

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-08135 Christina McKelvie: Hidden in Plain Sight—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group report, *Hidden in plain sight: Three years on: updated analysis of UK measures to protect trafficked persons*; understands that the report examines progress made by the UK Government in combatting trafficking in human beings since the publication of the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group's first report, *Wrong Kind of Victim?*; notes that the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group was established in May 2009 to coincide with the coming into force of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings in the UK and that the group monitors the UK Government's implementation of the convention and examines all types of trafficking, including internal trafficking and the trafficking of British nationals; believes that the report is a welcome addition to the fight against human trafficking, and hopes that the UK Government will take note of some of the recommendations in the report.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-08135&ResultsPerPage=10>

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Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Crime: Migrants

Lord Touhig: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many victims in the United Kingdom in 2012–13 of (1) violent crime, (2) sexual assault, and (3) female genital mutilation were (a) illegal migrants, (b) non-European Economic Area short-term visitors, and (c) non-European Economic Area temporary migrants. [HL2491]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): I regret that the information requested is not available from the police recorded crime data collected by the Home Office. The migration status of victims of crime is not identified in the information that the Home Office receives from the police.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/131028w0001.htm#1310282000291>

Health Services: Foreign Nationals

Helen Jones: To ask the Secretary of State for Health how many people treated for injuries related to (a) female genital mutilation and (b) domestic violence in 2012-13 were in the UK (i) illegally and (ii) as short-term visitors at the time of their treatment; and what provision he plans to make for such cases under the proposed new charging scheme for NHS treatment. [172516]

Reply from Jane Ellison: Although the Health and Social Care Information Centre collects hospital episode statistics, there is currently no central coding of domestic violence or female genital mutilation in respect of healthcare or treatments, nor do these contain information about the patient's residency, nationality or migration status.

The Department is considering responses to its recent consultation "Sustaining services, ensuring fairness: A consultation on migrant access and their financial contribution to NHS provision in England" and will respond shortly.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131028/text/131028w0001.htm#13102831000055>

Immigration

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: To ask Her Majesty's Government, under their proposals for landlords to check tenants' immigration status, what provisions will be made for those legally resident in the United Kingdom, including United Kingdom citizens, who for any reason do not have the correct documentation to prove their citizenship. [HL2695]

To ask Her Majesty's Government, under their proposals for landlords to check tenants' immigration status, whether legislative provision will be made for people residing in the United Kingdom whose immigration status is legitimate but under consideration. [HL2696]

To ask Her Majesty's Government according to what criteria they will choose the region in which landlord checks on immigration status will be piloted. [HL2697]

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of a recent survey by the Residential Landlords Association concerning the performance of further documentary checks on proposed tenants in order to establish their immigration status. [HL2698]

To ask Her Majesty's Government, under their proposals for landlords to check tenants' immigration status, whether steps will be taken to ensure the compliance of landlords with data protection provisions regarding the handling of and saving of personal information. [HL2699]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach) (Con): The Government consulted on the landlords proposals in detail between July and August. Our response was published on 10 October.

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Having consulted closely with housing charities, local authorities and the private rented sector, we are proposing to allow tenants to use a broad range of commonly available documents, such as benefits letters, in addition to passports as a means of satisfying the required checks.

For lawful migrants, the Government will allow those who are applying for an extension of leave to retain their biometric residence permit as evidence of lawful status; we will also provide a landlords checking service which will allow landlords to quickly confirm the immigration status of a prospective tenant without relevant documentation; foreign nationals who have live applications with the Home Office will also be able to obtain a verification certificate that they can use with landlords. The Bill allows for a phased implementation of the landlords checking requirement. The selection of an appropriate model or region is under consideration — relevant criteria would include the nature of the housing stock, size of the population, as well as the ability to establish a clear boundary.

We understand that the Residential Landlords Association has conducted two surveys of their members in relation to these proposals. The first survey found many landlords opposed to or concerned by the proposals. A further survey of members undertaken in July and August, however, showed that the majority already check passports; nearly half seek evidence of employment and that a wide range of documents are seen by some landlords. The survey also showed that the majority of respondents, nearly 90 percent, agreed with the need for some form of checks on tenants, albeit largely in relation to creditworthiness.

