

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The Scottish Parliament is in recess until 27 October 2014.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S4M-11186 Patrick Harvie: UK Anti-Slavery Day and EU Anti-Trafficking Day 2014—** That the Parliament welcomes 18 October 2014 being marked as both the UK's Anti-Slavery Day and the EU's Anti-Trafficking Day; recognises this as an opportunity to reflect on and consider how to enhance Scotland's efforts in raising awareness of, and tackling and preventing, human trafficking and other forms of contemporary slavery; looks forward to working with the Scottish Government on its Human Trafficking (Scotland) Bill, and expresses the hope that this will be an exemplar piece of anti-slavery legislation that will enable the effective prosecution of perpetrators and provide statutory rights to assistance so that survivors may recover as far as possible from their ordeal.  
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-11186&ResultsPerPage=10>

## Immigration and Asylum (continued)

### UK Parliament Ministerial Statement

#### Immigration Appeals System

**The Minister for Security and Immigration (James Brokenshire):** The reforms to the immigration appeals system in the Immigration Act 2014 are being phased in from 20 October. These provisions contain important measures to make it easier to deport foreign criminals and build upon the significant reforms we have already made.

In July we introduced new powers to stop criminals using family life arguments to delay their deportation. This has been successful, enabling the Home Office to deport over 100 criminals since July pending any appeal.

From Monday criminals will also no longer be able to appeal against a decision that their deportation is conducive to the public good. This is the most significant change to deportation appeals since 1971. Criminals will be deported and will not be able to appeal beforehand unless they face a real risk of serious irreversible harm. For those that do have an appeal right, they will only be able to appeal once.

From Monday the new Act will also reform the appeals system for students. For those with meritorious appeals the old system was a costly and time-consuming way to correct simple casework errors which could be resolved by a request to the Home Office to review the decision. New immigration rules provide a system of administrative review through which case work errors will be corrected within 28 days rather than 12 weeks, supporting our policy of attracting immigrants who benefit the United Kingdom's businesses and universities. For non-compliant students the new appeals reforms, combined with the new single power of removal, will make removal quicker and more legally straightforward.

On 3 September I announced that the west midlands would be the location for the first phase of the implementation of new restrictions on illegal immigrants accessing rented housing. I have now made the order to bring into force the necessary powers in the Immigration Act to allow the scheme to start from 1 December. This will allow further secondary legislation to be laid before Parliament shortly.

Further measures in the new Act are also being brought into force to limit the ability of immigration detainees to make repeat bail applications and to extend the powers of the Immigration Services Commissioner to combat rogue immigration advisers. Finally, powers are being brought into force to enable us in due course to lay before Parliament the secondary legislation needed to implement the NHS health surcharge and to implement the changes to the process for giving notice of marriage or civil partnership to combat sham marriages and civil partnerships.

Reforms are also being made to strengthen the regime and further enhance security. Technical changes are being implemented across the immigration rules to tackle abuse while enhancing the United Kingdom's status as an excellent place to do business. In particular, the tier 1 (investor) route is being reformed following recommendations from the Migration Advisory Committee. The minimum investment threshold will be raised from £1million to £2 million. The Government will also consult further on what sort of investment the route should encourage in order to deliver real economic benefits, and other improvements to the route. A consultation document will be published in due course.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141016/wmstext/141016m0001.htm#1410166000010>

### UK Parliament Questions

#### Immigration

**Andrew Turner:** What assessment [the Home Secretary] has made of the reasons for the rise in immigration from (a) EU and (b) non-EU countries between March 2013 and March 2014. [905434]

## Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

**Reply from the Minister for Security and Immigration (James Brokenshire):** Our reforms have cut net migration by a quarter since the peak under the previous Government and have led to net migration from outside the EU falling to levels close to those last seen in the 1990s. However, the latest statistics from the Office for National Statistics show a rise in long-term immigration from EU nationals coming to the UK for work-related reasons.

**Andrew Turner:** Will my hon. Friend acknowledge that all immigrants to the United Kingdom, from countries within and outside the EU, must get approval in future from the Home Secretary? Anything else will cause us to be regarded as a soft touch.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** I underline the reforms that the Government have made, which have been effective in cutting net migration from outside the EU. My hon. Friend raises the issue of EU migration and free movement. It is absolutely right that the Prime Minister has underlined the need for reform of free movement, and how, if we are elected as the next Government, that will be at the heart of our renegotiation with the EU.

**David Hanson:** The Minister said in an article on 6 September—he has said again just now—that the Government have cut net migration by a quarter. Has he had a chance to see the letter to me, dated 9 October, from the chair of the UK Statistics Authority, Sir Andrew Dilnot? It says that net migration was 244,000 in June 2010 and is now, four years later, 243,000—just 1,000 lower. Will he explain to the House how he came to that conclusion and, while he is at it, does he expect to meet the Government's manifesto commitment made at the last election?

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** I am grateful to the right hon. Gentleman for highlighting the poor record of the previous Labour Government. On their watch, 2.5 million people were allowed to come into this country. It is absolutely right that our focus remains on returning net migration to sustainable levels, from the hundreds of thousands to the tens of thousands. I know that the shadow Home Secretary has said that she wants to talk more about immigration, but the Labour party's record says it all.

**David Nuttall:** Our membership of the European Union brings with it a right to free movement into this country for people from other EU countries, and that brings with it a feeling that our friends in Commonwealth countries are being completely discriminated against. Is not the only solution to that problem for us to leave the European Union and be free of these rules once and for all?

