

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Motions

**S4M-10688 John Mason: Westminster's Immigration Rhetoric**—That the Parliament notes with concern what it considers the latest rhetoric from the three main UK parties to halve the time that EU migrants can claim benefits; understands that Scotland's population has been steady or grown only very slowly in recent decades making it harder to grow the economy; believes that EU migration is positive for Scotland in becoming a more diverse nation; considers that this latest move is yet further evidence of the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Labour policy agendas being driven by the rise of the UK Independence Party; calls on the UK parties to stop demonising migrants who, it considers, have a lot to offer Scotland, and concludes that the only way Scotland will

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have a positive relationship with Europe and a sensible immigration policy is for such powers to be controlled by an independent Scottish Government.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-10688&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-10679 Christina McKelvie: Trafficking Survivor Care Standards**—That the Parliament welcomes the Human Trafficking Foundation’s launch of the Trafficking Survivor Care Standards; understands that the standards aim to improve service provision by ensuring that adult survivors of trafficking consistently receive high quality care wherever they are in the UK; considers that it will provide a flexible framework with guiding principles and practical recommendations that support agencies can incorporate into their own policies and procedures; believes that establishing care standards is the first step toward ensuring consistent protection and high quality support for all trafficking survivors; hopes that the Trafficking Survivor Care Standards will assist the foundation in helping the victims of human trafficking, and wishes it every success in doing so.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-10679&ResultsPerPage=10>

## UK Parliament Questions

### Entry Clearances

**Lord Watson of Invergowrie:** To ask Her Majesty’s Government what checks are carried out on individuals applying for investor visas; and by whom.[HL1216]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** Any application for a visa will be subject to checks undertaken by an Entry Clearance Officer (ECO), which will include checks on the applicant’s criminal history. In addition, applicants for a visa under the Tier 1 (Investor) category will be subject to checks to establish that the applicant’s funds meet the relevant requirements of the Immigration Rules, which include a requirement that the funds are held in a regulated financial institution. We require specific evidence of funds to be provided, and we do not accept evidence from financial institutions with which ECOs are unable to carry out satisfactory verification checks.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140730w0001.htm#14073053000598>

### Immigration Controls

**Lord Watson of Invergowrie:** To ask Her Majesty’s Government what checks are in place to ensure that the United Kingdom does not provide a safe haven for corrupt individuals or human rights violators; and who carries out such checks.[HL1217]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** We are determined not to provide a safe haven for those who have committed serious crimes, including serious violations of human rights in other countries. Article 1F of the Refugee Convention allows us to deny the benefits of international protection to those who are believed to have committed serious international crimes. All asylum claims are carefully vetted and where there is any reason to believe that the subject has committed a crime or act contrary to Article 1F a referral process ensures that the case is investigated by specialist teams. We will also exclude from entering the UK, or deport those whose presence we do not consider conducive to the public good. There are

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powers to refuse settlement and naturalisation where there is evidence of corruption or abuse of human rights.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140723w0001.htm#14072366000193>

### Foreign Workers: Conditions of Employment

**Lord Taylor of Warwick:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the recent report by the Migration Advisory Committee about the effectiveness of employment rules, what plans they have to review and, if necessary, amend those laws.[HL951]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** This report shows why we need an immigration system that is fair to British citizens and legitimate migrants and tough on those who abuse the system and flout the law. We are working across government to ensure the immigration system works in the national interest and will use the findings of this report, including those in respect of labour market regulation, to inform our approach. The Government has already taken action to increase the maximum penalty for National Minimum Wage underpayment from £5,000 to £20,000 per employer, and will now introduce primary legislation so that the penalty can be applied on a per worker basis, substantially increasing the penalty employers have to pay. The Government will also consult on banning 'overseas only' recruitment practices by employment agencies to ensure that UK natives have the opportunity to apply for all jobs based here.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140723w0001.htm#14072366000191>

### Marriage of Convenience

**Liam Fox:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what plans she has to implement the recommendations of the Independent Chief Inspector's report on the Rights of European Citizens and their Spouses to Come to the UK, published on 19 June 2014, on sham marriages among non-EEA nationals in order to gain UK residency. [203047]

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** The Chief Inspector's report contained 10 recommendations; six were accepted, two were accepted in part and the remaining two were not accepted. A detailed response from the Home Office was also published on 19 June 2014 on the Chief Inspector's website and on: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

We have already implemented or started implementation of the eight recommendations accepted or accepted in part.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140721/text/140721w0004.htm#14072134000258>

### Immigrants: Children

**Lisa Nandy:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many litigation cases around age assessments of unaccompanied migrant children there were in (a) 2011-12 and (b) 2012-13; and what the cost of such cases was to (i) local authorities and (ii) her Department. [204183]

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** A complete set of data for all litigation cases concerning age assessments of unaccompanied migrant children is not held centrally and the information requested can be obtained only at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140721/text/140721w0004.htm#14072134000253>

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### Asylum

**Lord Alton of Liverpool:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the analysis in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' Global Trends Report of the number of refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced people worldwide.[HL1009]

**Reply from Baroness Northover:** The Department for International Development (DFID) is concerned by the increase in the number of people displaced from their homes in 2013 as highlighted in the Global Trends report. The report indicates the number of refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced around the world now stands at 51.2 million, an increase of 6 million reported in 2012 and, for the first time since the end of World War II, exceeding 50 million people.

DFID is providing assistance to refugees and internally displaced people in many of the world's major crises. One of the agencies receiving support is the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which works in over 120 country contexts to assist displaced people, including: Syria, Kenya, South Sudan and Afghanistan. This assistance helps to meet basic needs and helps displaced people rebuild their lives whilst they await return, integration into their new community/country or resettlement. Last year UNHCR received £94 million in UK funding.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140724w0001.htm#14072446000245>

### Asylum: Employment

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their policy concerning refused asylum seekers, who cannot be returned to their country of origin, being granted entitlement to work for a fixed-term period. [HL1457]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** Failed asylum seekers whose appeal rights have been exhausted are not allowed to work because they do not need our protection, have no right to remain in the United Kingdom and are required to leave. Our policy must maintain the distinction between those who need our protection and those seeking to work here. Allowing refused asylum seekers to work, even where removal is difficult, would send the wrong message and undermine the removal process by creating an incentive to frustrate removal.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140730w0001.htm#14073053000586>

### Asylum: Religious Freedom

**Nigel Dodds:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what measures are in place to offer safe passage to the UK for those seeking refuge from institutionalised religious persecution across the world. [204617]

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** The UK has a proud tradition of providing protection to those who need it and fully considers all asylum applications lodged in the UK in accordance with our international obligations. However there is no obligation on us to consider applications or inquiries made on behalf of people abroad about asylum in the UK. The approach of both the UK and the European Union is that an individual should apply for protection from the authorities in the first available safe country, irrespective of whether or not it is a party to the 1951 Refugee Convention, failing which the local office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) should be able to assist.