Landlords and their agents are already under a legal obligation to handle, store and dispose of personal consumer information sensibly and securely and are obliged to abide by the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/131030w0001.htm#13103061000726>

Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

Julian Huppert: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps she is taking to ensure that students applying for visas for study in the UK are not unreasonably affected by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. [171257]

Reply from Mark Harper: Students are required to demonstrate that they have sufficient funds available to meet their living costs while they are in the UK. The precise amounts that they must have available are set out in the Immigration Rules. Where the funds are in one or more foreign currencies, the applicant must have the specified level of funds when converted to pound sterling using the spot exchange rate which appears on www.oanda.com for the 28-day period up to the date of application. Students may therefore check for themselves whether their funds are sufficient to meet the visa requirements, taking into account daily exchange rates, before submitting an application.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131028/text/131028w0001.htm#13102831000035>

Illegal Immigrants: Employment

Stephen Barclay: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the average fine currently imposed on rogue businesses employing illegal immigrants is; and how many rogue businesses have been subject to a maximum penalty fine in each of the last three years. [172080]

Reply from Mark Harper: Between 29 February 2008 and 30 September 2013 the average value of a civil penalty served on an employer was £9,123.

The information relating to businesses subject to a maximum penalty in each of the last three years is in the following table:

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	<i>Number of businesses receiving a maximum penalty of £10,000 per illegal worker</i>
2010-11	3
2011-12	3
2012-13	5
2013 YTD	2

The maximum civil penalty per illegal worker is £10,000. The size of the civil penalty depends on the type of eligibility checks that the employer has made on its workers, the number of times the Home Office has issued a warning or imposed a civil penalty on the employer, and the extent to which the employer has co-operated with us.

The figures are based on civil penalties served to employers within the UK for employing illegal migrant workers under section 15 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, at the initial stage of the civil penalty process.

Following receipt of a civil penalty, employers have the right to submit grounds of objection against the imposition of the penalty within 28 days and lodge an appeal against the penalty decision to a county court. Therefore penalties may subsequently be reduced, cancelled or re-issued at the objection and appeal stages.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131031/text/131031w001.htm#13103186000009>

Asylum

Jeremy Corbyn: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many legacy asylum applications are still outstanding; how many have been resolved in each of the last 12 months; and how many staff are allocated to this task. [168341]

Reply from Mark Harper [*holding answer 12 September 2013*]: The Home Office provides quarterly updates to the Home Affairs Select Committee on the progress of the Legacy cohort of cases under consideration by the Older Live Cases Unit (formerly the Case Audit and Assurance Unit). This is the ring fenced cohort of older asylum cases that was passed to CAAU when the Case Resolution Directorate closed in March 2011.

Table A was included in the letter from David Wood and Sarah Rapson to the right hon. Member for Leicester East (Keith Vaz), Chair of the Committee on 10 July 2013 as Annex A.

We expect to provide a further update of this data to the Home Affairs Select Committee when it next considers the work of the Older Live Cases Unit in October 2013. We will take this opportunity to provide a more comprehensive breakdown of the conclusions by month.

<i>Table A(1) (figures are rounded to the nearest 500)</i>				
	<i>Net number of cases at the beginning of the quarter (31 December 2012)</i>	<i>Number of cases that were concluded and left the live cohort(14)</i>	<i>Number of cases that entered the live cohort(15)</i>	<i>Net number of cases at the end of the quarter</i>
Asylum live cohort	33,500	1,600	700	32,600
Migration live cohort	7,000	200	700	7,500
Total live cohort	40,500	1,800	1,400	40,100

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(1) The information has been provided from local management information and is not a National Statistic. As such it should be treated as provisional and therefore subject to change. (14) Concluded is defined as per the Agency's 2006 definition "Grant of permanent or temporary residency, voluntary or enforced removal, found to have been given status before July 2006, found to be a duplicate record, deceased." (15) This is a closed cohort of people. Additions to the cohort therefore are re-activations or conclusions from the Data Quality cohort.

