013/jun/25/nick-clegg-visa-bond-theresa-may>

Visitor bond schemes are not the answer to the problems of immigration

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2013/jun/26/visitor-bond-scheme-immigration>

Osborne's 'learn English or lose your benefits' is shameless scapegoating

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2013/jun/27/osborne-learn-english-benefits-scapegoat>

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English language requirement for claimants may be welcomed by strivers

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2013/jun/26/english-language-requirement-benefit-claimants>

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Race Relations

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Roma: Commission calls on Member States to step up efforts on integration

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-607_en.htm

Roma integration: Progress Report and Recommendation - Frequently Asked Questions

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-13-610_en.htm

FRA supports European Commission call to step up Roma integration

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2013/fra-supports-european-commission-call-step-roma-integration>

New Publications

EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/137585.pdf

Steps forward in implementing national Roma integration strategies

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/com_2013_454_en.pdf

Proposal for a Council Recommendation on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/com_2013_460_en.pdf

Roma Integration: Commitments and strategies are only as good as the action that follows

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-13-580_en.htm?locale=en

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Making school less threatening

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/roma_stories_2013/uk_en.pdf

Shia And Sunni Tensions In Syria Threaten To Split British Muslim Community

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2013/06/27/shia-and-sunni_n_3510862.html?utm_hp_ref=uk

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Equality

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Commission publishes equality guidance for schools

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2013/june/commission-publishes-equality-guidance-for-schools/>

New Publications

Technical Guidance for Schools in Scotland

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/EqualityAct/PSED/technical_guidance_schools_scotland_final_5_.docx

Technical Guidance for Schools in England

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/EqualityAct/PSED/technical_guidance_schools_england_final.pdf

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New allegations of police misconduct in Stephen Lawrence case to be investigated

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-allegations-of-police-misconduct-in-stephen-lawrence-case-to-be-investigated>

Roma exclusion: it's time for Member States to tackle this European "scandal" seriously

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/pdfpress/13-06-28%20ERPC%20statement%20EC%20progress%20report%20Roma.pdf>

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Anti-bigotry football laws are needed in Scotland, says Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/anti-bigotry-football-laws-needed-scotland-2002004>

Anjem Choudary Support For New UK Muslim Protection Squad 'Islamic Emergency Defence'

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2013/06/26/anjem-choudary-islamic-emergency-defence_n_3501215.html?utm_hp_ref=uk

Jewish Patrol Group Shomrim Offers Protection To Mosques Amid Rise In Hate Attacks

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2013/06/24/jewish-patrol-group-offer_n_3490383.html

Bank racism report 'gathering dust' more than 18 months on

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2013/jun/28/bank-racism-report-delay-nick-clegg>

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Prince Charles warns of rising antisemitism

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2013/jun/24/prince-charles-antisemitism-warning>

Prince Of Wales Warns Of Rising Anti-Semitism

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2013/06/24/prince-charles-warning-anti-semitism_n_3492533.html

'It will take time to rebuild trust,' Doreen Lawrence tells Met chief

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/it-will-take-time-to-rebuild-trust-doreen-lawrence-tells-met-chief-8678660.html>

Swastikas sprayed on Redditch Central Mosque walls

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-23059542>

Man, 75, arrested over Walsall mosque bomb

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-23087162>

Police call home-made bomb outside Walsall's Ashia Mosque a 'hate crime' and draft in counter-terror police

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/police-call-homemade-bomb-outside-walsalls-ashia-mosque-a-hate-crime-and-draft-in-counterterror-police-8670548.html?origin=internalSearch>

Boy, two, injured in racist train attack in Walthamstow

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-23062736>

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Other Holyrood

Parliamentary Motion

S4M-07164 Mary Fee: Football Equity Project—That the Parliament welcomes the public launch of the Football Equity Project by the SFA and BEMIS; understands that this is a long-term project that aims to increase participation in football, regardless of age or gender, across Scotland's ethnic minority communities and address any barriers; understands that the project, which has been funded by the CashBack for Communities scheme since April 2012, has taken a proactive, co-ordinated approach that has encouraged many people to play, coach, volunteer and officiate; notes that it has led to the staging of a 16-team, multicultural tournament; further notes that it has published what it considers a pioneering football equity survey that examined the barriers to, and participation of people from ethnic minorities in, the sport; considers the project to be a model of excellent practice in terms of effective community engagement, collaborative organisational partnerships and, most importantly, empowering communities across Scotland to derive the multiple benefits of taking part in sport, which it believes include greater self-esteem and improved physical and mental health, and supports the project as it aims to bring Scotland's diverse communities together to enjoy what is considered the national game.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-07164&ResultsPerPage=10>

Other Holyrood (continued) Press Releases

Same sex marriage

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2013/06/same-sex-marriage-27062013>

Lord Advocate issues 'same sex' marriage opposition guidance to prosecutors

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/media-site/latest-news-from-copfs/429-lord-advocate-issues-same-sex-marriage-opposition-guidance-to-prosecutors>

200th Act of the Scottish Parliament receives Royal Assent

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/65480.aspx>

New Publications

Consultation on the Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill: Analysis of Written Responses

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0042/00425946.pdf>

Consultation on the draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill: - responses from organisations

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/06/9890/downloads>

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Scottish independence: Referendum voting age bill approved by MSPs

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-23074572>

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Report highlights growing need to improve end of life care for minority ethnic groups

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/report-highlights-growing-need-to-improve-end-of-life-care-for-minority-ethnic-groups>

Minister welcomes NSPCC female genital mutilation helpline

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ministers-welcome-nspcc-female-genital-mutilation-helpline>

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New Publications

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2012/2013

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/application/resources/documents/AnnualReport20122013.pdf>