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** My hon. Friend makes his clear point, which he has made consistently over the years. He is right that to say we need to focus on net migration from outside the EU, as well as the implications of free movement. That is why we made the changes that we have made to reform benefit entitlements. I say again that free movement is absolutely one of the aspects on which we will want renegotiation to take place.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141013/debtext/141013-0001.htm#1410134000019>

### Entry Clearances

**Paul Blomfield** [209962] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many sponsors of Tier 2 general visas in each region and constituent part of the UK have been issued with such visas in each year since 2009.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The table below shows the number of Tier 2 General sponsors by region that have used a Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) to sponsor a Tier 2 General migrant worker since 2009.

Number of Sponsors by region associated with migrants who have used Tier 2 General CoS by calendar year since 2009.

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Region	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
London & South East	3,435	3,565	3,594	4,805	6,836
Midlands & East of England	1,016	1,143	1,036	1,192	1,726
Wales & South West	427	532	392	460	635
Scotland & Northern Ireland	506	517	387	449	672
North East, Yorkshire & the Humber	330	366	316	359	495
North West	310	344	258	347	495

**Note:** Full data for the calendar year 2014 is not yet available.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209962/>

### Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

**Keith Vaz** [210183] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, further to the Answers to Questions 40890, on 15 February 2011 and 43770, on 8 March 2011, how many overseas students from each country were granted visas in 2013.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The available information relates to entry clearance visas granted in Tier 4 and pre-Points Based System (PBS) equivalents and is published in the quarterly Immigration Statistics. The information is given in the table below.

Entry clearance visas granted by nationality: Study (Tier 4 and pre-PBS equivalent) (main applicants)		
	Country of nationality	
1	China	62,010
2	United States	13,853
3	India	12,690
4	Nigeria	10,753
5	Hong Kong	9,644
6	Malaysia	8,987
7	Thailand	4,863
8	Saudi Arabia	4,835
9	Russia	4,555
10	Pakistan	4,299
	Other nationalities	63,119
	<b>Total</b>	<b>199,608</b>

Source: Table vi\_06\_q, Visas Volume 3, "Immigration Statistics, April - June 2014".

Notes: The figures shown exclude dependants and student visitors. Other nationalities are broken down further in the published table.

The latest Home Office immigration statistics, including those for entry clearance visas for Tier 4 and pre-PBS equivalents for all individual nationalities, are published in the release Immigration Statistics April – June 2014, table vi\_06\_q\_s (Visas Volume 3), which is available from the Library of the House and on the Department's website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>  
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-13/210183/>

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### Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

**Paul Blomfield** [210012] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills on the effect of the closure of the Post Study Work visa route on start-up companies.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The Home Office works closely at Ministerial and official level with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and other interested Departments on significant changes to economic migration policy, including the closure of the Tier 1 (Post-Study Work) route in 2012. This closure was also the subject of a full public consultation from December 2010 to January 2011.

Start-up companies can benefit from the new provisions for graduates the Government has introduced, including easier switching into the Tier 2 skilled work route as well as the new Graduate Entrepreneur route, which permits working for start-up companies.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/210012/>

### Entry Clearances: Graduates

**Paul Blomfield** [209961] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Tier 2 visas were granted to people who were previously students in the UK in

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The available published information relates to Tier 2 grants of an extension of stay in the UK to people who were previously students, 2011 to 2013 and is given in the table below:

<b>Tier 2 grants of an extension of stay by previous category, excluding dependants</b>		
		<b>Current category</b>
Year	Broad previous category	Total PBS - Tier 2 Sponsored with a job
2011	Study	1,730
2012	Study	2,614
2013	Study	4,175
Source: Extensions data table expc_01_w Immigration Statistics April-June 2014		
<b>Table notes</b>		
1. Data for 2013 are provisional figures.		
2. Excludes EEA and Swiss nationals.		
3. Includes reconsideration cases and the outcome of appeals.		

The Home Office publishes annual statistics on grants of an extension by previous category in tables expc\_01 to expc\_01\_o within the 'Immigration Statistics' release.

A copy of the latest release, 'Immigration Statistics April - June 2014' is available from the Library of the House and from:

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

Information on the previous immigration status of those issued an entry clearance visa (applications made outside the UK) is not available.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209961/>

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### Entry Clearances: Graduates

**Paul Blomfield** [209966] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Graduate Entrepreneur Tier 1 visas have been issued for use by each UK higher education institution since April 2013.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Graduate Entrepreneur Tier 1 visas are issued directly to individual applicants, who are endorsed by qualifying UK Higher Education Institutions, or UKTI. The following tables show the number of endorsements by HEIs since April 2013 where a UK entry clearance has been issued or leave to remain in the UK has been granted.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209966/>

### Asylum: Advisory Services

**Ian Swales** [209289] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that asylum seekers receive face-to-face advice when making or following up a complaint.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Asylum seekers are encouraged to raise any issues they have with the Home Office in person when they attend their reporting office or the asylum screening unit.

Where someone is unhappy with the service provided to them, they are advised to raise this immediately so that the issue can be resolved at the point where the service was provided. Where someone is not happy with the way their verbal complaint was handled or would like to make a formal complaint they are advised to make a written complaint.

Written complaints are handled by Responder hubs who aim to respond to the complainant within 20 working days following an investigation of their complaint. All complaints are acknowledged and contact information is provided both at the initial stage and at the outcome.

Advice on how to make a complaint is available on the Home Office website at: [www.gov.uk/visas-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration). Leaflets and posters providing this information are displayed in most Home Office premises open to the public.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209289/>

### Asylum and Indefinite Leave to Remain (Illegal Immigrants)

**Philip Davies:** How many illegal immigrants have been granted asylum or indefinite leave to remain in the UK since 2010. [905430]

**Reply from the Minister for Security and Immigration (James Brokenshire):** We grant humanitarian protection only when it is genuinely needed. Sometimes that includes people who have overstayed their permission to be here, or who have entered the country without permission. Since 2010, 18,000 such people have been granted asylum.