There were 224 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff employed to work on this cohort of cases at the end of quarter one 2013. This figure includes agency staff.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131031/text/131031w0001.htm#13103186000005>

Asylum: Finance

Sarah Teather: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) if she will provide information on using the Azure card in languages other than English; [170039] (2) how much unspent money was recouped from Azure cards in each of the last three years for which records are available. [170050]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Azure card is issued to failed asylum seekers supported under the provisions of section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Home Office officials are looking at ways of providing information about the card in languages other than English. Funding is already provided to voluntary sector organisations to advise asylum seekers and failed asylum seekers about the support available to them.

The card can be used at supermarkets to buy food and other essential items to the value of £35.39 per week. Unless the person has children only £5 can be carried over on the card into the following week. Any unspent excess over the £5 limit is returned to the Home Office.

Total annual values returned over the past three years are:

	£
2011	106,638
2012	103,346
2013	(1, 2)101,628
(1) Year to date (2) This data is (a) derived from management information as supplied by the support payments contractor, Sodexo Ltd; and (b) collated and held as local MI 1 October 2013.	

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131031/text/131031w0001.htm#13103186000006>

Immigrants: Detainees

Sarah Teather: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate she has made of the cost of detaining an individual in an immigration detention centre for one year. [168092]

Reply from Mark Harper: The estimated average direct annual cost of holding a person in our immigration detention facilities for 2013-14 is £37,230.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131031/text/131031w0001.htm#13103186000010>

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Human Trafficking

Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale: To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions have taken place with the devolved administrations in relation to action and policy to protect child victims of human trafficking. [HL2670]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The UK Government works closely with the devolved administrations to tackle human trafficking. The Welsh Minister for Local Government and Government Business, Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Northern Ireland Minister of Justice sit on the Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group (IDMG) on human trafficking which provides direction and oversight on the UK's efforts to tackle human trafficking.

Across the UK officials work closely to ensure there is a shared understanding of the scale of the problem and the nature of the threat. Officials from the devolved administrations are also represented on the Home Office-led Human Trafficking Officials Strategy Board and the Joint Strategic Group on Human Trafficking, which meet at official level, to shape and inform the UK response including on child trafficking.

Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale: To ask Her Majesty's Government how they will ensure that guidelines and legislation relating to human slavery and the trafficking of children work effectively across the whole United Kingdom. [HL2671]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group (IDMG) on human trafficking brings together UK Government Ministers and ministers from the Northern Ireland Executive, Scottish Government and Welsh Assembly Government. The Group provide direction and oversight on the UK's efforts to tackle human trafficking, including of children.

The work of the IDMG ensures a common awareness of the nature of the problem and a shared understanding of measures developed in response.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/131028w0001.htm#1310282000300>

Human Trafficking: Prosecutions

Emily Thornberry: To ask the Attorney-General how many human trafficking-flagged cases have been (a) referred to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for a charging decision, (b) subject to a decision by the CPS to take no further action, (c) subject to a CPS decision to be cautioned, (d) prosecuted, (e) prosecuted successfully and (f) prosecuted successfully where the defendant contested the charge in each of the last five years. [172354]

Reply from the Solicitor-General: The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) maintains a central record of the numbers of cases involving human trafficking by way of a database monitoring flag applied to the electronic case record. Collection of this information commenced from 1 April 2010.

The following table shows the number of human trafficking flagged cases referred to the CPS for a pre-charge decision (PCD) and the number of suspects where a decision to charge, take no further action or to issue an out of court disposal, including a caution, was made:

	<i>Number of Human Trafficking Flagged PCDs</i>	<i>Decision to Charge</i>	<i>Out of court Disposal (including caution)</i>	<i>No further action</i>
2010-11	163	98	0	32
2011-12	113	83	0	11
2012-13	131	91	0	23

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The following table sets out the number of human trafficking flagged prosecutions and their outcomes for the periods since flagging began:

	Number of Prosecutions	Convictions		Contested Cases	Convictions in Contested Cases	
		Number	%		Number	%
2010-11	103	73	70.9	27	16	59.3
2011-12	142	94	66.2	22	12	54.5
2012-13	139	99	71.2	34	27	79.4

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131029/text/131029w0001.htm#13102980000031>

Human Trafficking: Victims

Naomi Long: To ask the secretary of State for the Home Department how many residence permits have been granted to persons conclusively recognised as victims of trafficking by the National Referral Mechanism in (a) the UK and (b) Northern Ireland in each year since its implementation; and how many of those permits were issued due to the victim's personal circumstances. [166857]

Reply from Mark Harper: The information requested can be found in Table 1 which shows the number of individuals who were conclusively found to be victims of trafficking and who were granted some form of leave. This includes grants of asylum, humanitarian protection and discretionary leave.

