

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### NHS: Migrant Access and Charges

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the estimate by Clare Gerada, Chair of the Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners, that the staff costs of charging migrants from outside the European Union a levy for making use of primary healthcare will amount to £500 million.[HL1402]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of**

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**Health (Earl Howe):** The Government has made no assessment of any estimate reportedly made by the Chair of the Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

The Government is consulting on proposals to amend the current rules and procedures for charging visitors and migrants for National Health Service care. These proposals include extending charges to primary care and identifying chargeable patients at the point that they first register with a general practitioner practice to allow the NHS to apply charges to them whenever they subsequently access hospital or other NHS services.

Views are also being sought on proposals to ensure temporary migrants from outside the European Economic Area make a financial contribution to the NHS, including the option of requiring those coming to stay for more than six months to pay a health levy to be collected by the Home Office alongside visa and immigration application fees.

Consultations published by the Department and the Home Office are examining the costs and benefits of these proposals to develop an impact assessment, whilst the Department has commissioned some independent professional research to better understand the extent of the use, and abuse, of the NHS by migrants and visitors, which will also inform the impact assessment.

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what evidence they have about the impact of health tourism on the NHS budget.[HL1411]

**Reply from Earl Howe:** The Department is not able to make a reliable estimate of the impact on the National Health Service budget of providing NHS care to visitors and migrants who were not entitled to free treatment, including those known as health tourists, because the NHS does not currently have robust enough systems in place to identify every such patient.

The Department has commissioned some independent professional research to better understand the extent of the use, and abuse, of the NHS by migrants and visitors and is currently consulting on proposals to change the rules of entitlement to free NHS care and to ensure the system is better able to identify chargeable patients and recover costs.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130715w0001.htm#13071510000438>

### Visiting Nationals (Bond Requirement)

**Richard Graham:** What assessment she has made of the potential effects of introducing a bond requirement for visiting nationals from countries deemed to be high-risk. [164854]

**Reply from the Secretary of State for the Home Department (Theresa May):** I am planning to launch a small-scale pilot scheme later this year to test the impact of requiring financial bonds, in limited circumstances, from a minority of visitors from selected nationalities who present a high risk of overstaying. The details are still being finalised, and I will make an announcement in due course.

**Richard Graham:** Any requirement for United Kingdom citizens to post bonds for visiting relatives from countries such as India risks being seen as yet another bureaucratic obstacle to cross-border family visits. Does my right hon. Friend agree that it is vital for UK citizens to be reassured about both the goals and the benefits of any such policy in advance of its implementation?

**Reply from Theresa May:** My hon. Friend is right: we need to explain to people why we are proposing a pilot to establish whether we should introduce the system more widely. As I have said, we are still finalising the details, and we are currently looking into the operation of bond schemes in other countries. We want to set a level that gives people an incentive to return home rather than overstaying, but is

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not disproportionate. We are considering all the possible implications of introducing such a scheme.

**Barry Sheerman:** Will the Home Secretary acknowledge that some people feel very resentful about the manner in which she has introduced this scheme? They do not understand the logic. They do not oppose the bond system, but they object to the way in which some countries have been chosen rather than others. Will the Home Secretary make clear what the criteria are, and how the scheme will be expanded?

**Reply from Theresa May:** We have not introduced the scheme yet. I shall make an announcement in due course about what it will cover and how it will operate, but the aim is to concentrate on places that we believe present a significant risk of overstaying. As I said to my hon. Friend the Member for Gloucester (Richard Graham), it is important for the bond—where we do introduce it—to be set at a level that is high enough to constitute a disincentive, but is not disproportionate.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130715/debtext/130715-0001.htm#13071511000018>

### Entry Clearances

**Andrew Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) if she will exempt visa applicants who have previously undertaken study at a UK university from the pilot studies into the requirement for cash bonds for immigration purposes; [165631]

(2) what assessment she has made of the effect of the introduction of a cash bond for immigration purposes on non-EU PhD candidates studying at UK universities who use student visitor visas to return for viva voce examinations; [165632]

(3) if applications for student visitor visas will be included in pilot schemes on a requirement for a cash bond for visa applications. [165638]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** We plan to introduce a pilot scheme later this year to test the impact of requiring financial bonds in limited circumstances, from a minority of visitors from selected nationalities who present a high risk of overstaying. The details of the scheme are still being finalised and will be announced in due course.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130717/text/130717w0001.htm#13071797000030>

### Entry Clearances

**Hilary Benn:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps she is taking to assist applicants for Home Office travel documents who are unable to obtain or retain a job because all their papers are with their application in her Department; and if she will make a statement. [159316]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** As part of the process of preventing illegal working we have been providing those lawfully present with secure evidence of their status in the UK in the form of Biometric Residence Permits. All travel document applicants not in possession of a valid Biometric Residence Permit confirming their current immigration status have, since February 2012 had to simultaneously apply for a Biometric Residence Permit. As part of the application process applicants are required to submit their current immigration status document with their application. Where the application is approved their immigration status document will be replaced with a Biometric Residence Permit.

Where an applicant has submitted their immigration status document and their employer or prospective employer requires confirmation of their status, the employer should contact the Employer's Helpline details are available on our website. The Employer's Helpline will check Home Office records and confirm the employee or prospective employee's status.

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In cases where the employer is not willing to accept this confirmation the Travel Document Section can provide certified copies of the applicant's immigration status document. Providing certified copies avoids returning the original immigration status document, and then asking for it back so that it can be replaced with a Biometric Residence Permit.

**Nicholas Soames:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps she is taking to improve the issuing of business visas. [164347]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** We have a target of processing 90% of business visas within 15 working days and we have exceeded that in the last three years; and many were decided in considerably less time. We continue to review our processes to identify ways to simplify the process for visa customers. We are piloting a Super Priority—same day—service in India, and continue to extend the availability of the Priority service (3-5 day turnaround). During periods of high demand, we have extended opening hours at our key Visa Application Centres, allowing us to offer primetime (evening and weekend) appointments. We continue to build relationships with key UK and foreign businesses and groups to better understand their needs, and deliver against them.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130716/text/130716w0002.htm#13071611000043>

### Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

**Andrew Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of the level of abuse in applications for the student visitor visas. [165629]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** A Home Office study, published on 6 June, showed that the level of abuse of the student visitor route is low. It is used by both visitors who require a visa and those who apply to enter the UK at the border, to study mainly on short courses in English Language or university summer schools. Most attend courses at universities and colleges that hold a Tier 4 sponsor licence or are accredited by a Home Office-approved body. Key measures of abuse for those who entered on a student visitor visa are very low.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130716/text/130716w0002.htm#13071611000044>

### Immigrants: English Language

**Julian Huppert:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps she is taking to review the guidance on the standard of English language required by spousal visa applicants. [163601]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** We have no plans to amend the level of English language required to qualify for leave to enter or remain as a spouse or partner of a British or settled person under the Immigration Rules. In April 2013 we successfully defended a legal challenge to this requirement in the Court of Appeal in *Bibi & Anor, R (on the application of) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department (Rev 1)* [2013] EWCA Civ 322.

The current guidance reflects the existing rules which require the visa applicant to pass an acceptable test at a minimum level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) with an approved provider; or be a national of a majority English speaking country; or have an academic qualification equivalent to a bachelor's or master's degree or PhD in the UK, which was taught in English or fall under an exemption category.

However the English language requirements for applicants seeking indefinite leave to remain in the UK and to naturalise as a British citizen are changing. From



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October 2013, applicants will have to pass the new Life in the UK test and demonstrate that they have English speaking and listening skills equivalent to ESOL entry level 3. This policy will affect spouses and other relevant migrants applying for indefinite leave to remain in the UK or to naturalise as a British citizen.