**Philip Davies:** Surely anybody who enters this country illegally should not be able to remain here with indefinite leave or be granted asylum, but should go through the proper processes. Will the Minister explain how many such cases have occurred as a result of the Human Rights Act, dating back to 1997? Is it not the case that that Act, rather than giving any meaningful rights to decent, law-abiding citizens in this country, is a charter for illegal immigrants? Is it not time that that wretched Human Rights Act was scrapped?

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** I say to my hon. Friend that it is right that appropriate process is undertaken, but that this country is proud of its record of providing humanitarian protection for those in genuine need. He makes an important point about the Human Rights Act. As he will know, the Prime Minister

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and others have underlined our commitment to see that Act reformed so that actions and matters are dealt with in our courts rather than elsewhere.

**Kate Green:** As the Minister will know, asylum seekers who successfully achieve refugee status have a 28-day move-on period before asylum support is withdrawn, in which to sort out a job, housing, benefits and so on. A recent report by the British Red Cross has, however, highlighted the fact that many successful claimants of refugee status find 28 days to be insufficient time in which to get all those arrangements in place. What discussions is the Minister having with other Departments, specifically the Department for Work and Pensions, to improve procedure so that such refugees are not left destitute?

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** I am grateful to the hon. Lady for highlighting the issue of ensuring a smooth transition for genuine claimants who have been granted asylum. We keep such issues under careful review. Under the new contract put in place on 1 April, Migrant Help provides appropriate support and advice.

**Nicola Blackwood:** Detention plays a necessary role in our immigration asylum system, but detention centres must be sensitively designed and appropriate to their location. Plans to double the size of Campsfield House are neither and, as such, they are unsurprisingly opposed by both the independent monitoring board and the people of Kidlington. Will the Minister reconsider his plans as they will not work for the detainees or for the local community?

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** I certainly recognise the local issues that my hon. Friend has highlighted and which she and I have discussed outside this House. It is right that the Government have the appropriate immigration detention facilities in place in the right parts of the country, and that is part of the overall reforms that we are putting in place to secure and achieve that. None the less, I note her comments and we will continue to reflect on them.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141013/debtext/141013-0001.htm#1410134000016>

### Asylum Regulations

**Henry Bellingham:** What plans [the Home Secretary] has to tighten up asylum regulations; and if she will make a statement. [905433]

**Reply from the Minister for Security and Immigration (James Brokenshire):** The UK has a proud record of providing protection to those who need it, but we also take firm action to prevent illegal migration and deter abuse. We are addressing asylum shopping by sending back those who should have claimed asylum in another EU country, we are working with France to strengthen border security at Calais and we are working internationally to stem the flow of illegal migrants into and across Europe.

**Henry Bellingham:** Further to the question that will be asked by my hon. Friend the Member for Kettering (Mr Hollobone), does the Minister agree that if all those asylum seekers claimed asylum in the first European country they came to it would solve the crisis in Calais? How many asylum seekers who have come from Calais and France have been returned to France or to other countries?

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** I recognise my hon. Friend's important point. Asylum seekers cannot travel through safe countries illegally and then choose where to claim asylum. If we have evidence that an asylum seeker has travelled through another European country before claiming asylum in the UK, we will seek to return them under the Dublin regulations. Since those regulations came into force in 2003, 12,000 asylum claimants have been so returned.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141013/debtext/141013-0001.htm#1410134000018>

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#### Asylum

**Kevin Brennan** [905414] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the UK's compliance with its international obligations on stateless individuals.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The UK is a signatory to the 1961 UN Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and the 1930 Special Protocol concerning Statelessness. The 1961 Convention clearly sets out the circumstances in which it is permissible to remove citizenship and leave a person stateless and when it is not.

Recent amendments to the power contained in the UK's domestic legislation regarding removal of British citizenship were made in accordance with these obligations. Also, following the statement by the Prime Minister to the House on 1 September, the Government is working on proposals for action against British nationals fighting abroad, and is ensuring that these too will be compliant with the UK's international obligations.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-09-11/905414/>

#### Asylum: Children

**Sarah Teather** [210006] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in how many immigration or asylum cases during the last 12 months where a person has claimed to be under the age of 18, that person has been treated as an adult on the basis that their appearance or demeanour strongly suggests they are significantly over the age of 18.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** This information is not currently published or readily available and could be obtained only through the examination of individual records at disproportionate cost.

The Home Office is looking into ways to improve the statistical recording of age dispute information.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/210006/>

#### Illegal Immigrants

**Frank Field** [209994] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with which countries the UK has readmission agreements for the return of nationals found illegally in the UK.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The UK participates in EU readmissions agreements with Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Hong Kong, Macau, Moldova, Montenegro, Pakistan, Russia, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Turkey and Ukraine.

The UK has bilateral readmission agreements with Algeria, South Korea and Switzerland. The UK has memoranda of understanding for the return of nationals found illegally in the UK with Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Iraq, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, South Sudan and Vietnam.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209994/>

#### Slavery

*The following two questions both received the same answer.*

**Graham Evans** [210598] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many individual potential victims of trafficking the NSPCC Modern Slavery Helpline



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offered advice or information to during August 2014; and how many of those people were (a) adults and (b) children.

and

**Graham Evans:** [210599] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many enquiries were made to the NSPCC Modern Slavery Helpline during August 2014; and how many of those calls were from (a) frontline professionals, (b) members of the public and (c) potential victims of human trafficking and modern slavery.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** In August 2014, the Modern Slavery Helpline received 269 contacts in relation to 430 potential victims. Of the 269 contacts, 114 were from members of the public, one was from a child, one was from a relative and there were 21 contacts from potential victims. The remaining 132 were recorded as other.