Table 1: Grants of leave to conclusive victims of trafficking (VOT), 1 April 2009 and 19 August 2013, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

Case Outcome VOT (Conclusive Grounds)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Granted a form of leave in the United Kingdom (UK)	20	50	85	130	120
Granted a form of leave in Northern Ireland (NI)	0	*	5	5	0

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131029/text/131029w0001.htm#13102980000024>

Press Releases

Report highlights need to prioritise children's welfare throughout the asylum process

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/2203_report_highlights_need_to_prioritise_childrens_welfare_throughout_the_asylum_process

Commissioner Malmström welcomes agreement on migrant seasonal workers

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release MEMO-13-941_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-13-941_en.htm)

New Publications

Monthly asylum application tables

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249728/asylum-aug2013.ods

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New Publications (continued)

An Inspection into the Handling of Asylum Applications Made by Unaccompanied Children
<http://icinspector.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/An-Inspection-into-the-Handling-of-Asylum-Applications-Made-by-Unaccompanied-Children-FINAL.pdf>

Home Office response to John Vine report - unaccompanied asylum-seeking children
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/254146/Response_to_ICI_UASC_Report.pdf

Support for victims of human trafficking (available in English, Albanian, Czech, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Luganda, Mandarin, Polish, Romanian, Slovakian, Vietnamese, and Yoruba)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-victims-of-human-trafficking>

News

David Cameron: Don't blame migrants for coming to UK
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24706858>

Visa checks 'could put landlords in physical danger'
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24726055>

Immigrants need free life-saving A&E care, MPs told
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24728085>

Clegg forces scrapping of £3K UK visa bond scheme
<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/clegg-forces-scrapping-of-3k-uk-visa-bond-scheme.1383472474>

Lib Dems torpedo May's plan to impose visa bonds on 'high-risk' visitors
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/03/visa-bonds-scrapped-liberal-democrats>

Government scraps plans for £3,000 security bond on visitors deemed at 'high risk' of overstaying visas
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/government-scraps-plans-for-3000-security-bond-on-visitors-deemed-at-high-risk-of-overstaying-visas-8919409.html>

Families of asylum seekers not traced
<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/families-of-asylum-seekers-not-traced.22560168>

Visitor bond scheme to be scrapped by government
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24793092>

Relief as Go Home poster campaign ends in Glasgow
http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/2204_relief_as_go_home_poster_campaign_ends_in_glasgow

'Go home' vans resulted in 11 people leaving Britain, says report
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/oct/31/go-home-vans-11-leave-britain>

Eleven immigrants left UK after seeing 'go home' van adverts
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24755547>

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News (continued)

Controversial 'go home' vans persuaded just 11 illegal immigrants to leave Britain

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/controversial-go-home-vans-persuaded-just-11-illegal-immigrants-to-leave-britain-8916287.html>

Migrant centre poster scrapped

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/migrant-centre-poster-scrapped.22575676>

David Cameron: blame education not migration for factories' foreign labour

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/oct/28/david-cameron-education-migration-factories>

Illegal immigrants 'cost taxpayers £4,250 a head each year'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article3909401.ece>

Scottish companies facing trafficking crackdown

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/scottish-companies-facing-trafficking-crackdown-1-3170837>

Holy Father, we pray you grant slaves sanctuary

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/comment/regulars/guestcolumn/article1335025.ece>

Yarl's Wood immigration detention centre 'needs more female staff' after detainee abused by officers

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/yarls-wood-immigration-detention-centre-needs-more-female-staff-after-detainee-abused-by-officers-8909563.html>

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Race Relations

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-08101 Malcolm Chisholm: Congratulations to Multi-Cultural Family Base—