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Palliative and end of life care for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups in the UK
<http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/Documents/WHO-WE-ARE/Diversity/Palliative%20care%20BAME%20report%20June%202013.pdf>

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Other News

Edinburgh & Lothians Joint Sensory Partnership RNIB Scotland & Deaf Action: Delivering Better Services for Ethnic Minorities

Following two-year funding from the Scottish Government, RNIB Scotland and Deaf Action have launched the Edinburgh and Lothians Joint Sensory Partnership (ELJSP). The partnership will deliver better services for people with hearing or sight loss by maximising existing resources and networks, introducing sustainable support services, and raising awareness of sensory loss issues throughout the region. For information see <http://jointsensorypartnership.com/bme/>

NSPCC launches helpline for girls in danger of female genital mutilation

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/news-and-views/media-centre/press-releases/2013/fgm-helpline-launch/female-genital-mutilation-helpline_wdn96859.html

'Tiny fraction of female mutilations in Scotland reported'

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/scotland/tiny-fraction-of-female-mutilations-in-scotland-reported-1-2974125>

Genital mutilation 'more widespread'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/genital-mutilation-more-widespread.21412427>

Female genital mutilation victim was 'aged just seven'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-23001119>

Concern that mutilation victims are being failed

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/concern-that-mutilation-victims-are-being-failed.21446050>

Female Genital Mutilation - The Time to Act Is Now

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/alan-wardle/female-genital-mutilation_b_3515809.html?utm_hp_ref=uk

Muslim religious leaders to condemn child sex grooming

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-23087686>

Kenny MacAskill and Atta Yaqub kick off ethnic minority football drive at Hampden Park

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/kenny-macaskill-atta-yaqub-kick-2000018>

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<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/62233.aspx>

Criminal Justice Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/65155.aspx>

**** Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/64983.aspx>

Bill as introduced

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b36s4-introd.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b36s4-introd.pdf)

Explanatory Notes

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b36s4-introd-en.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b36s4-introd-en.pdf)

Policy Memorandum

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b36s4-introd-pm.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b36s4-introd-pm.pdf)

Delegated Powers Memorandum

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage_and_Civil_Partnership_DPM.pdf

**** Post-16 Education Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/56717.aspx>

Stage 3 discussion of proposed amendments

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8254&mode=html#iob_74828

Stage 3 debate

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8254&mode=html#iob_74829

Bill as passed

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Post-16%20Education%20Bill/b18bs4-aspassed.pdf

Scottish Independence Referendum Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/61076.aspx>

**** Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/60464.aspx>

Stage 3 consideration of proposed amendments

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8256&mode=html#iob_74867

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http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8256&mode=html#iob_74868

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http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Scottish%20Independence%20Referendum%20Franchise%20Bill/b24bs4-aspassed.pdf

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Victims and Witnesses Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/59133.aspx>

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Asylum Seekers (Return to Nearest Safe Country) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/asylumseekersreturntonearestsafecountry.html>

** Charitable Status for Religious Institutions Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/charitablestatusforreligiousinstitutions.html>

** Collection of Nationality Data Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/collectionofnationalitydata.html>

** Face Coverings (Prohibition) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/facecoveringsprohibition.html>

** Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/illegalimmigrantscriminalsanctions.html>

Immigration Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/immigrationact1971amendment.html>

** Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2013

Motion approved

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130627-0003.htm#13062765000744>

** Lobbyists (Registration of Code of Conduct) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/lobbyistsregistrationofcodeofconduct.html>

** Romanian and Bulgarian Accession (Labour Restriction) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/romanianandbulgarianaccessionlabourrestriction.html>

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Interests of the Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill (closing date 22 July 2013)
http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Inquiries/FINAL_consultation_document.pdf

Children and Young People Bill (closing date 26 July 2013)
http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EducationandCultureCommittee/General%20Documents/Call_for_written_evidence.pdf

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Review of the Balance of Competences: Asylum and Immigration

(closing date 5 August 2013)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/199891/asylum-immigration-call-for-evidence.pdf

**** Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill** (closing date 23 August 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/63773.aspx>

**** Scrutiny of the draft budget 2014-15** (closing date 23 August 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/65208.aspx>

**** Criminal Justice Bill** (closing date 30 August 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/65418.aspx>

**** Inquiry into proposals for an independent fiscal body** (closing date 6 September 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/65292.aspx>

Our Communities, Your Duties (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KN9FT6N>

Tried and Trusted? The Role of NGOs in Asylum Seeker and Irregular Migrant Voluntary Return (no closing date given)

<https://www.isurvey.soton.ac.uk/7654>

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Connecting Equalities in Glasgow

10 July 2013 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector conference about the Public Sector Equality Duty. For information contact Brian McNee 0141 332 2444 / brian.mcnee@gcvs.org.uk or see http://www.gcvs.org.uk/assets/0000/2874/Connecting_Equalities_in_Glasgow.pdf

2014 Commonwealth Games Security Training

Mid August 013 onwards in Glasgow; closing date for applications, 31 July 2013

For information see <http://www.cardonald.ac.uk/courses/show/927>

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

3 October 2013 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

8 November 2013 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council training to identify fundamental issues facing asylum seekers and refugees today, and highlighting current legislation and entitlements. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/burro73> or contact 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

**** Working with interpreters**

22 October 2013 in Glasgow (9.15 – 1.00)

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 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk.

Mental Health and Ethnicity

30 October 2013 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

West of Scotland Health and Ethnicity Conference to present an evidence based approach to influence the development of a healthier minority ethnic community in Scotland. Deadline for submissions: 31 July 2013. For information contact Sidra Shirjeel sidra.shirjeel@cc3.org.uk or see <http://tinyurl.com/bmvj354>

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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.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

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

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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

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

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

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

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

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <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

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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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