The Home Office announced further details of the changes in a Statement of Intent which is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/knowledge-of-language-and-life-in-the-uk-for-settlement-and-naturalisation-statement-of-intent>

Further guidance on the revised language requirements for those seeking indefinite leave to remain in the UK or to naturalise as a British citizen will be published in due course.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130716/text/130716w0002.htm#130716110000047>

### Immigration

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how they plan to enforce proposed legislation that will require landlords to conduct immigration checks on tenants.[HL1546]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** The Home Office would enforce the proposed legislation in the course of its normal operations against illegal immigration. Where an illegal immigrant is encountered renting a residential property, the accommodation provider will be asked to prove that they have conducted any checks prescribed by law. Penalties would be served on non-compliant landlords who would be able to raise an objection. Where a decision to impose a penalty is maintained, the landlord would have a right of appeal through the courts.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130724w0001.htm#13072447000491>

### Immigration

**Gordon Henderson:** What steps her Department is taking to control immigration and ensure that net migration continues to fall. [164847]

**Reply from the Minister for Immigration (Mark Harper):** Net migration is down by more than a third since the election, and immigration has fallen by 100,000, bringing it to its lowest level since 2003. The Government will continue to take steps to ensure we hit our target of getting net migration down to tens of thousands by the general election.

**Gordon Henderson:** I welcome the consultation into tackling illegal immigration in privately rented accommodation, but does my hon. Friend join me in encouraging hotel and guest house owners to engage in that consultation process so that their views can be fully represented?

**Reply from Mark Harper:** I welcome that, and anyone with an interest in our proposal should respond to the consultation so that we can take their views into account. I reassure those whom my hon. Friend represents that our proposals are aimed at those renting their only or main home, so they should not be a great concern to those running guest houses or hotel accommodation.

**Keith Vaz:** Immigration control must be firm but also fair. Last Tuesday, the courts ruled that Jimmy Mubenga was unlawfully killed while being escorted to the airport by G4S, and two days later the Justice Secretary said that G4S and Serco had been overcharging his Department over a number of years. Given that those two companies hold contracts worth £180 million with the Home Office, will my hon. Friend initiate an audit into the

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quality of their immigration work as well as their charging policies, to ensure that his Department has not been overcharged?

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The right hon. Gentleman who chairs the Home Affairs Committee will know following the Lord Chancellor's statement last week, that across Government the work he has called for is already under way to review all contracts that those companies hold with the Government, to check on how they are being conducted, and specifically on how they are charging the Government. That work is under way and colleagues will report to the House in due course.

**Julian Huppert:** The Minister will be aware that education is one of our greatest exports and we benefit hugely from genuine students who come to this country to study. Will he confirm that the Government will not introduce a cap on students who come here to study, and say that he would not support one?

**Reply from Mark Harper:** I can give my hon. Friend that assurance. The Government have been clear: we have rooted out abuse and removed the ability of hundreds of colleges to bring in international students. However, we welcome genuine students to Britain and to our excellent universities. We made it clear in the mid-term review that there is no cap, and we welcome the brightest and best, wherever they come from in the world, to come and study in the United Kingdom.

**Ian Davidson:** Will the Minister accept that the net migration figure can be manipulated by making Britain so unattractive that people wish to leave? Surely the figure that should be looked at is the one for gross immigration, and surely that cannot be controlled until we stop the free movement of people from the European Union.

**Reply from Mark Harper:** I make three points to the hon. Gentleman. First, as I said to my hon. Friend the Member for Sittingbourne and Sheppey (Gordon Henderson), the immigration figure—the gross number—is down by 100,000 to its lowest level since 2003. My second point concerns people in the United Kingdom who have no right to be here. I actually want them to leave, which will contribute to reducing net migration. Thirdly, on the in-flow of people from the EU, as he will see from the numbers, the EU is not where the bulk of net migration comes from; the majority of people coming to Britain come from outside the EU.

**James Clappison:** In the light of the recent upwards revision of the migration figures between 1997 and 2010—an additional 500,000 migrants were found, meaning that overall immigration in that period was 4 million and that net migration under the last Government was 3 million, which amounted to three cities the size of Manchester—can my hon. Friend assure me that in the future we will have robust statistics and no return to the open-door policies favoured by the last Government?

**Reply from Mark Harper:** My hon. Friend will know that Migration Watch has written to the Office for National Statistics about that historical period, and I understand that it is engaged in a dialogue about it. I also understand from the ONS that it has revised its methodology so that its current recording of statistics is accurate, but his general point is very sensible: we had a period of uncontrolled immigration under the last Government—a mistake that this Government are not going to make.

**Pete Wishart:** Does the Minister finally recognise that Scotland has its own immigration issues, and can he name just one thing that the Government have done to help us to address our distinct problems and issues?

**Reply from Mark Harper:** One thing is that the number of foreign students going to excellent universities in Scotland is up, as it is across the whole of the United Kingdom. The hon. Gentleman's desire to have a border between England and Scotland and to turn England into a foreign country is not one welcomed by people either in England or in the rest of the United Kingdom, including in Scotland.

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**Philip Davies:** The coalition agreement said that exit checks would be in place by 2015. Will the Minister guarantee that this commitment will be met and explain how he will deliver on it?

**Reply from Mark Harper:** As my hon. Friend might be aware from conversations elsewhere and questions I have answered, that is a clear coalition commitment, and through the work we have done already, including through the data we collect on our e-Borders programme, we already have quite a bit of coverage of those coming into or out of the UK. It is a much better system, actually, than exists almost anywhere else in the world. Further work needs to be done, and that work is under way, as we progress towards 2015.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130715/debtext/130715-0001.htm#13071511000012>

### Immigration

**Andrew Turner:** To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office what the level of immigration to the UK was from (a) other EU member states and (b) non-EU countries in (i) 2005, (ii) 2010 and (iii) 2012. [166150]

**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 July 2013:* ... ONS 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 ONS and is the prime source of long-term international migration data for the UK providing estimates of both inflows and outflows. LTIM is the only series able to provide single year UK immigration estimates and to separate EU and non-EU countries.

Table 1 shows estimates of immigration to the UK, based on country of last residence, for EU and non-EU countries for the year ending December 2005 and the year ending December 2010. Data for the year ending December 2012 will be published on 28th November 2013.

	<i>EU countries</i>	<i>Non-EU countries</i>
Year ending December 2005	186,000	381,000
Year ending December 2010	208,000	383,000

Source: ONS <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/migration1/long-term-international-migration/2011/2-02-ltim-country-of-last-or-next-residence--1991-2011.xls>

LTIM provisional estimates of immigration by citizenship, including an EU and non-EU breakdown for the year ending September 2012 have been published and can be found at the following link:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/migration1/migration-statistics-quarterly-report/may-2013/provisional-long-term-international-migration--ltim--estimates-sep-2012.xls>

Revised net migration, immigration and emigration figures have been published as components of change in revised mid-year population estimates from the year to mid-2002 to the year to mid-2010 for England and Wales. These take into account the results from the 2011 Census, and included a revision to the net migration component, focussed primarily on the middle part of the decade before improvements were made to the International Passenger Survey in 2009. This is explained in a report published in December 2012. Table 7 of that report shows the differences between LTIM and the revised net migration component.

<http://ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/method-quality/specific/population-and-migration/population-statistics-research-unit--psru-/methods-used-to-revise-the-national-population-estimates-for-mid-2002-to-mid-2010.pdf>

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ONS plans to publish a further analytical report in Autumn 2013 that will further explain the differences between LTIM and the net migration component of the revised population estimates series.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130718/text/130718w0004.htm#1307192000025>

### Immigration

**Peter Lilley:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will take steps to revise the annual immigration statistics to ensure that they are provided with the latest census estimates of past immigration. [165718]

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

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<i>Thousand</i>				
	<i>Immigration</i>	<i>Emigration</i>	<i>Asylum seekers net migration</i>	<i>Net migration</i>
2001-02	375	271	67	171
2002-03	402	288	59	173
2003-04	457	292	25	190
2004-05	569	283	15	302
2005-06	541	332	8	217
2006-07	587	345	10	252
2007-08	548	318	14	244
2008-09	515	353	18	181
2009-10	510	300	11	220

*Note:* Net migration includes visitor and migrant switchers, plus asylum seeker net migration *Source:* <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/what-we-do/publication-scheme/published-ad-hoc-data/population/may-2013/mid-2002-to-2010-revised-components-of-change-for-england-and-wales.zip>