That the Parliament congratulates the Leith-based Multi-Cultural Family Base on its fifteenth anniversary; considers that it provides valuable support, advice and advocacy to vulnerable, hard-to-reach and black and ethnic minority children and families in Edinburgh and Leith; commends what it considers its development of innovative projects focusing on the early years and early intervention and its important contribution to the training of social work students, and applauds its partnership work and its efforts to promote good race relations throughout the city.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-08101&ResultsPerPage=10>

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Equality

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-08116 Anne McTaggart: WSREC Secures £32,750 to Support Roma Youth Project—That the Parliament congratulates the West of Scotland Regional Equality Council (WSREC) on securing £32,750 of funding to enable the Roma Youth Project to continue for the next two years; notes that the Roma Youth Project supports young people by working to increase their confidence, attendance and attainment at school and by using volunteers to assist parents in helping with homework; understands that the project is committed to increasing self-belief among young Roma people to enable them to progress on a positive educational, employment and social pathway; believes that young Roma people will have the opportunity to act as positive role models by arranging events that celebrate their culture, at which young people from all backgrounds can socialise and integrate, and applauds what it sees as the dedication of all of the team at WSREC, who continue to work so hard to enable this project to thrive.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-08116&ResultsPerPage=10>

New Publication

Equality in Glasgow: Glasgow's Public Bodies and the Public Sector Equality Duty

<http://www.crer.org.uk/Publications/PSEDGlasgow.pdf>

News

Why do our black actors need to leave to work?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/why-do-our-black-actors-need-to-leave-to-work-8918505.html>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Westminster Early Day Motion

Natascha Engel (632) All-Party Inquiry into Electoral Conduct – That this House notes the publication of a report by the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Electoral Conduct; welcomes the cross-party nature of the report and the engagement of such a wide range of political parties in the process; further welcomes the recommendations of that report, including the call for the Equality and Human Rights Commission and Electoral Commission to enhance their activities in facing down racism and discrimination during elections; and calls on the Government, the Electoral Commission, the Equality and Human Rights Commission and the police to respond fully to the recommendations of the inquiry.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2013-14/632>

Press Releases

All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Electoral Conduct

<http://www.antisemitism.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Report-Press-Release.docx>

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Press Releases (continued)

Show Racism the Red Card and unionlearn sign joint-working agreement to combat racism through education

<http://www.tuc.org.uk/equality-issues/workplace-issues/learning-and-training/show-racism-red-card-and-unionlearn-sign>

Roma in Europe: Guilty until proven innocent?

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true&LangID=E>

New Publication

Report of the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Electoral Conduct

<http://www.antisemitism.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Electoral-Conduct-Inquiry-Report.pdf>

News

A pig's head on the doorstep: how prejudice blocks the path to parliament

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/oct/31/prejudice-parliament-election-campaigns-racism-discrimination>

Hitler remarks RE teacher David McNally struck off

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-24714608>

Struck off: the 'bad day' teacher who told a third-year class that Hitler wasn't all bad...

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/struck-off-the-bad-day-teacher-who-told-a-third-year-class-that-hitler-wasnt-all-bad.1382982969>

Ballet teacher made anti-Jewish remarks, court told

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/education/ballet-teacher-made-anti-jewish-remarks-court-told-1-3162145>

Scotland's Community Safety Minister hails launch of anti-sectarianism website

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/community-safety-minister-roseanna-cunningham-2656827>

Action on Sectarianism Launches

<http://www.actiononsectarianism.info/home-news-slide/action-on-sectarianism-launches-2>

Anti-sectarianism website launched to educate youngsters about issue

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/anti-sectarianism-website-launched-to-educate-youngsters-about-issue.1383146245>

Rights body neglect criticised

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/rights-body-neglect-criticised.22547216>

Football fans jailed for abusive Stephen Lawrence chants

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-24746019>

Racism and Religious Hatred

News (continued)

'Scots pupils should visit Ulster to learn about terrible effects of sectarian hatred'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/scots-pupils-should-visit-ulster-to-learn-about-terrible-effects-of-sectarian-hatred.22551730>

Fostering pride and hope for future

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/fostering-pride-and-hope-for-future.22582708>