Moreover, under international law, someone seeking asylum must first be outside the country of his nationality or habitual residence, since international protection

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cannot be provided while a person is within the territorial jurisdiction of his home country.

The UK will continue to fulfil its responsibilities to those who arrive within our borders and seek protection.

While there is no provision within our Immigration Rules for someone to be given permission to travel to the UK to seek asylum, the Government operates a Gateway Protection Programme, established several years ago with the aim of bringing genuine refugees direct to the UK. This Programme is run in partnership with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). It underpins the UK's proud tradition of providing protection to refugees and the Government's commitment to supporting UNHCR's global effort to provide durable solutions to the plight of refugees.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140721/text/140721w0004.htm#14072134000245>

### Asylum: Females

**David Hanson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many women were detained whilst seeking asylum for (a) less than three days, (b) between four and seven days, (c) between eight and 14 days, (d) between 15 and 28 days, (e) between 29 days and three months, (f) between three months and one year and (g) over one year in the latest year for which figures are available. [204426]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The data in the following table refers to main, female claimants who have raised a claim for asylum and been detained in the year 2013-14, and who have been detained either on or after the day that a claim for asylum was raised.

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, as such it should be treated as provisional and subject to change.

| <i>Period of detention</i>   | <i>Number of cases</i> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Less than or equal to 3 days | 274                    |
| Between 4 and 7 days         | 216                    |
| Between 8 and 14 days        | 159                    |
| Between 15 and 28 days       | 138                    |
| Between 29 days and 3 months | 278                    |
| Between 3 months and 1 year  | 94                     |
| Greater than 1 year          | n/a                    |

**David Hanson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what proportion of women who have been detained pending their asylum claims were subsequently granted asylum in each of the last three years for which figures are available. [204427]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The data in the following table refers to main, female claimants who have raised a claim for asylum and been detained in the financial year 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, and who have been detained either on or after the day that a claim for asylum was raised. Claimants who have had more than one period of detention are recorded under the latest period of detention.

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, as such it should be treated as provisional and subject to change.



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| <i>Year of detention (financial year)</i> | <i>Percentage of grants</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 2011-12                                   | 35                          |
| 2012-13                                   | 34                          |
| 2013-14                                   | 27                          |

**David Hanson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many women who have sought asylum in the UK in each year since 2010 have (a) been granted asylum, (b) been detained pending application and (c) been refused asylum and removed. [204430]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The data provided in the following table relates to females who applied for asylum as the main asylum applicant between 2010 and 2013. Claimants who have had more than one period of detention in the three financial years specified, have been recorded under the latest period of detention. Cases represented in the following table are those that, at the latest case outcome, have been; granted asylum, detained or refused and removed on or before 31 March 2014.

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, as such it should be treated as provisional and subject to change.

|                     | <i>Year in which claim for asylum was raised</i> |             |             |             |
|---------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                     | <i>2010</i>                                      | <i>2011</i> | <i>2012</i> | <i>2013</i> |
| Granted asylum      | 2,140  | 2,285       | 2,515       | 1,715       |
| Detained            | 487  | 630         | 834         | 1,020       |
| Refused and removed | 739  | 668         | 531         | 376         |

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140722/text/140722w0004.htm#14072281000197>

### Asylum: Children

**Lord Hylton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many child asylum applicants with initial refusals have cases which are pending following appeal; and how many such applicants have been successful on appeal in the last three years.[HL844]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** At the end of December 2011, 331 asylum applications from main applicants, aged 17 or under, were pending a further review, 184 at the end of December 2012 and 206 at the end of December 2013. Cases pending further review are those in the appeals process (all tiers), but exclude those that are pending a judicial review.

In 2011, 150 appeals from applicants aged 17 or under were allowed; 152 in 2012 and 125 in 2013.

Appeal determinations do not necessarily relate to those pending a further review in the same period. The figures for appeals determined are cases dealt with by Immigration Judges at the First-tier Tribunal of the Immigration and Asylum Chamber. The figures for pending further review including First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal of the Immigration and Asylum Chamber.

The figures provided are a subset of latest published statistics which are published by the Home Office on a monthly (pending only) and quarterly basis. The latest release Immigration Statistics January to March 2014 is available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2014> and from the Library of the House.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140721w0001.htm#14072113000443>

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### Asylum: Children

**Lord Hylton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Taylor of Holbeach on 21 July (WA 150–1), whether they will appoint personal advocates for each child asylum applicant whose case is awaiting appeal who has no parents in Britain.[HL1398]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** The Government has no immediate plans to introduce personal advocates for child asylum seekers across the UK. All unaccompanied children entering local authority care are entitled to the same level of support and protection, regardless of their immigration status, nationality or documentation. This includes a social worker responsible for planning the care of the child, and an independent reviewing officer who would ensure the child was aware of the implications of their immigration and asylum status.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140730w0001.htm#14073053000585>

### Asylum: Detainees

**David Hanson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the reasons are for the detention of each woman who has sought asylum have been in the last three years, as set out in form IS91R. [205090]

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** It is not possible to provide a list of the reasons that women who have sought asylum have been detained in the last three years. This information is not held centrally and could be obtained only at disproportionate cost. Published policy states that detention may normally be used in the following circumstances: initially, while identity or basis of claim are established; where there is reason to believe the person concerned will not comply with any conditions attached to the grant of temporary admission or temporary release; as part of a fast-track asylum process; or to effect removal from the UK.

These general detention criteria apply to both women and men.

All decisions to detain are taken on a case-by-case basis, taking into account all relevant available information.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140721/text/140721w0004.htm#14072134000243>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Sarah Teather:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will hold an inquiry into trends in the number of deaths of individuals detained in immigration detention. [199416]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Any death in immigration detention is a tragic event and each death is subject to independent investigation, as appropriate, by the police, the coroner and the prisons and probation ombudsman.