ONS plans to publish a paper on the quality of international migration estimates from 2001 to 2011 in autumn 2013.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130715/text/130715w0001.htm#13071537000022>

### Immigration

**Lord Hylton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether foreign domestic workers subject to the single employer visa who approach the police or Employment Tribunal because of maltreatment are detained as immigration offenders.[HL1428]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** A foreign domestic worker subject to the single employer visa does not become an immigration offender or subject to detention by making an allegation of mistreatment. If the foreign domestic worker is no longer



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employed, their leave may be curtailed under paragraph 323(ii) of the Immigration Rules as they no longer meet the requirements of the rules under which leave was granted. Curtailment in these circumstances is discretionary and each case is considered on its merits. If the worker's leave is curtailed, it will be reduced to expire after 60 days in order to give them time to depart or apply for further leave. The worker has valid leave during the 60 day period and there would be no grounds to detain them unless they remained in the UK beyond this period without making an application to vary their leave.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130723w0001.htm#13072356000244>

### Illegal Immigrants

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the current size of the Migration Refusal Pool is. [164524]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Figures on the current size of the Migration Refusal Pool were supplied to the Home Affairs Select Committee on 10 July 2013, in a letter from Mr David Wood, interim director general for immigration enforcement.

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many of the non-compliance notifications received in Q4 2012 were followed up with further action within that quarter. [164527]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** During Q4 2012, we received 6,610 tier 2 and 5 notifications and 28,962 tier 4 notifications; we provided this information previously to the Home Affairs Select Committee.

We take follow-up action where we identify non-compliance, but the data on the follow-up action is held on multiple IT systems; as a result, we cannot track the outcomes of notifications we received in a specific time period as requested except at a disproportionate cost.

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) how many people in the Migration Refusal Pool contacted by Capita since October 2012 were subsequently found to have the right to remain in the UK; [164581]

(3) how many people in the Migration Refusal Pool Capita have contacted since October 2012; [164594]

(2) how many people in the Migration Refusal Pool have (a) left the UK voluntarily and (b) been removed from the UK since October 2012; [164593]

(4) how many complaints have been received about the Capita contract to contact persons in the Migration Refusal Pool since October 2012. [164587]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The specific information requested in relation to the number of people in the Migration Refusal Pool contacted by Capita since October 2012 who were subsequently found to have the right to remain in the UK, is not captured in the required format on departmental IT systems. Capita only contact people where Home Office records indicate they are here without valid leave. There have been a very small number of complaints from people who claim that they have the right to remain in the UK. All complaints are investigated.

Capita had received 60 complaints up to the end of quarter 1 of 2013, from 34,100 people put into the contact process at that time.

The Home Office has verified Capita's reported key performance indicators for up to the end of quarter 1 2013. These show 8,300 (to the nearest 100) confirmed departures. We have not recorded separately how many of these have been removed or have departed voluntarily.

By the end of quarter 1 2013, Capita had put 34,100 (to the nearest 100) cases into the contact process, and 5,300 (to the nearest 100) people had responded. This figure has been taken from Capita's internal management information.

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We continue to work with Capita to source updated contact information and to encourage people to either work with Capita to assist their departure or seek to regularise their stay.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130716/text/130716w0002.htm#130716110000046>

### Asylum: Pregnant Women

**Sarah Teather:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will review the guidance relating to procedures for accommodating pregnant women who seek asylum in the UK. [164449]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The Home Office's policies relating to pregnant asylum seekers were revised in August 2012, following widespread consultation. The report by the Refugee Council and Maternity Action drew conclusions from a sample of cases that were largely dealt with before those revised policies came into effect.

The policies are none the less kept under continuous review and the recommendations of the report are being considered by the Home Office and the Department of Health. Some of the recommendations are covered by work that is already ongoing.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130716/text/130716w0001.htm#130716110000039>

### Asylum

**David Ward:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the operational differences between the Older Live Cases Unit and its predecessor the Case Assurance and Audit Unit are; and what the reasons are for such differences. [164599]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The Case Assurance and Audit Unit was established in April 2011 to deal with the ongoing management of legacy migration and asylum cases.

In 2013, the name of the Case Assurance and Audit Unit was changed to the Older Live Cases Unit, the new name more accurately describes the remit to deal with the remaining legacy cases. The Older Live Cases Unit still has the same operational responsibility for dealing with the older unresolved asylum cases, where the initial asylum claim was lodged before March 2007, and for the older migration cases.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130717/text/130717w0001.htm#13071797000024>

### Asylum Seekers

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to review the restrictions on asylum applicants applying for jobs on the shortage occupation list. [HL1606]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** Our position is unchanged since our previous answers to the noble Lord's questions on this topic. There are no plans to review the restrictions on asylum applicants applying for jobs on the Shortage Occupation List.

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Taylor of Holbeach on 10 July (WA 44), whether they have any plans to review the restrictions on (1) active review applicants, (2) failed asylum seekers and (3) their dependants, applying for jobs on the shortage occupation list; whether they have conducted any research on whether asylum applicants or failed asylum seekers obtain

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jobs on the list after being granted permission to seek work; and, if so, what were the results of that research.[HL1615]

**Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach:** There are no plans to review the restrictions on failed asylum seekers or their dependants applying for jobs on the Shortage Occupation List. Failed asylum seekers are only eligible to apply for permission to work if they have waited over twelve months for a decision on a further submissions application. Only main applicants are granted permission to work.

No research of the type described has been conducted.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130724w0001.htm#13072447000473>

### Asylum Seekers

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers were deemed by healthcare professionals to be unfit for detention in each of the last ten years, and of that number, how many were subsequently released as a result of such findings.[HL1011]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** This question has been interpreted as relating to Rule 35 (1) of the Detention Centre Rules 2001, which sets out requirements for doctors at immigration removal centres to report on any detained person whose health is likely to be injuriously affected by continued detention or any conditions of detention.

Management information for the administration of reports submitted under Rule 35 (1) is only available from one January 2012. This information does not form part of published statistics and is not subject to the detailed checks that apply to National Statistics publications. As such, it is provisional and subject to change. Records prior to this period were locally held manual records for administrative purposes and are not available without incurring disproportionate cost.

	Q1 2012	Q2 2012	Q3 2012	Q4 2012	Grand Total
Number of Rule 35 (1) reports	34	31	9	24	98
Number of detainees Rule 35(1) reports relate to	31	29	7	22	89
of which:-					
Detainees released following Rule 35(1) report	1	2	-	1	4

Decisions to release individuals are taken on a case by case basis, taking into consideration the totality of the information related to the cases concerned. This will include reports under Rule 35(1) submitted by healthcare professionals working in Immigration Removal Centres.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130723w0001.htm#13072356000236>

### Immigration: Detention

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the findings of the recent Medical Justice report Expecting Change: The case for ending the detention of pregnant women; and whether they will amend current legislation so that pregnant women cannot be detained for immigration purposes. [HL1545]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord**

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**Taylor of Holbeach):** Pregnant women are not normally detained except where their removal from the United Kingdom is imminent and medical advice does not suggest confinement before their removal date. Women who are less than 24 weeks pregnant may also be detained as part of the fast-track asylum process. All detainees have access to free on-site primary healthcare provision broadly equivalent to that available from NHS GPs in the community and pregnant women also have ready access to midwifery and ante-natal services.

The Home Office does not accept the conclusions in the recent Medical Justice report, not least because the report is based on a small sample of women over a period of more than three years.

There are no plans to change the current policy on detention of pregnant women.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130724w0001.htm#13072447000493>

### Detention Centres: Children

**Andrew Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children were subject to detention in adult immigration removal centres in each of the last three years. [165628]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** There were 418 children who initially entered detention at immigration removal centres (IRCs) in 2010, 85 in 2011 and 97 in 2012. These figures exclude those children who entered at short term holding facilities and pre departure accommodation.

Since the new family returns process was rolled out fully in August 2011, children (under-18s) may be held in IRCs only as part of family groups stopped at the border while inquiries are made to determine whether they may be safely admitted or, on rare occasions, in criminal cases. In these circumstances, families are held together in the specially designed family unit at Tinsley House.