Of those 269 contacts, the individual was provided with advice or directed to a source of advice in 121 cases.

The table below sets out the estimated age of the 430 potential victims reported to the helpline:

Age range\* Total

1-15 - 20

16-25 - 31

26-35 - 34

36-45 - 13

46-55 - 14

56-65 - 2

Unknown - 316

Total = 430

\*Age has been recorded only when a definite age number has been provided.

Where the age range has been given for a large group of potential victims, it has been included in the 'unknown' category.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-14/210598/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-14/210599/>

### Human Trafficking

**Baroness Docey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how much compensation has been paid by the Treasury Solicitor in response to claims on behalf of victims of trafficking in each of the last five years.[HL1901]

**Reply from the Advocate-General for Scotland (Lord Wallace of Tankerness):** Claims relating to human trafficking can arise in a range of different types of litigation –for example immigration, unlawful detention or claims under Article 4 of the ECHR (prohibition of slavery and forced labour).

The Treasury Solicitor's Department does not maintain data which would readily enable claims from victims of trafficking to be distinguished from the other claims they handle. To obtain an accurate compensation figure would therefore involve disproportionate cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/141013w0001.htm#14101317000492>

### Human Trafficking: Children

**Baroness Docey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, as part of the child trafficking advocate pilot scheme, they have agreed specific arrangements on who will

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provide legal advice to (1) Barnardo's, and (2) the local authorities in the comparator group.[HL1899]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Bates):** An important part of the role of the Child Trafficking Advocate will be to assist the trafficked child to access support on immigration, criminal justice and welfare matters including effective legal representation. The needs of each child will be different and so decisions on the most effective legal representation should be made on a case by case basis.

The Home Office has not commissioned separate legal services for the purposes of the trial; Barnardo's and local authorities will obtain advice through existing channels. The Home Office is in discussion with child trafficking organisations about the powers afforded to Child Trafficking Advocates through the Modern Slavery Bill to ensure they allow the advocate to fulfil this important role.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/141013w0001.htm#14101317000493>

### Human Trafficking: Children

**Baroness Doocey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what are the differences between the child trafficking advocate pilot being operated by Barnardo's and the scheme operated by the comparator group; and in which local authority areas the two models will operate.[HL1898]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Bates):** The Child Trafficking Advocacy trial commenced on 8 September across 23 local authority areas. A list of these areas is provided below. In each of the 23 areas, both the Child Trafficking Advocacy service, and the current provision of support for trafficked children will be provided and evaluated so that we can better understand the difference a system of specialist independent advocates makes to the prospects of trafficked children.

The current provision of support will be provided to the comparator group and will include the implementation of the recently published statutory guidance for local authorities on the care of unaccompanied asylum seeking and trafficked children.

Local Authority areas involved in the trial:

Greater Manchester (Manchester City, Stockport, Tameside, Oldham, Rochdale, Bury, Bolton, Wigan, Salford and Trafford); West Midlands (Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton); Croydon; Derbyshire; Kent; Lancashire; Oxfordshire; and West Sussex

**Baroness Doocey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, as part of the child trafficking advocate pilot scheme, they have agreed with Barnardo's who will adjudicate in the case of a dispute over the course of action required to ensure the child's best interests.[HL1900]

**Reply from Lord Bates:** Child Trafficking Advocates are tasked with supporting all agencies to make decisions in the best interests of child victims and ensuring the child's views are voiced and respected. The Modern Slavery Bill includes a requirement for all public authorities to cooperate with the advocate. As this is not in force we have agreed with all 23 local authorities in the trial that they will cooperate with the advocate. Whilst consultation with the advocate will be expected, final decisions regarding the care and safety of the child will remain the responsibility of the local authority, Home Office, parent or guardian where relevant.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/141014w0001.htm#14101478000546>

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### Human Trafficking: Children

**Steve McCabe** [209897] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many British children were recorded as having been trafficked for sex and labour in each year since 2010.

**Reply from Norman Baker:** The National Referral Mechanism was established in 2009 and is managed by the National Crime Agency's UK Human Trafficking Centre. The Centre uses the mechanism to collect data on potential victims of trafficking, including a breakdown of child referrals by type of exploitation.

Published data from this source show a total of 22 referrals of UK national children for sexual exploitation in 2012, and 56 in 2013.

The published data for sexual exploitation of UK national children prior to 2012 and for labour exploitation for the period requested are not broken down by UK national/non-UK national.

Statistics are published on the National Crime Agency website: <http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/publications/national-referral-mechanism-statistics>

Archived statistics are published on the National Archives website: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130703102353/http://www.soca.gov.uk/about-soca/about-the-ukhtc/national-referral-mechanism/statistics>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209897/>

### Human Trafficking: Children

*The following two questions both received the same answer.*

**Steve McCabe** [209895] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what work her Department undertakes in partnership with the Home Department to tackle cases of British children being trafficked for sex and labour across borders; and if she will make a statement.

*and*

**Steve McCabe** [209896] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of British children confirmed as having been trafficked for sex and labour outside the UK in each year since 2010.

**Reply from Edward Timpson:** The Department for Education works closely with the Home Office and other Departments on a range of policies and practices to promote children's safeguarding and protection. This includes cross-Government work to tackle trafficking and modern slavery, where the Department's main focus is on prevention and support for victims.

Effective safeguarding from all forms of abuse depends upon good multi-agency working and the statutory guidance, 'Working Together to Safeguard Children (2013)' [1], sets out the roles and responsibilities of the relevant local services, while 'Keeping Children Safe in Education (2014)' [2] provides corresponding statutory guidance for schools, colleges and their staff.