Any recommendations made by the investigating authorities are thoroughly examined to see how they can be used to help prevent further tragedies across the detention estate and action plans are drawn up to monitor their implementation. For example, firm written reminders were issued to all suppliers on the requirements of the current Detention Services Order on use of handcuffs, which was followed up by a workshop on their appropriate use and the importance of proper risk assessments. Recommendations relevant to medical care for detainees have been shared with NHS England to inform their commissioning of health care services from 1 September 2014.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140722/text/140722w0004.htm#14072281000208>

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### Detention Centres: Internet

**Sarah Teather:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department which websites detainees in each immigration detention centre are blocked from accessing. [205397]

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** The details of individual blocked websites are not held centrally and could be obtained only by examination of information held at each immigration removal centre (IRC) at disproportionate cost.

Internet access is not standardised across all IRCs although a review of access is being undertaken to address this.

Suppliers operating IRCs on behalf of the Home Office use specialised software which screens out prohibited categories of sites or sites whose addresses contain prohibited key words rather than blocking individual website addresses. Prohibited categories are based on safety and security concerns, for example potential terrorist or pornographic sites.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140722/text/140722w0004.htm#14072281000202>

### Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre

**Baroness Stern:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to respond to the Independent Monitoring Board's Annual Report 2013 on Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre and in particular its finding in respect of the provision of appropriate accommodation for those with mental health or behavioural problems.[HL996]

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, following the Independent Monitoring Board's Annual Report 2013, they have initiated changes at Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre to ensure that detainees claiming to be under 18 are assessed by social services in the community rather than in the centre.[HL997]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) for Harmondsworth published its 2013 report on 30 June. An action plan to address the recommendations in the report will be agreed by 11 August. Plans to make changes to the configuration of the healthcare unit to address the provision of appropriate accommodation for those with mental health or behavioural problems are under discussion with the new healthcare provider at Harmondsworth. This is in advance of the transfer of healthcare commissioning to NHS England on 1 September. Individuals who claim to be under the age of 18 following their detention are managed in accordance with Detention Services Order 14/2012 for the care and management of age dispute cases. This sets out the policy and procedures to follow in individual cases where there is a lack of physical or definitive documentary evidence to prove the person is under the age of 18. This also details the circumstances in which release by case owners is appropriate.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140722w0001.htm#14072268000560>

### Human Trafficking

**Baroness Doocoy:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Wallace of Tankerness on 7 July (WA 10), how many of the 59 defendants flagged for both human trafficking and child abuse in 2013–14 were prosecuted under (1) the Sexual Offences Act 2003, or (2) the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants) Act 2004.[HL910]

**Reply from the Advocate-General for Scotland (Lord Wallace of Tankerness) (LD):** Of the 59 defendants flagged for both human trafficking and child abuse in 2013-14, all 59 had at least one charge brought under either the Sexual Offences Act 2003, or the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants) Act 2004 or a



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charge of conspiracy to commit an offence under one of these two acts.

The charges are split as follows:

|  | Number of Defendants |
|--|----------------------|
| Sexual Offences Act 2003                                 | 50                   |
| Conspiracy to commit offence under SOA 03                | 8                    |
| Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants) Act 2004 | 1                    |

Please note that some of the 50 defendants with charges under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 were also charged with a conspiracy to commit an offence under this act. The 8 defendants shown in the conspiracy row are those where there was no corresponding Sexual Offences Act 2003 charge.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140722w0001.htm#14072268000563>

### Human Trafficking

**Justin Tomlinson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the nationality and gender of each suspected victim of trafficking to the Trafficking Victim Support Scheme operated by the Salvation Army in May 2014; in which (a) region and (b) county each of the suspected victims was found; which agency referred each person to the Scheme; in which town the shelter was to which they were placed for the relevant period; and what contact is had with each victim after they exit the shelter to ensure they are not re-trafficked. [206493]

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** The data requested for May 2014 can be found on The Salvation Army's website, at:

[http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/Anti\\_Human\\_Trafficking\\_Latest\\_Report](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/Anti_Human_Trafficking_Latest_Report)

In future, monthly reports will be published on the website providing information on victims that have been supported. In the interests of the victim's safety, only the region in which the victim was encountered will be provided.

Upon leaving Government-funded care, a victim is provided with tailored support either to safely return home or integrate in the UK, if they are eligible to do so. Once a victim leaves the service, no formal mechanisms exist to maintain contact with them. However, ongoing support of victims is being considered as part of the review of this service and the review of the National Referral Mechanism.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140722/text/140722w0004.htm#14072281000207>

## Press Releases

### New measures to tighten up the immigration system

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-tighten-up-the-immigration-system>

### Give hope to the victims and help end human trafficking

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2014/give-hope-victims-and-help-end-human-trafficking>

### Supreme Court upholds rights of vulnerable trafficked workers

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/supreme-court-upholds-rights-vulnerable-trafficked-workers>

#### Supreme Court press release

[http://supremecourt.uk/decided-cases/docs/UKSC\\_2012\\_0188\\_PressSummary.pdf](http://supremecourt.uk/decided-cases/docs/UKSC_2012_0188_PressSummary.pdf)

#### Supreme Court judgement

[http://supremecourt.uk/decided-cases/docs/UKSC\\_2012\\_0188\\_Judgment.pdf](http://supremecourt.uk/decided-cases/docs/UKSC_2012_0188_Judgment.pdf)

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**Human trafficking: a multi-billion dollar global business**

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

**Statement by Cecilia Malmström on the first World Day against Trafficking in Persons**

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_STATEMENT-14-243\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-14-243_en.htm)

## New Publications

**Monthly asylum application tables**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/338490/asylum-may2014.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/338490/asylum-may2014.ods)

**Children entering detention under Immigration Act powers**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/338457/children-detention-jun2014.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/338457/children-detention-jun2014.ods)

**Is what we hear about migration really true?**

[http://cadmus.eui.eu/bitstream/handle/1814/31731/MPC\\_2014\\_FARGUES.pdf?sequence=1](http://cadmus.eui.eu/bitstream/handle/1814/31731/MPC_2014_FARGUES.pdf?sequence=1)

**The work of the Immigration Directorates (October–December 2013)**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmselect/cmhaff/237/237.pdf>

## News

**Home Office squandered £347m botched IT programme to process immigrants' paperwork damning report reveals**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2701160/Home-Office-squandered-347m-botched-IT-programme-process-immigrants-paperwork-damning-report-reveals.html>

**'Flagship' £350m immigration computer system ditched**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10980922/Home-Offices-flagship-350m-immigration-computer-system-ditched.html>