'Auschwitz should teach us a lesson'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/auschwitz-should-teach-us-a-lesson.22551851>

'We heard how mothers and babies were sent into the gas chambers'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/we-heard-how-mothers-and-babies-were-sent-into-the-gas-chambers.22575289>

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Other Westminster

Parliamentary Question

Female Genital Mutilation

Lord Judd: To ask Her Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of female genital mutilation operations carried out in the United Kingdom in each of the last three years.[HL2609]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): Due to the hidden nature of the crime, it is difficult to estimate accurately how many girls and women have been subjected to female genital mutilation (FGM). A 2007 study carried out by the Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development (FORWARD) and based on 2001 census data estimated that:

- Over 20,000 girls under the age of 15 could be at high risk of FGM in England and Wales each year;
- Nearly 66,000 women in England and Wales are living with the consequences of FGM.

The Home Office announced in July 2013 that it is part funding a new study into the prevalence of FGM in England and Wales.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/131028w0001.htm#1310282000294>

Early Day Motion

Jim Cunningham (635) Female genital mutilation –^o That this House expresses concern at the abhorrent crime of female genital mutilation (FGM); notes the work of the British Arab Federation in its efforts to tackle this issue; calls on the Government to implement a change in the law to protect girls living in Britain and British girls from being taken to other legal jurisdictions with the intention of carrying out FGM; further calls for better enforcement of the law relating to parents and guardians who organise FGM and medical practitioners who conduct FGM procedures; and further calls for better education to support young girls in resisting FGM and to empower communities to confront that crime.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2013-14/635>

Other Westminster (continued) Press Releases

PM unveils plans for new Islamic index on London Stock Exchange

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-to-unveil-plans-for-new-islamic-index-on-london-stock-exchange>

Group founded to boost London's growing Islamic finance market

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/group-founded-to-boost-londons-growing-islamic-finance-market>

Baroness Warsi welcomes ten new Chevening Scholarships in Islamic Finance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/baroness-warsi-welcomes-ten-new-chevening-scholarships-in-islamic-finance>

Diwali 2013: David Cameron's message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/diwali-2013-david-camerons-message>

Diwali 2013: message from Nick Clegg

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/diwali-2013-message-from-nick-clegg>

Baroness Warsi's message for Diwali 2013

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/baroness-warsis-message-for-diwali-2013>

News

Cameron to unveil Islamic bond plan

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-24722440>

London's role in growing market for Islamic finance

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-24728409>

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New Publication

“Very small, very quiet, a whisper” – Black and Minority Ethnic groups: voice and influence

<http://tinyurl.com/q2r8s9x>

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Other News

Identity project to include areas in Glasgow

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/identity-project-to-include-areas-in-glasgow.22537796>

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Bills in Progress

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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>

**** Scottish Independence Referendum Bill**

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

Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Ref_Supplementary_DPM_-_final.pdf

**** Victims and Witnesses Bill**

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

Notice of amendments

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Victims%20and%20Witnesses%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b23s4-stage2-ml1.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Victims%20and%20Witnesses%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b23s4-stage2-ml1.pdf)

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>

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 Bill**

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

Public Bill Committee

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmpublic/immigration/131029/am/131029s01.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmpublic/immigration/131029/pm/131029s01.htm>

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Bills in Progress

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmpublic/immigration/131031/am/131031s01.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmpublic/immigration/131031/pm/131031s01.htm>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2013-2014/0110/amend/psc1102910m.7-9.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2013-2014/0110/amend/immigrationaddednames.pdf>

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

Draft SORP

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

Consultation document

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

Immigration Bill (closing date 19 November 2013)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2013/october/have-your-say-on-the-immigration-bill/>

Voluntary Sector Survey - Local government responses to migrant families who have no recourse to public funds (closing date 22 November 2013)

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

Commission for Local Democracy (closing date 29 November 2013)

<http://www.localdemocracy.info/call-for-evidence/>

Language Controls for Doctors - Proposed Changes to the Medical Act 1983 (closing date 2 December 2013)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/237302/language_controls_doctors_consultation.pdf

Consultations (continued)

Proposed Human Trafficking Bill (closing date 6 December 2013)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/20130909_Human_Trafficking_Consultation_final_version.pdf