In July 2014 we issued revised guidance, 'Care of unaccompanied and trafficked children', which sets out the steps local authorities should take to plan support for children who become looked after as a result of being identified as victims of trafficking.[3]

The Department does not hold information on the number of British children trafficked outside the UK. The National Crime Agency holds information on the number of children reported to the National Referral System, which includes those trafficked within the UK.[4]

[1] [www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children)

[2] [www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education)

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and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209896/>

### Human Trafficking

**David Hanson:** [209272] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many alleged victims of human trafficking have been deported since 1 May 2013.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is a framework for identifying victims of trafficking and enabling them to access care and support. If the referred person is conclusively identified as a victim of trafficking, what happens next will depend on their immigration status and their own wishes. If it is decided by the Home Office that the person was not trafficked, and there are no other circumstances that would give them a right to live in the UK, they will be offered support to voluntarily return to their country of origin. There will be cases where a person is not entitled to leave to remain on the basis of their referral to the NRM, but do qualify for leave to remain for another reason. The NRM process runs parallel to the considerations of other applications for leave.

Since 1st May 2013, 116 people entered into the National Referral Mechanism as a potential victim of trafficking have been removed or have voluntarily departed the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209272/>

### Human Trafficking

**David Hanson** [209279] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who entered the UK in 2014 and claimed to have been trafficked were subsequently found to have no leave to remain in the UK.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** So far in 2014, 1166 people have been referred into the National Referral Mechanism as a potential victim of trafficking and have not been granted leave as a result of that referral. This figure includes cases that are still awaiting a decision and may include individuals that have been granted leave under a different category.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-10/209279/>

## Press Releases

### Heads of prosecution services meet at historic human trafficking summit

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/886-heads-of-prosecution-services-meet-at-historic-human-trafficking-summit>

### Human Trafficking Summit communiqué published

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/889-human-trafficking-summit-communique-published>

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**Joint Statement of the Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group (IDMG) on Modern Slavery**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0046/00461164.pdf>

**Church supports campaign against human trafficking**  
[http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/2014/church-supports-campaign-against-human-trafficking](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2014/church-supports-campaign-against-human-trafficking)

**Launch of European Migration Forum**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/2014/20141015\\_01\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/2014/20141015_01_en.htm)

**Trafficking in human beings 2010-2014: eradicating the slave trade**  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-14-1164\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-1164_en.htm)

**Poverty, inequality, discrimination – Let's stop human trafficking at the roots**  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=15182&LangID=E>

## New Publications

**Chasing status: the 'surprised Brits' who find they are living with irregular immigration status**  
[http://www.lag.org.uk/media/186917/small\\_chasing\\_status.pdf](http://www.lag.org.uk/media/186917/small_chasing_status.pdf)

**This is how it feels to be lonely**  
[http://migrantforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Loneliness-report\\_The-Forum\\_UPDATED.pdf](http://migrantforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Loneliness-report_The-Forum_UPDATED.pdf)

**Mid-term report on the implementation of the EU strategy towards the eradication of trafficking in human beings**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/docs/20141017\\_mid-term\\_report\\_on\\_the\\_2012-2016\\_eu\\_strategy\\_on\\_trafficking\\_in\\_human\\_beings\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/docs/20141017_mid-term_report_on_the_2012-2016_eu_strategy_on_trafficking_in_human_beings_en.pdf)

**Trafficking in human beings**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/docs/20141017\\_working\\_paper\\_on\\_statistics\\_on\\_trafficking\\_in\\_human\\_beings\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/docs/20141017_working_paper_on_statistics_on_trafficking_in_human_beings_en.pdf)

**Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the application of Directive 2004/81 on the residence permit issued to third-country nationals who are victims of trafficking in human beings or who have been the subject of an action to facilitate illegal immigration, who cooperate with the competent authorities**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/documents/policies/immigration/irregular-immigration/docs/communication\\_on\\_the\\_application\\_of\\_directive\\_2004-81\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/documents/policies/immigration/irregular-immigration/docs/communication_on_the_application_of_directive_2004-81_en.pdf)

**Human trafficking in the EU: infographic**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/docs/infographics/thb/thb\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/docs/infographics/thb/thb_en.pdf)

**The EU-sponsored man hunt "Mos Maiorum" is a discriminatory and costly operation**  
<http://www.enar-eu.org/The-EU-sponsored-man-hunt-Mos>

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**David Cameron's immigration plans illegal, European President says**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11172379/David-Camerons-plans-to-limit-immigration-through-quotas-for-EU-workers-is-illegal-European-President-says.html>

**Cameron's plan to slash EU migration left in tatters as Brussels chief says it is 'quite clear' any cap would be illegal**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2798891/cameron-s-plan-slash-eu-migration-left-tatters-brussels-chief-says-quite-clear-cap-illegal.html>

**David Cameron to 'propose cap on number of low-skilled European workers in the UK as part of negotiation talks with Brussels'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2798729/david-cameron-propose-cap-immigration-scaling-national-insurance-cards-eu-negotiations.html>

**David Cameron: There's more we need to do to crack down on immigration**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11166789/David-Cameron-Theres-more-we-need-to-do-to-crack-down-on-immigration.html>

**Cameron to have 'one last go' on EU migration**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4238516.ece>

**No 10 seeks emergency brake on immigration**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4238001.ece>

**'Emergency brake' could be used to halt immigration from some countries under Tory plan to curb influx from the EU**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2794826/immigration-red-line-issue-eu-talks-says-david-cameron.html>