**Benefit rules for EU migrants need reform, Home Office report to say**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jul/22/benefits-eu-migrants-review-home-office>

**Home Office struggles with asylum cases backlog**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4154054.ece>

**Criminals exploit EU rules to bring in illegal migrants**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4154172.ece>

**175,000 migrants 'missing', says National Audit Office**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-28417461>

**Migrants 'more likely to have degrees' in Scotland**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-28442435>

**Sham weddings increasing at an 'alarming rate' say MPs**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-28474696>

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### **One in 10 migrants may be from sham marriage, says MP**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10990020/One-in-10-migrants-may-be-from-sham-marriage-says-MP.html>

### **Immigration MPs call for more action to stop sham marriage 'industry'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jul/24/registrars-stop-sham-marriages-immigration-mps>

### **Lowest cost matters most in Britain's immigration detention centres**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jul/25/lowest-cost-matters-most-in-britains-immigration-detention-centres>

### **Fury after government spends £80,000 of taxpayer cash flying 200 migrants back to Romania and Bulgaria - only for them to return weeks later**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2707079/Fury-government-spends-80-000-taxpayer-cash-flying-200-migrants-Romania-Bulgaria-return-weeks-later.html>

### **Migrant benefits to be tightened further - Cameron**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-28537663>

### **Immigration rules tightened as PM battles threat of Ukip**

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/immigration-rules-tightened-as-pm-battles-threat-of-ukip.24888629>

### **EU migrants to be stripped of benefits after three months**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4160453.ece>

### **David Cameron's migrant benefits crackdown to be investigated by European Commission**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10997713/David-Camerons-migrant-benefits-crackdown-to-be-investigated-by-European-Commission.html>

### **David Cameron announces immigration benefits crackdown**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10996721/David-Cameron-announces-immigration-benefits-crackdown.html>

### **David Cameron: We're building an immigration system that puts Britain first**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10995875/David-Cameron-Were-building-an-immigration-system-that-puts-Britain-first.html>

### **EU migrants to Britain face further restrictions on welfare payments**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jul/29/eu-migrants-britain-further-restrictions-welfare-payments>

### **Tougher benefits rules for EU migrants: New arrivals will lose payments after just three months under new Tory plans**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/eu-migrants-will-lose-benefits-after-just-three-months-under-new-tory-plans-9634143.html?origin=internalSearch>

### **'No benefits if you have paid no tax': Tories push for new migrant crackdown after limiting the dole to three months**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2709052/Cameron-seeks-reverse-Labours-soft-touch-approach-immigration.html>

## **Immigration and Asylum News** (continued)

### **Crackdown on migrants may breach EU law**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4161533.ece>

### **Migrants working in Britain claim £5 billion a year in tax credits, figures show**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10999434/Migrants-working-in-Britain-claim-5-billion-a-year-in-tax-credits-figures-show.html>

### **Cameron warns illegal immigrants: we will find you and send you home**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jul/29/david-cameron-illegal-immigrants-find-you-send-home>

### **EU to examine Cameron's migrant benefits crackdown**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/migrant-benefits-crackdown-to-be-examined-by-eu-9636324.html>

### **Chief inspector of borders and immigration resigns**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-28603557>

### **Border watchdog who angered Home Office steps down early**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4165013.ece>

### **Chief inspector of borders and immigration steps down early**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/aug/01/chief-inspector-borders-immigration-steps-down-john-vine>

### **Immigration chief John Vine to step down seven months early**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/immigration-chief-john-vine-to-step-down-seven-months-early-9643882.html>

### **Borders chief quits after rows with May: Stepped down early after clashes with Home Office over publication of his highly critical reports**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2713746/Borders-chief-quits-rows-May-Stepped-early-clashes-Home-Office-publication-highly-critical-reports.html>

### **Mass immigration: Report warns of strain on Britain's infrastructure caused by population growth**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/mass-immigration-report-warns-of-strain-on-britains-infrastructure-caused-by-population-growth-9641788.html>

### **Report reveals immigration impact**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/report-reveals-immigration-impact-1.501604>

### **Balls demands tighter curbs on migrants**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4165342.ece>

### **Mass immigration is bringing down living standards, economist claims**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4163825.ece>

### **Immigration curbs leave business with 'shallow pool of talent'**

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/business/Economy/article1441976.ece>

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**Economic Outlook: It's sticky being a honeypot for migrants**

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/business/Economy/article1441852.ece>

**70-day freeze to halt sham marriages**

[http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk\\_news/Society/article1442242.ece](http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Society/article1442242.ece)

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## Community Relations

### News

**What life is like for Muslim girls in Britain**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/life/article4151619.ece>

**British Muslims Have British Values**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/sadiq-khan/british-muslims-uk-religion\\_b\\_5620298.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=uk](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/sadiq-khan/british-muslims-uk-religion_b_5620298.html?utm_hp_ref=uk)

**'Muslim Glastonbury' challenges perceptions of Islam in Britain**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/aug/01/living-islam-festival-challenge-perceptions-britain-rowan-williams>

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## Equality

### UK Parliament Early Day Motion

**S4M-10707 Stewart Maxwell: Gender Segregation at Higher Learning Institutions Declared Unlawful**—That the Parliament welcomes the ruling by the Equality and Human Rights Commission that gender segregation by institutes of higher learning at public meetings, lectures, tutorials and debates is unlawful; is glad that the law has been clarified, and believes that this provides strong protection for women at academic institutions and is a great victory for all of the people who spoke out when involuntary gender segregation was first suggested.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-10707&ResultsPerPage=10>

### New Publications

**When education isn't enough**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/WhenEducationIsntEnough.pdf>

**Cumulative Impact Assessment**

Full report

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/publication\\_pdf/Cumulative%20Impact%20Assessment%20full%20report%2030-07-14.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/publication_pdf/Cumulative%20Impact%20Assessment%20full%20report%2030-07-14.pdf)



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#### Summary

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/publication\\_pdf/Cumulative%20Impact%20Assessment%20executive%20summary%2030-07-14%20%282%29.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/publication_pdf/Cumulative%20Impact%20Assessment%20executive%20summary%2030-07-14%20%282%29.pdf)

## News

### 'Fewer university offers' for minority groups

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-28424556>

### Ethnic minority students less likely to win a place at university, research finds

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/ethnic-minority-students-less-likely-to-win-a-place-at-university-research-finds.24823273>