It is not the policy to detain unaccompanied children. Occasionally, information may subsequently emerge to show that an individual who has been detained as an adult is under 18; in those cases, individuals are released as soon as suitable arrangements can be made for their care.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of people detained in the UK within Immigration Statistics. The data on people entering detention are readily available in the latest release, Immigration Statistics: January to March 2013, table dt\_01 from the Gov.uk website:

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

Published figures on people held are those detained in the United Kingdom solely under Immigration Act powers, including short term holding facilities and pre departure accommodation in addition to immigration removal centres but excluding those in police cells, Prison Service establishments, short term holding rooms at ports and airports (for less than 24 hours), and those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.

**Andrew Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of the recent detention of children in Campsfield House adult immigration removal centre; and if she will make a statement. [165633]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Individuals who were initially detained as adults but later assessed to be under 18 appear in the regularly published statistics for Children in Detention.

There will always be a small number of individuals who appear in the published statistics for children either entering or leaving detention for an immigration removal centre (IRC) other than Tinsley House IRC.



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These exceptional instances should only relate to “age dispute” cases. This was the situation for both of the recent cases at Campsfield House IRC.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130716/text/130716w001.htm#130716110000041>

### Children: Detention Centres

**Andrew Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for Education whether (a) Campsfield House, (b) Tinsley House and (c) the Cedars pre-departure accommodation are regulated by the Children Act 1989 and the guidance and regulations which his Department issues on children's welfare. [165627]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Home Department.

The Campsfield and Tinsley House immigration removal centres and the Cedars pre-departure accommodation do not carry out activities or provide services under the Children Act 1989, and do not fall to be regulated on that basis. These facilities are, however, inspected by HM Inspector of Prisons, and monitored by the Independent Monitoring Boards. In addition, the Children's Commissioner has powers of entry and inspection for the Tinsley family unit and for Cedars. A Detention Service Order on safeguarding is in place and staff are issued with details of the safeguarding policy for each facility. In addition, all staff are required to undergo Disclosure and Barring Service checks.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130716/text/130716w002.htm#130716117000016>

### Immigration: Children

**Lord Hylton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what procedures are in place to review immigration cases where parents are detained apart from their children and to ensure that the children's health and well-being are fully taken into account.[HL1607]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** Separation of children under the age of 18 from parents most often occurs where the parent in question is a foreign national offender who is detained pending deportation or removal from the UK at the end of a prison sentence. When deciding whether to detain parents in such circumstances, consideration must take account of the best interests of the child and how their parent's continued detention beyond their prison sentence may impact on them, striking a careful balance between the welfare of the child and the risk of harm posed to the public by the parent. The same considerations apply to the regular reviews of detention carried out in each case should detention be authorised. This is in line with the statutory duty under section 55 of the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009 to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the UK.

**Lord Hylton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they take to ensure that Home Office staff always complete a Family Welfare Form when parents are separated from their children by immigration detention.[HL1608]

**Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach:** There are internal Home Office quality assurance procedures in place which ensure that the family welfare form is opened when a family enters the family returns process and is updated fully following every interaction with the family. A child will not be separated from their parent(s) without a completed family welfare form first being quality assured by an assistant director and then presented to the independent family returns panel for advice.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130724w0001.htm#13072447000492>

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### Modern Day Slavery

**Fiona Mactaggart:** What steps she is taking to make Britain more hostile to traffickers engaged in modern day slavery; and if she will make a statement. [164858]

**Reply from the Secretary of State for the Home Department (Theresa May):**

The Government have a strong record in tackling modern slavery. We work closely with partners in priority source countries to stop people from being exploited, and to disrupt the organised criminals engaged in these appalling crimes. Our effective legislation and strong enforcement, in-country and at the border, will be further strengthened through the establishment of the National Crime Agency later this year.

**Fiona Mactaggart:** The Government's human trafficking strategy, published in 2011, pointed out that offenders

“perceive trafficking as a ‘low risk’ crime because of the relatively low risk of being caught”.

Since then, the risk of being caught, successfully prosecuted and convicted has reduced. What is the Home Secretary doing about it?

**Reply from Theresa May:** Of course, we disrupt groups involved in human trafficking not only by prosecuting people specifically in relation to human trafficking— sometimes, we use other prosecutions to do that. I recognise the concern in the House about human trafficking, and the excellent work done by my hon. Friend the Member for Wellingborough (Mr Bone) in the all-party group on human trafficking has ensured that we keep the issue at the forefront of our consideration. We do make every effort to ensure that we can prosecute people, be it specifically in relation to human trafficking or in other ways that can disrupt groups involved in human trafficking.

**David Burrowes:** What is the Home Secretary doing to ensure that the hostility towards traffickers is not unfairly transferred to the victims of trafficking and that steps we are taking across government, particularly with the Ministry of Justice, will ensure that those victims of trafficking are not prosecuted?

**Reply from Theresa May:** I thank my hon. Friend for raising an issue of concern. If people have been forced into criminal activity as a result of their trafficking experience, consideration is given to discontinuing the prosecution. However, we often need to make sure that victims make their trafficking situation known, and the Crown Prosecution Service has issued comprehensive guidance on the steps that should be taken to make relevant inquiries.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130715/debtext/130715-0001.htm#13071511000021>

### Human Trafficking (Compensation)

**Richard Ottaway:** How much has been received under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 from those convicted of human trafficking in the last three years; how much has been paid out to victims of trafficking in compensation; and if she will make a statement. [164860]

**Reply from the Minister for Immigration (Mark Harper):** The Government are committed to fighting human trafficking, as my right hon. Friend the Home Secretary set out in an earlier answer. Over £2 million has been recovered from traffickers in the past three years. Victims can apply for criminal injuries compensation and the Government pay £3 million a year for support services for victims through our contract with the Salvation Army. The figures on compensation paid to trafficking victims are not collected centrally.

**Richard Ottaway:** As victims are usually without support of any kind once they have left Government-funded shelters, and the avenues for claiming compensation are extremely

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limited, would it not make sense to take the funds confiscated from traffickers and put them into a fund for the benefit of victims of abuse?

**Reply from Mark Harper:** I thank my hon. Friend for his question. I would say a couple of things. First, the Government think that the priority should be making it easier for victims to secure compensation from confiscated assets, and we are working with the Ministry of Justice and the Crown Prosecution Service to achieve that. Secondly, victims of trafficking who leave Government-funded support through our contract are helped appropriately, either to return to their home country to a safe environment where they will not be re-trafficked or, if they claim asylum through the asylum system or if their immigration status allows, to remain in the United Kingdom.

**Geoffrey Robinson:** Is not the point what was put to the Minister by the hon. Member for Croydon South (Richard Ottaway)? An amount is collected, and we have no indication or record as to how much of that is paid to victims. Until we know that we do not know how efficient the system is, and the Minister needs to know.

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The point I made is that information on awards made by judges in compensation orders and so on is not collected by the Government. However, we spend £3 million on our Salvation Army contract, which supports victims of trafficking to give them a period of reflection after they have been saved from traffickers. That is a valuable process that we continue to support.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130715/debtext/130715-0001.htm#1307151100023>

### Human Trafficking

**The Lord Bishop of Derby:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what public funds are available to vulnerable people such as trafficked women to rehabilitate themselves into civil society.[HL1297]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Ministry of Justice (Lord McNally):** Women identified as a potential victim of human trafficking and referred to the National Referral Mechanism—the Government's formal identification process—and are entitled to receive support under a contract which has been operated by the Salvation Army, since July 2011. The contract supports both female and male victims and is jointly-funded by the Ministry of Justice and the Home Office. In 2012/3, £3 million was provided to The Salvation Army to run the contract.

Based on the victim's individual needs, The Salvation Army will ensure they are provided with the appropriate services to aid their immediate recovery from the trauma of being trafficked. The Salvation Army have a wide and diverse supply chain of 12 sub-contractors who support victims in the most appropriate environment and tailor support according to need. This includes the provision of safe and secure accommodation, providing access to legal advice and preparing individuals for work through arranging access to training courses and mentoring.