**Immigration causing 'pressure on housing' in London, claims report**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11162778/Immigration-causing-pressure-on-housing-in-London-claims-report.html>

**Mass immigration 'is pushing Londoners out of the capital'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4236803.ece>

**Immigration surge means 'at least 42,000 homes need to be built in London each year to cope with demand'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2795000/immigration-surge-means-42-000-homes-need-built-london-year-cope-demand.html>

**Homeless Romanians who sleep rough in Park Lane subway have demanded: 'We're EU citizens too give us a house'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2794184/homeless-romanians-sleep-rough-park-lane-subway-demanded-eu-citizens-house.html>

**'Eastern European immigrants see us as the land of milk and honey': Labour's Lord Sugar calls for an end to Britain's benefits culture**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2792071/eastern-european-immigrants-land-milk-honey-labour-s-lord-sugar-calls-end-britain-s-benefits-culture.html>

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### **Migrant Benefits**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/leaders/article4236961.ece>

### **Law chief warns on dearth of trials for trafficking**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/law-chief-warns-on-dearth-of-trials-for-trafficking.25620703>

### **Only three successful prosecutions brought against human traffickers under Scots laws, new figures reveal**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/only-three-successful-prosecutions-brought-4457684>

### **Human trafficking is modern slavery, says lord advocate**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4240572.ece>

### **Saved from a life of pain and shame: the charity Tara helps trafficking victims**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4239169.ece>

### **Traffick victimhood 'unrecognised'**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/traffick-victimhood-unrecognised-1.632471>

### **Trafficked prostitutes don't accept they are victims**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/trafficked-prostitutes-don-t-accept-they-are-victims-1-3575679>

### **Trafficked workers shun 'victim' label, says top law man**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/trafficked-workers-shun-victim-label-says-top-law-man-184938n.25617320>

### **Trafficking harms 30,000 in EU - most in sex trade**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29660126>

### **More people trafficked for labour than sex trade, says report**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-29591933>

### **Holyrood summit to tackle human trafficking**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-29651780>

### **Human trafficking campaign alert over slavery signs**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-29648670>

### **Summit staged on human trafficking**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/summit-staged-on-human-trafficking-1.632471>

### **Migration: 'further action' needed**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/migration-further-action-needed-1.630325>

### **Immigration points-based systems compared**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-29594642>

### **Home Office 'chaos' over asylum appeals**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/oct/18/asylum-appeals-home-office-chaos-theresa-may>

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#### **Cameron 'to slam brakes on immigration'**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/cameron-to-slam-brakes-on-immigration-1-3575553>

#### **Britain's pro-migrant majority can be unlocked if we allow an open debate**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/oct/16/britain-pro-migrant-majority-debate-immigration>

#### **Why is there so much hostility to immigrants in the UK?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/oct/14/why-hostility-immigrants-uk-racism>

#### **Tighter immigration laws catching out long-term legal migrants – report**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/oct/15/immigration-laws-migrants-legal-action-group>

#### **Immigrant mother and daughter spend FOUR YEARS living in hotels at taxpayers' expense because Home Office couldn't find her paperwork after she lost passport**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2795220/immigrant-mother-daughter-spend-four-years-living-hotels-taxpayers-expense-home-office-couldn-t-paperwork-lost-passport.html>

#### **Immigration: Once 'Pakis' were abused. Now it's Europeans who cause alarm – and I'm a 'good' immigrant**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/oct/19/immigration-anushka-asthana-1980s-northern-england>

#### **Immigration: Could we – should we – stop migrants coming to Britain?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/oct/19/immigration-policy-ukip-restrictions-european-union>

#### **Residents should throw a street party and mix with immigrant neighbours, councils told**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/residents-should-throw-a-street-party-and-mix-with-immigrant-neighbours-councils-told-9804319.html?origin=internalSearch>

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## Community Relations

### UK Parliament Questions

#### **Community Relations: Religion**

**Hilary Benn:** To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, pursuant to his contribution of 8 September 2014, Official Report, column 649, which groups funded by his Department are working in (a) mosques, (b) churches and (c) synagogues. [209056]

**Stephen Williams:** This Department does not fund any single-faith groups. Our approach is to fund projects that bring people of different faiths and backgrounds together, a policy we feel that helps integrate people better and build stronger communities.

Examples of our integration projects include Near Neighbours and Together in Service. These two programmes work with both places of worship and secular venues to encourage interfaith collaboration. Near Neighbours is designed to



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bring people together in religiously and ethnically diverse communities, by helping to create multi-faith events that encourage social interaction; whilst Together in Service celebrates social action projects based around each of the faith communities' religious festivals or volunteering days, designed to inspire new work around multi-faith volunteering projects.

Not all projects under the Near Neighbours programme work from or with a place of worship. However, there are examples that do. Phase one witnessed funding being used to establish a local Jewish-Christian Forum in Stamford Hill, London; whilst under Phase 2, following an arson attack by the English Defence League on their centre, the Somali Bravanese Welfare Association in London was welcomed by a local synagogue to celebrate Eid together. 400 people gathered to celebrate.

Again, with Together in Service, not all projects work from or with a place of worship. However, there are examples that do. Under the Department's Together in Service programme, St Paul's Church in Birmingham is tackling community cohesion and integration through advice and support for various faith groups, whilst Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church and Community Centre aims to build better connections between different faith communities in their local area through a series of activities in order to prevent people becoming isolated.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-09-10/209056>

#### Terrorist Threat

**Robin Walker:** Hundreds of thousands of British Muslims have come together to say that the actions of ISIL and other terrorist organisations have nothing to do with the peaceful and dignified religion that they follow. What message does the Home Secretary have for those British Muslims, including many in Worcester, who have stood up and said, "Not in my name"?