### White British more likely to get university offers than other ethnicities

<http://www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2014/jul/23/white-british-more-likely-university-offers-ethnicities-uk>

### Degree of success for Africans as white Scots least educated

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/degree-of-success-for-africans-as-white-scots-least-educated.24838914>

### Ethnic minority students get fewer university offers, research shows

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/2014/jul/23/ethnic-minority-students-fewer-university-offers-research-shows>

### Britain's black actors must be given a better choice of roles, says star of Spielberg series

<http://www.theguardian.com/film/2014/jul/27/uk-black-actors-need-better-roles-falling-skies-star-treva-etienne>

### Black actors: never mind the 'initiatives' for diversity on our screens, let's see some action

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jul/27/diversity-black-actors-tv-lenny-henry-david-harewood-treva-etienne>

### Parliament failing to represent UK's ethnic diversity

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/datablog/2014/jul/31/parliament-failing-represent-uk-diversity>

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### UK Parliament Questions

#### Anti-Semitism

**Nigel Dodds:** To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government what steps his Department is taking to tackle anti-Semitic attacks (a) in Greater Manchester and (b) across the UK. [203568]

**Reply from Stephen Williams:** The Government committed to reduce the harm caused by hate crime, including anti-Semitic crime, in 'Challenge it, Report it, Stop

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it: The Government's Plan to Tackle Hate Crime' published in 2012 and refreshed in May 2014. Since 2010 this Government has done more than ever to tackle anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic attacks.

The Department for Communities and Local Government hosts the Anti-Semitism Working Group which brings community representatives together with officials from across Government to ensure a coordinated response to emerging challenges, whether they are domestic, online or international. The Department also partially funds the Cross-Government Hate Crime Programme which leads on a broad range of activities including the development of 'True Vision' an online facility to provide information to victims and practitioners and to allow anyone to report hate crime online.

The Department works closely with the Community Security Trust, the police and the Home Office to tackle anti-Semitic incidents. For example, in the wake of the recent desecration of Jewish graves in Blackley in Greater Manchester, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government wrote to the CEO of the Community Security Trust, an organisation that looks after the security needs of the Jewish community, expressing his sadness at the desecration and offering support.

To ensure we remember the Holocaust, and keep the memory of those lost alive, the Department also supports the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and the Prime Minister's Holocaust Commission.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140721/text/140721w0005.htm#1407228000006>

#### Anti-Semitism

**Lord Leigh of Hurley:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, following the reported rise in anti-Semitic actions across Europe in recent days, what action they are taking to avert such actions in the United Kingdom.

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government (Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon):** My Lords, the Government are deeply concerned about the rise in anti-Semitism across Europe. We work closely with the Community Security Trust, the police and the Home Office to tackle anti-Semitic incidents that have no place—absolutely no place—in our communities. My department hosts the anti-Semitism working group, which brings together community representatives and officials from across government to ensure a co-ordinated response to anti-Semitism whether at home, abroad or indeed, online.

**Lord Leigh of Hurley:** ... Like all Members of the House, he will be aware of the ongoing conflict in Gaza and the terrible loss of life as a result. Does my noble friend agree that it is unacceptable that many opt to use this conflict, instigated by Israel's need to protect its citizens from lethal rockets, as a pretext for anti-Semitic prejudice, sometimes through the veneer of anti-Zionism by placards and rants in our own high streets, including the recent *Mirror* article which compared Gaza to a concentration camp? Many Jews in this country feel that their security is threatened and their safety prejudiced. Will my noble friend join me in supporting Muslims in the UK who condemn anti-Semitism wherever it may be found?

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** On that final point, as a Muslim in this country—a proud Muslim who is proud of his country—I totally condemn anti-Semitism wherever it is found in its ugly guises. I am sure that I speak for all Members of this House, irrespective of faith or belief. As a Government we are, of course, deeply concerned about the continuing violence in Gaza and Israel, and we have called repeatedly on both sides to de-escalate and work towards a

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lasting peace. The Israeli people have a right to live without constant fear for their security, but, equally, Gazans also have a right to live with dignity and peace, and we are deeply concerned by the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza. It is for all communities, certainly in the UK, to work together, and we are doing so, in countering extremism in all its ugly guises, and in sending a clear message that such bigotry has no place in our country.

**Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale:** My Lords, given that vile anti-Semitic views have now appeared on placards and in chants on British streets, not least in London, will the Minister assure us that the Government are taking steps to protect intercommunal relations in our country? Is he assured that the Government are in touch with the leadership of both the Muslim and Jewish communities? Would he join me in welcoming a very helpful statement from the Muslim Council of Britain two weeks ago, the concluding words of which were:

“We must not let conflicts abroad cause relations to break here in the UK. Jewish and Muslim communities have enjoyed good relations in the UK, and it is vital that is maintained”?

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** Again, I share the noble Baroness’s sentiments. It is important to look at our great country and see that over time people of different faiths have come to this country and have settled here. Different migrant communities have made this country their own and generation upon generation continue to respect each other, live with each other and build a prosperous nation together. I totally share the sentiment expressed by the noble Baroness, and the Government are working on the ground with people of all faiths and communities. We have invested £8.2 million in the Church Urban Fund’s Near Neighbours scheme; we have invested £1.8 million on the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust; and, more recently, noble Lords will know that we have also launched the Remembering Srebrenica campaign, which recalls the Srebrenica genocide that took place on European soil not so long ago.

**Lord Wright of Richmond:** My Lords, while fully associating myself with the Minister’s condemnation of anti-Semitism in all its forms, does he nevertheless accept that much anti-Semitism is a reaction to the appalling Israeli treatment of its Arab neighbours in Gaza, Jerusalem and on the West Bank?

**Noble Lords:** No!

**Lord Wright of Richmond:** Is not the best action that the Government can take to avert such activity to show not only that they deplore such actions as the constant growth of Israeli settlements and the disproportionate reaction of the Israel Defense Forces in Gaza but that they are prepared, with our European allies, to take effective steps to stop them?

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** My Lords, when it comes to conflict in the Middle East, the UK has three clear objectives: first, to secure a ceasefire; secondly, to alleviate humanitarian suffering; and thirdly, and most important, to keep alive the prospects for peace negotiations—I am sure that all noble Lords adhere to that. They are the only hope of breaking the cycle of violence and devastation once and for all. I can assure the noble Lord that the UK is working closely with the US and European allies in encouraging both sides back to dialogue, supporting the Palestinian Authority and keeping pressure on Hamas and other extremists—and also, most importantly, alleviating the humanitarian consequences of this tragic conflict.