Victims are entitled to support under the contract for a minimum of 45 days or until they have received a 'Conclusive Grounds' decision to confirm they are a victim of trafficking. At this point The Salvation Army will work to support all victims to secure an appropriate exit from the contract and into other support services or the safe return to their home country

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130716w0001.htm#13071688000342>

### Human Trafficking

**Peter Bone:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many victims of trafficking have been returned to their countries of origin (a) within and (b) outside the

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EU in each of the last three years; and at what cost. [165566]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2012, nine confirmed victims of trafficking have been returned to countries of origin outside of the EU through voluntary or enforced arrangements. As EU nationals have freedom of movement their return is not routinely tracked by the Home Office.

An analysis of the costs associated with returning a migrant to their country of origin can be found in the National Audit Office report:

[http://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/01/0809124\\_accenture\\_rept.pdf](http://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/01/0809124_accenture_rept.pdf)

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 main applicants only.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130716/text/130716w0002.htm#130716110000045>

### Human Trafficking

**Baroness Docey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government why the report Threat Assessment of Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, published on 2 July by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP), does not consider trafficking of children from abroad for sexual exploitation; and whether that will be the subject of a separate CEOP report.[HL1549]

**Reply from te Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** All forms of child trafficking are unacceptable. The reasons for trafficking vary and include sexual exploitation but also organised crime, domestic servitude, and faith-based abuse. The UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC) has national responsibility for child trafficking and works closely with the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) to share data and co-ordinate the support both provide to UK law enforcement.

The UKHTC is currently compiling the 2012 Strategic Threat Assessment for human trafficking, including child trafficking which, when published, will be available on the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) website.

The CEOP Threat Assessment outlines the four key threats under consideration by CEOP. While that does not address all aspects of threat to children, CEOP remains involved in working with others to tackle the trafficking of children for sexual abuse.

**Baroness Docey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what mechanisms are made available to individual police forces by (1) the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre, and (2) the Serious Organised Crime Agency, to inform them of child trafficking trends as they emerge.[HL1550]

**Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach:** The UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC) in the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) published a baseline assessment in 2011 on Human Trafficking including child trafficking.

Submissions were received from all UK police forces, as well as other law enforcement agencies, local authorities and selected Non Governmental organisations and fed into this assessment. This assessment is available on the SOCA website. The same process has been repeated for 2012 and that assessment is currently being drafted and when published will also be available on the SOCA website.

Throughout the year police forces and law enforcement agencies, as well as other organisations including local authorities and NGOs submit intelligence directly to the UKHTC. In addition police forces have now started to place intelligence on the Police National Database for which UKHTC has access.



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Police forces also contact the UKHTC through its 24/7 Tactical Advice facility.

**Baroness Doocey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the local authority pilot project of the London Safeguarding Trafficked Children guidance and toolkit of February 2011 involving the councils of Camden, Croydon, Glasgow, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kent, Manchester, Slough, Solihull and Southwark; and whether they have published any such assessment of this initiative. [HL1552]

**Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach:** The Government have not conducted an assessment of the London Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) Safeguarding Trafficked Children guidance and toolkit. However, I am aware that the LSCB Trafficking sub-group who prepared and published the guidance and toolkit, conducted an internal snapshot survey in Spring 2012, which focused on use of the toolkit by London boroughs. The headline findings were referenced in the Centre for Social Justice Report 'It Happens Here' published in March 2013.

Following the survey the London Board plan to stage a number of events this financial year to refresh and heighten awareness of the guidance and toolkit across London and nationally.

In the meantime, the Government continue to take every opportunity to actively promote the London Safeguarding Board Trafficking toolkit.

**Baroness Doocey;** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) statistics on the number of positive conclusions for Nigerian children compared to referrals from other countries of origin; and whether there are separate criteria for decision-making when making an NRM decision relating to a child victim from Nigeria.[HL1564]

To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) statistics on the number of positive conclusions for United Kingdom children compared to referrals from other countries of origin; and whether there are separate criteria for decision-making when making an NRM decision relating to a child victim from the United Kingdom.[HL1565]

**Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach:** The criteria for National Referral Mechanism (NRM) decision making is the same for all cases regardless of age, gender or nationality. NRM decisions are made following a consideration of the facts in an individual case. This may include where and how the victim was identified, when the exploitation occurred and where the victim was located. As the circumstance of each case will be unique a comparative assessment of differences between different nationality groups would be of limited value.

**Baroness Doocey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether any statistics have been collected or analysis conducted by the UK Human Trafficking Centre or the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre of persons who entered the United Kingdom and were exploited as children but were only identified and referred to the National Referral Mechanism as adults. [HL1566]

**Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach:** The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) records potential victims who were trafficked as children but where the referral took place once they were an adult. Data from the NRM is published on the UK Human Trafficking Centre website:

<http://www.soca.gov.uk/about-soca/about-the-ukhtc/national-referral-mechanism/statistics>

**Baroness Doocey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government why the National Referral Mechanism categorises forced labour and domestic servitude as two separate statistics in relation to child trafficking.[HL1567]

**Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach:** The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) breaks down exploitation types for both adults and children under four categories - Sexual, Labour, Domestic Servitude and Trafficked for Organ Harvest.

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The NRM was established as part of the UK's implementation of the European Convention against Trafficking in Human Beings. The categories of exploitation are consistent with, and reflect, our obligations under the Convention.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130724w0001.htm#13072447000490>

## Press Releases

**Home Office appeals High Court decision on family income threshold**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-office-appeals-high-court-decision-on-family-income-threshold>

**New premium customer service for Tier 4 sponsors**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2013/july/45-sponsor>

## New Publications

**Public Administration Select Committee: Migration Statistics**

vol 1 <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmpubadm/523/523.pdf>

vol 2 <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmpubadm/523/523vw.pdf>

**Monthly asylum application tables**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/225088/asylum-jun2013.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/225088/asylum-jun2013.ods)

**Children entering detention under Immigration Act powers: June 2013**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/225135/child-detention-jun2013.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/225135/child-detention-jun2013.ods)

**Beyond Proof, Credibility Assessment in EU Asylum Systems**

<http://www.refworld.org/docid/519b1fb54.html>

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**Deportation appeals have risen 40% year-on-year**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political-news/deportation-appeals-have-risen-40-year-on-year.21629773>

**Morton Hall detainee held for nearly three years, report finds**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lincolnshire-23334753>

**Calls to cut benefits for immigrants**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political-news/calls-to-cut-benefits-for-immigrants.21658565>

**Migrants needed to pay for NHS spending or Britain will go broke, says OBR**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/migrants-needed-to-pay-for-nhs-spending-or-britain-will-go-broke-says-obr-8714224.html>

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**Doctors could be forced to carry out immigration checks on patients documents**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/10205530/Doctors-could-be-forced-to-carry-out-immigration-checks-on-patients-documents-show.html>

**Migrant health levy may be bad for the country**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/migrant-health-levy-may-be-bad-for-the-country-1-3008776>

**UK's 200,000-strong South American community 'needs ethnic recognition'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/uks-200000strong-south-american-community-needs-ethnic-recognition-8723047.html>

**How many hours does it take to be fluent in English?**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-23407265>

**Campaign to persuade illegal immigrants to leave UK**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-23406479>

**Illegal immigrant crackdown 'offensive' - Cable**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/illegal-immigrant-crackdown-offensive-cable-1-3018975>

**Vince Cable calls campaign targeting illegal immigrants 'stupid and offensive'**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk-news/2013/jul/28/vince-cable-campaign-illegal-immigrants>

**Vince Cable criticises 'stupid and offensive' campaign against illegal immigrants**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/vince-cable-criticises-stupid-and-offensive-campaign-against-illegal-immigrants-8735366.html>

**Cable says anti-immigration campaign 'stupid and offensive'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3827548.ece>

**Council 'horrified' over scheme for immigrants to go**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-23419848>

**Council calls for withdrawal of ad campaign targeting illegal immigrants**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2013/jul/27/council-withdrawal-ad-campaign-illegal-immigrants>

**'Go home' ad campaign targeting illegal immigrants faces court challenge**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk-news/2013/jul/26/go-home-ad-campaign-court-challenge>