Review of migrant employment in low-skilled work (closing date 13 December 2013)

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

The census and future provision of population statistics in England and Wales

(closing date 13 December 2013)

<http://ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/get-involved/consultations/consultations/beyond-2011-consultation/index.html>

Inquiry on Lobbying (closing date 10 January 2014)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Inquiries/CfELobbying.pdf

Scottish Football Association Equality Survey (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VKJQQ95>

Experiences of Race and Religion-Related Hate Speech in the UK (no closing date given)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HR7RBZ3>

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Scottish Parliament Day

4 November 2013 in Arbroath

Parliament Days aim to take the Scottish Parliament out of Edinburgh to enable people to see it at work, be it 'official' Parliamentary business, or on a less formal level. They also provide an opportunity for people to meet MSPs, the Presiding Officer and Parliament staff. For information see <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/67553.aspx>

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Women, Power, and Politics

6 November 2013 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre referendum event with speakers from both the Better Together and Yes campaign. For information contact Samina Ansari 0141 585 8026 / info@mwrc.org.uk

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Universal Periodic Review Process

6 November 2013 in Edinburgh

7 November 2013 in Glasgow

Human Rights Consortium Scotland workshops to provide information about the Universal Periodic Review process and international Human Rights Law. For information contact Naheem Waheed naheem@gdaonline.co.uk / 0141 556 7103.

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The census in Scotland: 2011 and Beyond

7 November 2013 in Glasgow (12.30 – 4.15)

8 November 2013 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 1.15)

National Records of Scotland events as part of the ESRC Festival of Social Science, including a presentation about the 2011 census, and the “Beyond 2011” proposals for the future of the census in Scotland. For information contact

NRS_Beyond_2011@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or see

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/5544586006> (Glasgow) or

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/7719349783> (Edinburgh)

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An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

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

Women’s Interfaith Dialogue

11 November 2013 in Dundee (2.00 – 4.00)

Interfaith Scotland event for women of all faiths and none on the theme of ‘Values and Visions for the future of Scotland’. For information contact Frances Hume

frances@interfaithscotland.org / 0141 420 6982 or see

<http://www.interfaithscotland.org/events/>

Third Sector Summit

21 November 2013 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 7.30)

SCVO events and workshops relevant to the diverse organisations that make up the third sector in Scotland. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo-events/third-sector-summit-2013/> or contact events@scvo.org.uk / 0131 474 6150

Poverty and Ethnicity in Scotland

22 November 2013 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

CRER event to bring people with an interest in poverty and ethnicity together with the researchers studying these issues, discussing the latest research findings and their implications for tackling economic disadvantage. For information contact Nadia Rafiq

nadia@crer.org.uk / 0141 418 6530 or see <http://www.crer.org.uk/81-front-page-articles/415-poverty-and-ethnicity-in-scotland>

“Domestic Abuse and Minority Ethnic Women, Children & Young People”

28 (9.30-4.30pm) & 29 (9.30-12.30pm) November 2013 in Edinburgh

Shakti training to raise awareness and understanding of issues facing Minority Ethnic women, children & young people affected by domestic abuse. For information see

<http://tinyurl.com/owhjad2> or contact Ola, Mridu, or Lisa 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Scottish Refugee Council Employment Conference

14 December 2013 in Glasgow

Conference in association with the Scottish Refugee Policy for asylum seekers and refugees to find out their rights and options, share experiences and raise issues about employment. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ktevalr> or contact 07734 030760 / communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Refugee Council Education Conference

25 January 2014 in Glasgow

Conference in association with the Scottish Refugee Policy for asylum seekers and refugees to find out their rights and options, share experiences and raise issues about education. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ktevalr> or contact 07734 030760 / communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Refugee Council Health Conference

22 February 2014 in Glasgow

Conference in association with the Scottish Refugee Policy for asylum seekers and refugees to find out their rights and options, share experiences and raise issues about health. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ktevalr> or contact 07734 030760 / communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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Useful Links

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

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

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

Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

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

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

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

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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

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

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

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Useful Links (continued)

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

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

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

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

BBC News24 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

BBC Parliament online

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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