**Lord Palmer of Childs Hill:** My Lords, I would like to bring this back to the original Question, if I may. At demonstrations in London, anti-Semitic and pro-Hezbollah banners and placards have been freely displayed, with slogans such as, “Hitler was right”. What steps are Her Majesty’s Government taking to ban the use of pro-terror and racist

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placards at such demonstrations?

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The Government totally condemn the use of such placards. Comparisons between the conflict taking place and reviving memories of the tragedy and disgust we all had for the terrible events of the Holocaust have no place in the protests. I am sure that I speak for all Muslims—indeed, for all Palestinians and for all people with sensible thoughts about resolving this conflict. No religion, no faith and no community sanctions such as disgusting behaviour; and that is what it is. Placards that invoke any kind of terror against any community have no place in our country.

**Lord Winston:** My Lords, as a grandfather of children at a Jewish school in London that has to be policed, can we hear the Minister's reaction to the idea that anti-Semitism in Europe is a reaction to what is happening in Israel and Palestine—much as we regret that? Does he not agree with me that this would be rather like saying that the affairs in Syria would cause anti-Islamic feeling in this country?

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** I have already said—and I say again to the noble Lord—that irrespective of what is happening in the Middle East, there is no place for anti-Semitic behaviour, particularly when it is translated into action of a despicable kind against any community, including the Jewish community specifically. We have to be absolutely clear. Things happen around the world. As to what is happening in Israel and Gaza, we all deplore the loss of civilian life, the tragedy and the humanitarian crisis taking place on the ground. Let me be absolutely clear and perhaps put it into context as a Muslim. The Islamic faith is clear: in such situations you shall protect churches, cloisters, synagogues and all innocent life. That is the kind of message that needs to resonate, not just in this House but throughout the country.

**Baroness Deech:** My Lords, does the Minister recall that a year ago, after the beheading of Lee Rigby, the Prime Minister rushed forward to say that Islam was a religion of peace and that Islamophobia must be prevented; and the police made arrests in relation to tweets and demonstrations. Unfortunately, politicians have been in the forefront of making this link between Gaza, anti-Semitism, Hitler and all the rest of it. Will the noble Lord remind the House that the politicians should take the lead in calming down feelings, and that the police should be encouraged to prosecute where appropriate?

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** I totally agree with sentiments expressed by the noble Baroness. I am sure that we all recognise that we live in a multireligious society, and it is entirely appropriate that the House takes this opportunity to wish the Muslim community a very happy Eid Mubarak.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140729-0001.htm#14072930000253>

## Press Releases

**OSCE/ODIHR Director calls for leaders to speak out against anti-Roma rhetoric, scapegoating**

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/122154>

**Ensuring the right to remembrance and dignity for the Roma people  
Roma Holocaust 70th anniversary commemoration**

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=14917&LangID=E>

**Worrying escalation of anti-Semitic acts around Gaza conflict**

<http://www.enar-eu.org/Worrying-escalation-of-anti>

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### **Antisemitic Incidents Report: January – June 2014**

<http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents%20Report%20Jan%20-%20June%202014.pdf>

### **The Exceptional Case? Perceptions and experiences of antisemitism among Jews in the United Kingdom**

[http://www.jpr.org.uk/documents/Perceptions\\_and\\_experiences\\_of\\_antisemitism\\_among\\_Jews\\_in\\_UK.pdf](http://www.jpr.org.uk/documents/Perceptions_and_experiences_of_antisemitism_among_Jews_in_UK.pdf)

## **News**

### **Middlesbrough fans banned for life for ripping up Koran**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-28468345>

### **Anti-Semitism comes back to haunt Europe**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-28522336>

### **'Motivated by conflict', UK hate crimes are rising**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/motivated-by-conflict-uk-hate-crimes-are-rising-1-3497076>

### **Antisemitism is on the rise - and has been since before current Gaza conflict**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/antisemitism-is-on-the-rise--and-has-been-since-before-current-gaza-conflict-9641133.html>

### **Sharp rise in UK antisemitic attacks since start of Gaza conflict**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/aug/01/sharp-rise-uk-antisemitic-attacks-gaza-conflict>

### **Racist attacks: Police say hate crimes were 'orchestrated'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-28540284>

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## **Scottish Independence Referendum**

### **Scottish Government Publications**

#### **Scotland's Future is Everyone's Business**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0045/00456290.pdf>

#### **Scotland's Future - What Independence Means for You**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0045/00456894.pdf>

This booklet is also available in Gaelic, Cantonese, and Polish. To download it in any of these languages see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/08/9991/downloads>

#### **Scotland's Future (summary)**

<http://82.113.138.107/00439013.pdf>

The summary is also available in Gaelic, Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Chinese Mandarin, French, Hindi, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu. To download it in any of these languages, see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/11/8021>



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The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: no doubt–no currency union  
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmselect/cmsscota/499/499.pdf>

Make sure you have the facts when you decide Scotland's future  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/340078/Make\\_sure\\_you\\_have\\_the\\_facts\\_when\\_you\\_decide\\_Scotland\\_s\\_future.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/340078/Make_sure_you_have_the_facts_when_you_decide_Scotland_s_future.pdf)

## Scottish Government Press Release

Scotland's Future in every home  
<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scotland-s-Future-in-every-home-f4e.aspx>

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Eid Mubarak  
<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Eid-Mubarak-f32.aspx>

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Eid and Diwali (Public Holidays)  
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140721/halltext/140721h0001.htm#14072111000001>

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Prisoners: Travellers

**Baroness Whitaker:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the recommendations in the report by HM Inspectorate of Prisons People in prison: Gypsies, Romany and Travellers that there should be further research into the reasons why people from those communities are in prison and how they are supported; and that the number of young people of Gypsy, Romany and Traveller background in Secure Training Centres should be investigated.[HL1158]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Ministry of Justice (Lord Faulks):** The Ministry of Justice is considering how best to take forward Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP) report recommendation for research into the reasons why people from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) communities are in prison.

To address the historically low declaration rates of GRT prisoners and to improve the support received by GRT prisoners, the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) has carried out extensive work to increase the declaration rates

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of GRT prisoners including work to increase the confidence of GRT prisoners to declare their ethnicity.

In March 2014, NOMS implemented a new tool to monitor various outcomes for prisoners against a range of protected characteristics, including GRT prisoners. NOMS is now monitoring outcomes for this group of prisoners.