**This anti-immigrant ad campaign is racism, pure and simple**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2013/jul/23/anti-immigrant-ad-campaign-racism>

**Sham weddings clampdown**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/sham-weddings-clampdown.21697660>

**Gretna 'sham' weddings halted by immigration**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/gretna-sham-weddings-halted-by-immigration-1-3012496>

**UK migration numbers are just 'a best guess' says MPs**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/uk-migration-numbers-are-just-a-best-guess-says-mps-8735099.html>

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23475230>

#### **MPs condemn official totals for migration as inadequate**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk-news/2013/jul/28/mps-condemn-ons-migration-figures>

#### **MPs issue warning over immigrant numbers**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10206626/MPs-issue-warning-over-immigrant-numbers.html>

#### **Official statistics on migrants 'just guesswork'**

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/Politics/article1293343.ece>

#### **Scottish Refugee Council's referendum report highlighted as an example of good practice**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/latest\\_news/2138\\_scottish\\_refugee\\_councils\\_referendum\\_report\\_highlighted\\_as\\_an\\_example\\_of\\_good\\_practice](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/2138_scottish_refugee_councils_referendum_report_highlighted_as_an_example_of_good_practice)

#### **How 500,000 immigrants have been given social housing in last decade as number of families on waiting list hits record high**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2379478/Revealed-How-500-000-immigrants-given-social-housing-decade-number-families-waiting-list-hits-record-high.html?ico=news%5Eheadlines>

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<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3820828.ece>

#### **Serving samosas to forge friendships: 'The Big Iftar' aims to help non-Muslims learn about Islam**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/serving-samosas-to-forge-friendships-the-big-iftar-aims-to-help-nonmuslims-learn-about-islam-8735039.html>

#### **Breaking bread and Islam myths**

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## Equality

### Westminster Parliamentary Question

#### **EU: Roma Integration**

**Baroness Whitaker:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they have taken since May 2012 to implement the measures in the European Union National Roma Integration Strategy which were assessed by the European Commission as not having been met to a minimum standard.[HL1811]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government (Baroness Hanham):** European Union Member States adopted Council Conclusions on Roma integration in May 2011, in which they made commitments to advance the integration of Roma (including Gypsies and Travellers) either through national strategies or through wider social inclusion policies.

Her Majesty's Government is advancing Roma integration through wider social inclusion policies, including through the Ministerial Working Group on Tackling Inequalities Experienced by Gypsies and Travellers. The Working Group published a report in April 2012 which includes 28 commitments to help mainstream services support Gypsies and Travellers. The report also outlined that the Government intends to produce a further report once we have had the opportunity to fully assess progress in delivering those commitments.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130724w0001.htm#13072447000485>

### Westminster Early Day Motion

**Keith Vaz (441) Diversity in the National Curriculum** – That this House welcomes the increase in diversity in the new National Curriculum; recognises the importance of promoting knowledge of equality issues with young people; acknowledges the significant contribution that figures from ethnic minority and subjugated parts of society have made to British history and culture; further welcomes the specific inclusion of figures such as Rosa Parks and Emily Davison in the new curriculum; and urges the Government to continue to improve diversity topics in education.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2013-14/441>

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**Anger over benefit cuts for Jews who observe the Sabbath**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3820214.ece>

**Orthodox Jews Denied Benefits For Refusing To Work Saturdays**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2013/07/19/orthodox-jews-benefits\\_n\\_3622094.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2013/07/19/orthodox-jews-benefits_n_3622094.html)

**People of colour like me have been painted out of working-class history**

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**Government accused of dismantling equity laws**

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**Black teens more likely than whites to apply to university**

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#### Why more black and Asian teenagers are choosing university

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2013/jul/23/black-asian-teenagers-university>

#### White pupils 'less likely to apply for university than other ethnic groups'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2013/jul/23/white-pupils-university-ethnic-groups>

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### Holyrood Parliamentary Question

#### Religious hate crimes

**Stewart Maxwell:** To ask the Scottish Government, whether it will provide a breakdown of recorded religious hate crimes in 2012-13 expressed as the number of incidents per 1,000 members of each religious affiliation, also broken down by incidents recorded under section (a) 74 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and (b) 1 of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012. (S4W-15809)

**Reply from Kenny MacAskill:** The reports titled *Religiously aggravated offending in Scotland 2012-13* and *'Charges reported under the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012* were published on 14 June 2013 and presented information on the number of charges that were reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) by the police in 2012-13 under section 74 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 1 of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012.

The following table shows religious aggravation charges that were reported to COPFS in 2012-13 for conduct which was derogatory to each religion under the two pieces of legislation. The final column presents the number of charges per 1,000 members of each, as recorded in the 2001 census.

It is important to note that reported charges only contain information about the nature of the offensive conduct and not about the religious affiliation of the victims of incidents. In 40% of charges, the victim of the conduct was a police officer and in 12% of charges the victim was a worker. This suggests that many of the charges were not directed towards members of religious groups and were more arbitrary in nature.

Table: Religious aggravation and offensive behaviour at football charges derogatory to religions in Scotland in 2011-12 per 1,000 members

The religion that conduct was derogatory towards [5]	Religious aggravation charges in 2012-13 [1]			Offensive behaviour at football charges in 2012-13		
	Number of charges [2]	Number of Members [3]	Charges per 1,000 Members	Number of charges [2]	Number of members [3]	Charges per 1,000 members

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Christianity[4], [5]	592	3,294,545	0.18	104	3,294,545	0.03	
of which:	Roman Catholicism	388	803,732	0.48	88	803,732	0.11
	Protestantism	199	2,146,251	0.09	16	2,146,251	0.01
Judaism	27	6,448	4.19	2	6,448	0.31	
Islam	80	42,557	1.88	0	42,557	0.00	
Unknown	4	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	
Other	3	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	

Table notes:

1. Information on religious aggravations is taken from *Religiously Aggravated Offending in Scotland 2012-13* and information on offensive behaviour at football charges is taken from *Charges reported under the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012*, published on the Scottish Government website on 14 June 2013.

2 The number of charges refers to the religion that the conduct was derogatory towards and not the number of charges where victims had the relevant affiliation. Information about victims' religious affiliations are not recorded by the police.

3 Religious group membership information data are taken from the 2001 census. Available online at: <http://scotland.gov.uk/publications/2005/02/20757/53570>.

4 There are 5 charges in the Christianity total for religious aggravations charges that referred to conduct which was offensive to Christianity in general and were not directed towards Protestantism or Roman Catholicism.

5 Religious group membership data is based on self-reported affiliation in the 2001 census. Christian denominations are presented in the census under three categories: 'Roman Catholic', 'Church of Scotland' and 'other Christian.' For the purpose of this table only 'Church of Scotland' membership has been attributed as 'Protestant' because 'other Christian' may include a mixture of Protestant and non-Protestant denominations. As a consequence this may lead to an under-reporting of the 'charges per 1,000 members' in the Protestant category.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-15809&ResultsPerPage=10>

## Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-07323 Jackie Baillie: Tackling Racism in Youth Work**—That the Parliament welcomes the new report, *Tackling Racism in Youth Work: Scottish Youth Workers*, by the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER); notes that the report summarises the results of a survey with youth workers about their experiences with racist attitudes and behaviours in youth clubs; is concerned about the latest hate crime statistics, published by the Crown Office in June 2013, which find that racial crime remains the most commonly reported hate crime, although the number of charges has fallen by 12%; understands, however, that hate crimes are known to be seriously underreported; considers that the report sheds light on many areas of potential improvement, such as awareness-raising activities and better training for youth workers, and applauds CRER's work to address what it considers the important issue of how to best tackle racist attitudes and behaviours.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-07323&ResultsPerPage=10>

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### Press Releases (continued)

#### **Home Secretary statement on West Midlands attacks**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-statement-on-west-midlands-attacks>

#### **Security Minister visits West Midlands following terror incidents**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/security-minister-visits-west-midlands-following-terror-incidents>

#### **Criminal attacks on Mosques**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/224746/130719 - SoS letter to Muslim organisations final.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/224746/130719_-_SoS_letter_to_Muslim_organisations_final.pdf)

#### **Independent Police Complaints Commission report concludes the Metropolitan Police Service is failing to deal effectively with race complaints**

[http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/news/Pages/pr\\_170713\\_mps\\_race\\_complaints.aspx](http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/news/Pages/pr_170713_mps_race_complaints.aspx)

## New Publications

#### **Antisemitic Incidents Report: January – June 2013**

<http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/CST%20Incidents%20Report%20Jan%20-%20June%202013.pdf>

#### **Anti-Muslim Hate Crime and the Far Right**

<http://faith-matters.org/images/stories/antimuslim2.pdf>

#### **Report on Metropolitan Police Service handling of complaints alleging race discrimination**

[http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/Documents/investigation\\_commissioner\\_reports/Report\\_on\\_Metropolitan\\_police\\_Service.PDF](http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/Documents/investigation_commissioner_reports/Report_on_Metropolitan_police_Service.PDF)

#### **Key statistical information**

[http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/Documents/investigation\\_commissioner\\_reports/Report\\_on\\_Metropolitan\\_police\\_Service\\_key\\_statistical\\_info.PDF](http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/Documents/investigation_commissioner_reports/Report_on_Metropolitan_police_Service_key_statistical_info.PDF)

## News

#### **Sectarianism a Scotland-wide issue, report warns**

<http://www.scotsman.com/scotland-on-sunday/sectarianism-a-scotland-wide-issue-report-warns-1-3008585>

#### **Duncan Morrow: Stop denial & end blight of bigotry**

<http://www.scotsman.com/scotland-on-sunday/opinion/comment/duncan-morrow-stop-denial-end-blight-of-bigotry-1-3008556>

#### **Time to face up to sectarianism**

<http://www.scotsman.com/scotland-on-sunday/opinion/comment/leaders-time-to-face-up-to-sectarianism-1-3008559>

#### **Sectarianism ‘exists across Scotland and must be dealt with’**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article3822153.ece>

#### **Far-right to march during Festival**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/far-right-to-march-during-festival.21694240>

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### News (continued)

#### **Police and council block plan for parade by far-right group**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/police-and-council-block-plan-for-parade-by-far-right-group.21667044>

#### **Muslim call for government action over mosque attacks**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23412247>

#### **Police link mosque attacks as start of terror campaign**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article3821501.ece>

#### **Mosque blast terror suspect held over Mohammed Saleem murder**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-23392374>

#### **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities expresses solidarity with Muslim community**

[http://www.scojec.org/news/2013/13vii\\_solidarity.html](http://www.scojec.org/news/2013/13vii_solidarity.html)

#### **Scottish Jews 'deeply concerned' at rise in anti-Muslim incidents**

<http://news.stv.tv/scotland/233597-scottish-jews-deeply-concerned-at-rise-in-anti-muslim-incidents/>

#### **Are anti-Muslim hate crimes rising?**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23436960>

#### **Archbishop of Canterbury condemns 'unacceptable' attacks on Muslims**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/10195280/Archbishop-of-Canterbury-condemns-unacceptable-attacks-on-Muslims.html>

#### **Welby denounces 'evil' and 'inexcusable' attacks on Muslims**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/welby-denounces-evil-and--inexcusable-attacks-on-muslims-8726959.html?origin=internalSearch>

#### **Metropolitan Police failings over race complaints**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-23340743>

#### **Anti-racism activists hit out at Crimestoppers campaign**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/anti-racism-activists-hit-out-at-crimestoppers-campaign.21634372>

#### **'Racial stereotyping' Crimestoppers poster sparks anger in Glasgow**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/racial-stereotyping-crimestoppers-poster-sparks-anger-in-glasgow-8720583.html>

#### **Scottish Refugee Council on hate crime statistics from the Scottish Government**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/latest\\_news/2139\\_our\\_state\\_ment\\_on\\_hate\\_crime\\_statistics\\_from\\_the\\_scottish\\_government](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/2139_our_state_ment_on_hate_crime_statistics_from_the_scottish_government)

#### **City taxi drivers' racist attack misery**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/city-taxi-drivers-racist-attack-misery-131068n.21633649>

#### **Will football finally kick racism out this season?**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk-news/2013/jul/15/football-kick-racism-out-this-season>



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### News (continued)

#### SDL to march through Edinburgh during festival

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/sdl-to-march-through-edinburgh-during-festival-1-3013069>

#### Who is the man with the mosque bomb tattoo? 'EDL member' poses brazenly with inking depicting explosion at Muslim place of worship

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2375781/Who-man-mosque-bomb-tattoo-EDL-member-poses-brazenly-inking-depicting-explosion-Muslim-place-worship.html>

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## Other Westminster

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Schools: Admission Policies

**Baroness Bakewell:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have plans to encourage religiously selective schools to adopt more open admission policies.

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools (Lord Nash):** My Lords, the coalition supports inclusive admission arrangements. New faith academies and free schools may admit only half their intake based on faith where they are oversubscribed. The Government also remain strongly committed to faith schools, which play a long-established role in our diverse education system. They allow parents to choose a school in line with their faith and they make a significant contribution to educational standards in this country.

**Baroness Bakewell:** ... in the light of the government announcement last week of a funding initiative for 6,000 new schools, and given that this year the Department for Education has already accepted 16 new Christian schools and six Muslim schools, and that the Cattle report into the 2001 riots cited religious and ethnic fragmentation as an underlying cause, will the Minister tell us whether this Government believe that the children of this country should be integrated or segregated?

**Reply from Lord Nash:** This Government believe strongly that one of the secrets for success in this country is that children should be integrated and that all schools should teach a balanced all-faith curriculum, even if they have a particular faith-based thesis. ...

**Baroness Cumberlege:** ... Is my noble friend aware that Catholic schools are ethnically diverse—more diverse than community schools ...

**Reply from Lord Nash:** ... I agree that Catholic schools and all faith schools contribute strongly to our diverse education system.

**Baroness Whitaker:** Will the Government ensure that the duty to promote community cohesion works in religiously selective schools now that that responsibility has been taken away from Ofsted and the governors themselves may not value it?

**Reply from Lord Nash:** All state-funded schools are required to promote community cohesion. Under the draft citizenship curriculum, pupils will be taught about diverse national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the UK and the need for mutual respect and understanding. ... All state-funded schools are also required by law to teach a broad and balanced curriculum that promotes the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, and Ofsted's inspection framework includes a focus on this.

**Baroness Richardson of Calow:** Is the Minister aware that not all schools of religious character select on faith grounds? ...

## Other Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

**Baroness Brinton:** ... How does the department monitor the percentage of admission by faith in schools, particularly in those previously independent religious schools that are now free schools.

**Reply from Lord Nash:** We are very keen that, under the free schools programme, all schools have as open an admissions policy as possible, consistent with the general policy on faith. ...

**Baroness Massey of Darwen:** ... In every Education Act that I can remember, certainly in the past few years, it has been stated that children should be permitted or encouraged to have a broad and balanced curriculum. How will faith and free schools enable pupils to have such a broad and balanced curriculum?

**Reply from Lord Nash:** We are very keen that all schools, including free faith schools, are open to all faiths and teach all about the major religions practised in this country. They are obliged to do so, and Ofsted will inspect against that, as we would expect it to do. ...

**Reply from Lord Nash:** ... A 2009 independent report commissioned by the Church of England analysed Ofsted's judgments on schools' promotion of community cohesion. The report found that for secondary schools, faith schools contributed more highly to community cohesion than community schools and had higher average grades than community schools for promoting equality of opportunity and eliminating discrimination. ...