The Youth Justice Board (YJB) commissioned and jointly published (with HMIP) the report: 'Children and Young People in Custody 2012-13: An Analysis of 12-18 year olds' perceptions of their experience in secure training centres'. This was the first published annual summary of children and young people's self-reported experiences and perceptions from surveys carried out with young people in each of the four Secure Training Centres (STCs).

The YJB will continue to commission these reports and monitor the findings from this survey in future years to gain a better understanding of the representation GRT young people within STCs.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140729w0001.htm#1407294300435>

## Early Day Motion

**Keith Vaz (291) Girl Summit 2014** – That this House welcomes the international Girl Summit held on 22 July 2014; notes that the Female Genital Mutilation is a criminal, horrifying and inhumane practice; congratulates the Prime Minister on this initiative; acknowledges the work done by the community campaigners such as Leyla Hussein; hopes that outstanding work done by the hon. Member for Battersea which started with the establishment of the APPG and FGM, continues; and urges the Government to adopt in full the recommendations of the Home Select Affairs Committee to eradicate this horrific abuse for good.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2014-15/291>

## Press Releases

**New FGM measures launched to 'care, protect, prevent'**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-fgm-measures-launched-to-care-protect-prevent>

**Armed Forces Muslim Forum launches**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/armed-forces-muslim-forum-launches>

**Eid al-Fitr 2014: Prime Minister's message**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eid-al-fitr-2014-prime-ministers-message>

**Eid al-Fitr 2014: video message from Nick Clegg**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eid-al-fitr-2014-video-message-from-nick-clegg>

**Scottish Secretary wishes Muslims Eid Mubarak**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/scottish-secretary-wishes-muslims-eid-mubarak>

**Eid messages 2014**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eid-messages-2014>

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### New Publications

#### **Main findings from the 2013 FGM Initiative**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fgm-support-materials/main-findings-from-the-2013-fgm-initiative>

#### **Female genital mutilation: resource pack**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/female-genital-mutilation-resource-pack/female-genital-mutilation-resource-pack>

#### **Maternity Guideline for the Care of Women who have been affected by Female Genital Mutilation**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/276466/FGM\\_maternity\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/276466/FGM_maternity_guidelines.pdf)

#### **FGM lesson plan**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/276541/KS3\\_FGM\\_lesson\\_plan.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/276541/KS3_FGM_lesson_plan.pdf)

#### **The FGM Game**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/276431/FGM\\_game\\_teachers\\_pack.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/276431/FGM_game_teachers_pack.pdf)

#### **Female Genital Mutilation Information, Services & Support Guide**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/276638/FGM\\_info\\_guide\\_by\\_FORWARD.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/276638/FGM_info_guide_by_FORWARD.pdf)

#### **FGM Guidance for Schools**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/276657/Project\\_Azure\\_FGM\\_school\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/276657/Project_Azure_FGM_school_guidance.pdf)

#### **Female Genital Mutilation: Frequently Asked Questions: A Campaigner's Guide for Young People**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/332732/FGMfaqFORWARD.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/332732/FGMfaqFORWARD.pdf)

#### **Voices of Women: FGM**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/276710/bham\\_womens\\_aid\\_FGM\\_project.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/276710/bham_womens_aid_FGM_project.pdf)

## News

#### **FGM summit: New measures announced by David Cameron**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-28412179>

#### **Parents who allow mutilation could face the courts**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/parents-who-allow-mutilation-could-face-the-courts.24817620>

#### **Parents who allow FGM will be prosecuted**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/health/parents-who-allow-fgm-will-be-prosecuted-1-3485276>

## Other UK Parliament and Government

### News (continued)

#### **Parents who allow female genital mutilation will be prosecuted**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jul/22/parents-allow-female-genital-mutilation-prosecuted-cameron-law>

#### **FGM unit set up to stop practice in UK**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jul/22/fgm-unit-theresa-may-forced-marriage-girl-summit>

#### **We must protect the victims of FGM, says Theresa May**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/10982323/We-must-protect-the-victims-of-FGM-says-Theresa-May.html>

#### **FGM affects 137,000 women in England and Wales**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-politics/10980268/FGM-affects-137000-women-in-England-and-Wales-reveals-shocking-new-study.html>

#### **FGM: 140,000 victims living in the UK as David Cameron condemns the "abhorrent" practice**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/10981389/FGM-140000-victims-living-in-the-UK-as-David-Cameron-condemns-the-abhorrent-practice.html>

#### **FGM: A child abuse 'out of the ordinary'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-28386905>

#### **Girl Summit: Government unit to tackle FGM to be launched**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/incoming/global-conference-on-fgm-pledges-new-unit-to-tackle-crimes-against-girls-9621926.html?origin=internalSearch>

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## Other News

#### **Doctor denies carrying out FGM at London hospital**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-28589010>

#### **Extra FGM training for public sector staff**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-28396889>

#### **New UN data shows need for urgent action to end female genital mutilation, child marriage**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48320#.U858VoCSwbc>

#### **Anatomy of female genital mutilation**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-27188190>

#### **At last, a home for black history**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jul/23/black-cultural-archives-understanding-british-history>

#### **FGM: two young women who woke up world and forced politicians to act**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jul/25/fgm-young-women-fahma-mohamed-jaha-dukureh>

## Other News (continued)

### Man and girl stopped at Heathrow over FGM

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article4159495.ece>

### Britain has looked the other way for too long over FGM

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11000437/Britain-has-looked-the-other-way-for-too-long-over-FGM.html>

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

### Scottish Parliament

#### \*\* Assisted Suicide Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/69604.aspx>

Written evidence submitted to the Committee

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/79119.aspx>

#### Criminal Justice Bill

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

### Bills in Progress UK Parliament

#### Arbitration and Mediation Services (Equality) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/arbitrationandmediationservicesequality.html>

#### Assisted Dying Bill (England and Wales only)

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/assisteddying.html>

#### Asylum (Time Limit) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/asylumtimelimit.html>

#### Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/illegalimmigrantscriminalsanctions.html>

#### \*\* Modern Slavery Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/modernslavery.html>

Proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2014-2015/0008/amend/modernslaveryaddednames.pdf>

Public Bill Committee debate

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmpublic/modernslavery/140721/pm/140721s01.htm>

#### UK Borders Control Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/ukborderscontrol.html>

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## Consultations

\*\* new or updated this week

### **\*\* Exploring the impact of Family Migration Rules on children and young people**

(closing date 1 September 2014)

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/force\\_download.php?fp=%2Fclient\\_assets%2Fcp%2Fpublication%2F856%2Fquestionnaire.doc](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/force_download.php?fp=%2Fclient_assets%2Fcp%2Fpublication%2F856%2Fquestionnaire.doc)

(Guidance on submitting responses

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/force\\_download.php?fp=%2Fclient\\_assets%2Fcp%2Fpublication%2F857%2FGuidance\\_occ.pdf](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/force_download.php?fp=%2Fclient_assets%2Fcp%2Fpublication%2F857%2FGuidance_occ.pdf))

### **Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation Bill** (closing date 25 September 2014)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_MembersBills/Organ\\_Donation\\_Consultation\\_Document.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/Organ_Donation_Consultation_Document.pdf)

### **Modern Slavery Bill (UK Parliament)** (closing date 14 October 2014)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2014/july/have-your-say-on-the-modern-slavery-bill/>

### **Scottish Independence Bill: A consultation on an interim constitution for Scotland**

(closing date 20 October 2014)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0045/00452762.pdf>

(summary: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0045/00452784.pdf>)

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

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

### **Light on: perceptions and interpretations of expressions** (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPJCY6J>

### **Advancing Migrant Access to health Services in Europe** (no closing date given)

<http://www.amase.eu/wp/be-part-of-amase/>

### **Our Borderlands - Our Future** (no closing date given)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/scottish-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2010/our-borderlands-our-future/>

### **Migrants' Views on the Impact of the Migration Debate** (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L5JW3CP>

### **\*\* Inquiry into the recruitment and appointment practices on company boards**

(no closing date given)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/our-legal-work/inquiries-and-assessments/inquiry-recruitment-and-appointment-practices-company-boards>

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## Job Opportunities

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### **Homecoming Scotland 2014**

Wide range of events throughout the whole of 2014. For information see the full programme <http://www.visitscotland.com/see-do/homecoming-scotland-2014/events/>



BEMIS, in partnership with Visit Scotland and the Scottish Government has launched 'Multicultural Homecoming 2014', a programme of events to showcase Scotland's rich cultural diversity, and a small Grants Programme to help community groups put on local events. For information see <http://bemis.org.uk/project/multicultural-homecoming-2014/>

**\*\* next week!**

### **Mainstreaming Equalities**

11 August, 15 September, 6 October, and 4 November 2014 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)  
Institute of Leadership and Management endorsed training course for Voluntary Sector organisations to develop capacity on mainstreaming equality. Participants should ideally be at a senior level within the organisation or with delegated authority to take action to mainstream equality. For information contact John Robertson 0141 332 2444 / [john.robertson@gcvs.org.uk](mailto:john.robertson@gcvs.org.uk) or see <http://www.crer.org.uk/Training/MainstreamingEqualities2014.docx>

**\*\* next week!**

### **The Scottish Independence Referendum**

16 August 2014 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (1.30 – 3.00)  
Festival of Politics event to discuss how the Referendum campaign is being viewed around the world, For information and to book tickets see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/scottish-independence-referendum/>

**\*\* next week!**

### **Scottish Social Attitudes/ Identity**

16 August 2014 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (4.00 – 5.30)  
Festival of Politics event to discuss Economic and Social Research Council research into a number of the key issues relating to Scotland and the UK's constitutional future. For information and to book tickets see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/scottish-social-attitudes-identity/>

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### **Immigration**

17 August 2014 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (1.00 – 2.30)  
Festival of Politics event to discuss the key issues for immigration policy in the UK and Scotland and the impacts of immigration on the economy and society. For information and to book tickets see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/immigration/>

### **Ethnic Minority 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Network**

4 September 2014 in Glasgow (7.00 – 9.00)  
BEMIS event in partnership with CEMVO Scotland to discuss the Independence Referendum with representatives of the Yes ,and Better Together campaigns. For information and book a place, contact Danny Boyle [danny.boyle@bemis.org.uk](mailto:danny.boyle@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047 or Fiaz Khan [fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk](mailto:fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk) / 0141 248 4830.

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **Racism: From the Labour Movement to the Far-Right**

5-6 September 2014 in Glasgow

Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity conference to consider the continuing mutation and expansion of racism into new 'cultural' forms and the electoral consolidation of parties of the far-right. For information see <http://racismconference14.wordpress.com/>

### **Domestic Abuse and Minority Ethnic Women, Children and Young People**

10th (9.30-4.30pm) & 11th (9.30-12.30pm) September 2014

8th (9.30-4.30pm) & 9th (9.30-12.30pm) October 2014

6th (9.30-4.30pm) & 7th (9.30-12.30pm) November 2014

3rd (9.30-4.30pm) & 4th (9.30-12.30pm) December 2014

Shakti Women's Aid training to increase awareness and understanding of issues facing Minority Ethnic women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. For information see <http://www.shaktiedinburgh.co.uk/training&events.html> or contact 0131 475 2399 / [info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

### **\*\* Caring for Older People – Contribution of Faith Communities**

19 September 2014 in Inverness (10.00 – 3.00)

Recent research has begun to quantify the largely unrecognized work done by faith groups in caring for older people. This workshop will provide information about how the government views this work and how they support organisations carrying it out. For information contact [info@fiop.org.uk](mailto:info@fiop.org.uk).

### **Holocaust Memorial Day workshop**

10 November 2014 in Edinburgh (1.15 – 4.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop to explore the HMD 2015 theme "Keep the memory alive", hear more about activity organising, and meet others who are planning to mark HMD in your area. Free but booking essential. For information contact 020 7785 7029 / [enquiries@hmd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hmd.org.uk).

### **Promoting Good Relations: New Approaches, New Solutions**

21 November 2014 in Glasgow

Commission for Racial Equality and rights conference to consider one of the most challenging aspects of the Public Sector Equality Duty – the duty to foster good relations. For information contact Nadia Rafiq [nadia@crer.org.uk](mailto:nadia@crer.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>

**UK Parliament** <http://www.parliament.uk/>

**GovUK (links to UK Government Departments)** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

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

**Scotland's Referendum: Qs&As** <http://www.scotreferendum.com/questions-and-answers/>

## Useful Links (continued)

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

Scottish Refugee Council <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

Interfaith Scotland <http://www.interfaithscotland.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)

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

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) [www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services](http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services)

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

BBC News <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

BBC Democracy Live [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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