**Reply from Lord Nash:** We need a diverse education system that, as I say, is open to all faiths and teaches tolerance of all faiths. Indeed, there are good examples of faith-based groups running schools or sponsoring schools in Muslim areas, where the co-operation is working extremely well.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130722-0001.htm#1307221000323>

### **Young Offender Institutions: Festival and Celebration Dates**

**Baroness Stern:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what arrangements are made for marking (1) children's birthdays, (2) Mother's Day, (3) Father's Day, (4) Christmas and other Christian festivals, (5) Eid-ul-Adha and other Muslim festivals, and (6) other religious festivals, in (a) young offender institutions, (b) secure training centres, and (c) secure children's homes; and whether the Ministry of Justice or Youth Justice Board issue any policy instruction or guidance to establishments in relation to the arrangements for marking any of those events.[HL1182]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Ministry of Justice (Lord McNally):** We recognise that young people benefit from regular contact with family and every effort is made to ensure that young people have access to this provision, especially on significant days. We respect the right for young people in custody to practise their faith and aim to accommodate any requirements of this nature as far as it is practicable.

*(a) Young Offenders Institutions:* The National Offender Management Service sets out in Prison Service Instruction 51/2011 that all establishments make arrangements for offenders to observe all recognised religious occasions. Whilst there is no policy to govern arrangements for young people's birthdays, mother's day and father's day, each under 18 Young Offenders Institution has arrangements in place to appropriately observe culturally significant events.

*(b) Secure Training Centres:* The Youth Justice Board does not issue any specific policy instruction or guidance on the listed events to establishments. Secure Training Centres make arrangements locally.

*(c) Secure Children's Homes:* The Department for Education does not collect or hold any information on what arrangements are made for marking the listed events. However, the Department is aware that Secure Children's Homes do

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make their own arrangements to mark such occasions with individual children. Children's Homes Guidance and Regulations stipulates that staff must be sensitive to matters of religion and as far as practicable, every child placed in a children's home should be offered the support they need so that they are able to attend services, receive instruction and observe any requirement of their religious beliefs.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/130722w0001.htm#1307223000367>

## Press Release

**Update on Hajj travel advice for pilgrims**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/update-on-hajj-travel-advice-for-pilgrims>

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## New Publication

**Guidance for charity trustees on the referendum on independence for Scotland**

[http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/433188/2013-07-22\\_referendum\\_guidance\\_for\\_publication\\_final.pdf](http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/433188/2013-07-22_referendum_guidance_for_publication_final.pdf)

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## Other News

**Referendum U-turn for charities**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political-news/referendum-u-turn-for-charities.21686765>

**Call to end 'religious interference' in Scottish councils**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-23349729>

**Secular bid to halt religious influence on schools committees**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/secular-bid-to-halt-religious-influence-on-schools-committees.21633680>

**Protests mark new campaign against 'female circumcision'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/protests-mark-new-campaign-against-female-circumcision-8723031.html>

**Convictions for female genital mutilation. France: 100. UK: Nil**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/convictions-for-female-genital-mutilation-france-100-uk-nil-8722934.html>

**CPS decision on female genital mutilation case**

[http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest\\_news/cps\\_decision\\_on\\_female\\_genitalmutilation\\_case/](http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest_news/cps_decision_on_female_genitalmutilation_case/)

**Muslims 'are Britain's top charity givers'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3820522.ece>

## Other News (continued)

### Female genital mutilation: 30 million girls 'at risk'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-23410858>

### Ramadan advice for Scottish employers

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/ramadan-advice-for-scottish-employers.21666721>

### Elderly Muslims warned over virus

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/elderly-muslims-warned-over-virus.21688840>

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

### Holyrood

#### Children and Young People Bill

<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>

#### Post-16 Education Bill

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

#### 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>

#### Victims and Witnesses Bill

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

### Bills in Progress Westminster

#### 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>

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#### 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>

#### 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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## Consultations

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

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

#### Tackling illegal migration in privately rented accommodation (21 August 2013)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/33-landlords/>

#### Stop and Search (closing date 13 August 2013)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/stop-and-search>

#### Prevention of illegal working: Strengthening and simplifying the civil penalty scheme (closing date 20 August 2013)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/civil-penalties/>

#### 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>

#### Migrant access to health services in the UK (closing date 28 August 2013)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/34-healthcare/>

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

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



## Consultations (continued)

**\*\* Implementation of the Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011: Expedited "not staying registration" Procedure** (closing date 30 August 2013)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0042/00427673.pdf>

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

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

**\*\* Counter-terrorism** (closing date 30 September 2013)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/news/130723-counter-terrorism-new-inquiry/>

**\*\* Inquiry on Race and Higher Education** (closing date 31 October 2013)

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/492/272/APPG-Inquiry-on-Race-and-Higher-Education.html>

**Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)** (closing date 4 November 2013)

Draft SORP

<http://www.charitySORP.org/media/513587/charity-sorp-exposure-draft.pdf>

Consultation document

<http://www.charitySORP.org/media/513666/charity-sorp-invitation-to-comment.pdf>

**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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## Funding Opportunity

**Funding to raise awareness about discrimination**

The Government Equalities Office is asking for proposals from non-profit-making organisations who want to receive funding to run anti-discrimination programmes.

We can choose one or two projects to be eligible to share up to €250,000 from the [European Commission's PROGRESS scheme](#).

According to the European Commission, PROGRESS's aims are:

Raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting the debate about the key challenges and policy issues in relation to discrimination and the mainstreaming of anti-discrimination in all Community policies, including among the social partners, NGOs and other stakeholders.

More information on [the European Commission's call for proposals, the application form and its annexes are available on their website](#).

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/apply-now-for-funding-to-raise-awareness-about-discrimination>

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**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>

**\*\* next week!**

**Beyond Rhetoric: Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland**

6 August 2013 in Edinburgh (6.00 – 7.30)

'Just Festival' event: Members of the Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland, established by Rosanna Cunningham MSP, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, will host a conversation on the need to shift the debate on Sectarianism from entrenched positions of fear and blame to constructive dialogue and shared solutions. For information contact [info@justjust.co.uk](mailto:info@justjust.co.uk) or see

[http://media.wix.com/ugd//26f0eb\\_c189ffc664f5d168fcdc90ebf020f521.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd//26f0eb_c189ffc664f5d168fcdc90ebf020f521.pdf)

**\*\* next week!**

**Does Slavery Exist in Scotland Today?**

7 August 2013 in Edinburgh (6.00 – 7.30)

'Just Festival' event: Sex trafficking, exploitation of migrant labour, domestic servitude are only a few examples of human enslavement in Scotland today. How should human exploitation be tackled from a legal, social and political perspective? How can we identify when we come into contact with a trafficked person and what can we do to help? For information contact [info@justjust.co.uk](mailto:info@justjust.co.uk) or see

[http://media.wix.com/ugd//26f0eb\\_c189ffc664f5d168fcdc90ebf020f521.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd//26f0eb_c189ffc664f5d168fcdc90ebf020f521.pdf)

**\*\* YES/NO to Immigrants**

17 August 2013 in Edinburgh (2.00 – 5.00)

'Just Festival' event: How will the increasing rate of immigrations to Scotland affect the Scottish Independence Referendum discussion? Do the roles and living conditions of immigrants in Scotland need be taken into account? How will the outcome of the Referendum affect the numbers and life choices of immigrants and emigrations in Scotland? For information contact [info@justjust.co.uk](mailto:info@justjust.co.uk) or see

[http://media.wix.com/ugd//26f0eb\\_c189ffc664f5d168fcdc90ebf020f521.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd//26f0eb_c189ffc664f5d168fcdc90ebf020f521.pdf)

**Festival of Politics**

23 to 25 August 2013 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh

Full programme: <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/pdf/FOPEventsProgramme2013.pdf>

**What is the Future of Immigration in Scotland?**

25 August 2013 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (12.30 – 2.00)

Discussion to explore current immigration policy in the UK and Scotland and examine what kind of immigration Scotland might need in the future. For information see

<http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/207.htm>

**\*\* More Tea, Imam?**

26 August 2013 in Edinburgh (6.00 – 7.30)

Interfaith Scotland dialogue to discuss obstacles in interfaith work, how school and home education affects dialogue between believers, and, in the light of greater secularisation of the state and society, to what extent interfaith activities support religious life and spirituality. For information see <http://www.justjust.org/#!/more-tea-imam/cpoe>

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sidra.shirjeel@cc3.org.uk) or see <http://tinyurl.com/bmvj354>

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**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/>

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

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

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

## Useful Links (continued)

**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/>

**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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