**Reply from Theresa May:** Certainly, I and, I am sure, the whole House would want to congratulate those British Muslims in Worcester and across the whole country who have stood up and said that the actions of ISIL and, indeed, other terrorist organisations are not taking place in their name. Indeed, across the country, it has been good to see increasing numbers of Muslims coming forward with that message. I was very pleased recently to share with a number of Muslim women from across the UK the inspired programme of #makingastand, saying that this is, again, "Not in our name."

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141013/debtext/141013-0001.htm#1410135000002>

## News

**My baby will be mixed race. So why did I automatically think of him as 'black'?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/oct/14/mixed-race-baby-black-one-drop-rule>

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## Equality

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#### **Why Ethnicity Matters for Local Council action on Poverty**

[http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/ethnicity\\_local\\_authority\\_summary.pdf](http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/ethnicity_local_authority_summary.pdf)

### News

#### **Diversity scheme opens the law to all**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/law/student-law/article4237692.ece>

#### **Why is there still so little diversity in the British media?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/oct/14/diversity-british-media-black-ethnic-minority>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### UK Parliament Questions

#### **Castes: Discrimination**

**Jeremy Corbyn** [209040] To ask the Ministers for Women and Equalities, what discussions the Government has had with the Equalities and Human Rights Commission on research into caste discrimination.

**Reply from Jo Swinson:** Since April 2013, the Government has had numerous discussions with the Equality and Human Rights Commission (the EHRC) about research into caste discrimination.

Most of these discussions have concerned the work leading up to the EHRC-commissioned research reports – the ‘Socio-legal review’ and the ‘Experts’ Seminar and Stakeholder Workshop’. These reports looked at issues surrounding caste in Britain and were published in February 2014 as part of its Caste in Britain project. Discussion took place about the reports themselves and about the planned follow-up research which the EHRC was initially due to undertake to determine the extent of any caste discrimination in Britain but which it subsequently withdrew from earlier this year.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-09-10/209040/>

#### **Castes: Discrimination**

**Jeremy Corbyn** [209041] To ask the Ministers for Women and Equalities, when she expects the Government's programme of research into caste discrimination to be completed.

**Reply from Jo Swinson:** The Government has recently commissioned a consortium of TNS, BRMB and NIESR to conduct a feasibility study into how it might be possible to estimate the extent of any caste-based discrimination in Britain. The consortium is due to present its final report to Government in November.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-09-10/209041/>

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### Hate crimes, England and Wales 2013 to 2014

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/364198/hs0214.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364198/hs0214.pdf)

## News

### David Cameron in race row after posing with blacked-up Morris dancers

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/david-cameron-in-race-row-after-posing-with-blackedup-morris-dancers-9791733.html>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-11194 Marco Biagi: Same-sex Marriage in Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 will come into effect on 31 December 2014; notes that, from that date, it will be possible for same-sex couples in Scotland to have a civil marriage ceremony or a religious or belief based ceremony; believes that Hogmanay 2014 will be a historic day for Scotland and will be a day of celebration for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people throughout the country; understands that Scotland will be the 17th country in the world to recognise same-sex marriage ceremonies; recognises the considerable efforts that it believes that groups such as the Equality Network and the Scottish Youth Parliament, along with the many thousands of LGBTI rights' activists, put into campaigning for equal marriage over many years; celebrates that Scotland will bring in the new year with what it sees as one of the most progressive equal marriage laws in the world; believes that this was passed with clear public and parliamentary support that demonstrated the country's commitment to equality for all, but concludes that, while significant progress has been made toward LGBTI rights in Scotland, that there is still more to do to secure full equality in law and society.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-11194&ResultsPerPage=10>

### Press Releases

#### **Powers for a purpose**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Powers-for-a-purpose-115c.aspx>

#### **More children in minority ethnic households**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/More-children-in-minority-ethnic-households-1153.aspx>

#### **Set the date for first Same Sex Marriages**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Set-the-date-for-first-Same-Sex-Marriages-1149.aspx>

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### Analysis of Equality Results from the 2011 Census

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0046/00460679.pdf>

## News

### Nicola Sturgeon to become new SNP leader

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-29618913>

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### Debate

#### Devolution (Scotland Referendum)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141014/debtext/141014-0001.htm#14101465000001>

#### UK Government: Scotland

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141016/debtext/141016-0004.htm#14101687000003>

### Ministerial Statement and Q&A

#### Scotland within the UK

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141013/debtext/141013-0002.htm#14101322000002>

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Scottish Referendum

**Lord Sharkey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the main implications of the Scottish referendum for the rest of the United Kingdom.

**Reply from Lord Wallace of Saltaire:** My Lords, I am pleased that people in Scotland have decided to stay in the United Kingdom. A process and timetable have been announced to deliver the commitments on further devolution to Scotland made by the three pro-UK parties; further powers are being devolved to Wales; work continues to ensure that the devolved institutions in Northern Ireland function effectively; and a committee has been established to consider governance arrangements for England.

**Lord Sharkey:** Can the Minister confirm, preferably by just saying "yes", that further Scottish devolution will not be linked to the question of English votes for English laws? Can he confirm that a constitutional convention will be considered by the Cabinet committee he mentioned, looking into possible solutions to the West Lothian question?

**Reply from Lord Wallace of Saltaire:** My Lords, a constitutional convention is one of the many ideas that clearly will be discussed. We need to take these things as fast as possible but not in a hurried way. It is a very difficult balance. I can assure my noble friend that the transfer of powers to Scotland will not be held to

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ransom by any particular reservations.

**Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale:** The result in Scotland is both welcome and decisive, but it also sends a clear signal to these Houses of Parliament, to this Government and to future Governments that there is a disconnect between the centre of government and the people of this country, not just in Scotland. Therefore, it would be a mistake to see the next steps as being either only the devolution of further powers or simply welcoming the result and moving on. ...

**Reply from Lord Wallace of Saltaire:** My Lords, the enthusiasm, the high rate of turnout and, earlier, the high rate of registration in Scotland was a lesson for the rest of us. It is very much part of the Government's response to consider the devolution of power not only in further devolution in Scotland, Wales and perhaps in Northern Ireland, but also within England.

**To continue reading this lengthy exchange see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/141013-0001.htm#1410133000100>

### Forced Marriage: Repatriation

**Dan Jarvis [208976]** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what the average cost is of repatriating a victim of forced marriage stranded outside the UK; and who is responsible for paying that cost.

**Reply from James Duddridge:** The UK is regarded as a world leader in its work to tackle forced marriage. The Prime Minister hosted the UK's first Girl Summit in July 2014, to build on current efforts and rally a global movement to end early and forced marriage, and FGM in a generation. The UK Government made commitments to act domestically and internationally, including promises to improve the police response, increase support available to those affected, and strengthen community-led prevention. Our work to repatriate victims is a key element of our work to end forced marriage.

Before paying for the repatriation of a victim of forced marriage back to the UK, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office takes every step to ensure there are no other means of obtaining funds from relatives or friends who may be willing to transfer money or purchase a ticket back to the UK. Only in exceptional circumstances and after other means of obtaining the funds have been exhausted will a discretionary loan be made available, which must be repaid at a later date.

Where it has been demonstrated that all possible avenues of funding have been exhausted and there is a clear inability to enter into a loan agreement (normally due to a victim being underage or not having sufficient mental capacity to sign an agreement), the FCO can provide limited financial support. Since April 2013, the average cost of repatriation in these cases has been £744.00.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-09-10/208976/>

### Forced Marriage: Repatriation

**Dan Jarvis [208977]** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, how many habitual British residents, British dual nationals and British nationals have been rescued by British consular staff from forced marriages abroad and repatriated to the UK since 2010.

**Reply from James Duddridge:** The Forced Marriage Unit leads on the UK Government's forced marriage policy, outreach and casework, operating both in the UK, where support is provided to any individual, and overseas, where consular assistance is provided to British nationals, including dual nationals. From 2010 – 2013, the Forced Marriage Unit provided advice or assistance related to a

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possible forced marriage in 5990 cases. To provide more information on the nature of the assistance provided in all these cases, including those which have involved repatriation, would involve a disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-09-10/208977/>

## Press Release

**UK Government is delivering the vow**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-is-delivering-the-vow>

## New Publication

**The parties' published proposals on further devolution for Scotland**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/363236/Command\\_paper.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/363236/Command_paper.pdf)

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**Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator**

**Frequently Asked Questions: Charities and campaigning on political issues**

[http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/492738/2014-10-15\\_faqs\\_-\\_charities\\_and\\_campaigning\\_on\\_political\\_issues.pdf](http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/492738/2014-10-15_faqs_-_charities_and_campaigning_on_political_issues.pdf)

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## Other News

**Young Black And Asian Brits Care More About Politics - But Are Less Likely To Vote**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2014/10/15/non-white-british-youth-voting-politics\\_n\\_5990782.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=mostpopular](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2014/10/15/non-white-british-youth-voting-politics_n_5990782.html?utm_hp_ref=mostpopular)

**Dome swings into position**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/dome-swings-into-position.25608017>

**Shunned, beaten, burnt, raped: The dowry violence that shames Britain**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/shunned-beaten-burnt-raped-the-dowry-violence-that-shames-britain-9803009.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Muslim women's centre reports rise in number of patients claiming to be possessed**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/health/muslim-womens-centre-reports-rise-in-number-of-patients-claiming-to-be-possessed.25627646>

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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>

#### **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>

Bill as introduced

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2014-2015/0044/15044.pdf>

#### **\*\* Modern Slavery Bill**

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

Public Bill Committee consideration of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmpublic/modernslavery/141014/am/141014s01.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmpublic/modernslavery/141014/pm/141014s01.htm>

Bill as amended in Public Bill Committee

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2014-2015/0096/15096.pdf>

Proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2014-2015/0096/amend/modernslaveryaddednames.pdf>

#### **UK Borders Control Bill**

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

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## Consultations

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

**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>)

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

**Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation Bill** (closing date extended to 23 October 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)

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

**Targeted Regulation of Scottish Charities** (closing date 24 October 2014)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/targeted-regulation-consultation/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission call for evidence on religion or belief issues** (closing date extended to 31 October 2014)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/commission-calls-evidence-religion-or-belief-issues>

**\*\* Cuts to legal aid and the impact on unaccompanied children** (closing date 31 October 2014)

[https://bedshealthsciences.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_b49I2xUvB9RzaSN](https://bedshealthsciences.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b49I2xUvB9RzaSN)

**Equality and Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan** (closing date 12 November 2014)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/our-work/ehrc-consultations/consulting-statutory-review-our-strategic-plan>

**Inquiry into the devolution of further fiscal powers** (closing date 14 November 2014)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/82244.aspx>

**Planning and travellers** (closing date 23 November 2014)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/354061/consultation\\_doc\\_140903.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/354061/consultation_doc_140903.pdf)

**Review of the shortage occupation lists for the UK and Scotland** (closing date 5 December 2014)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/359315/Call\\_for\\_evidence\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/359315/Call_for_evidence_FINAL.pdf)

**Equality and Human Rights Commission Litigation strategy survey** (closing date 12 December 2014)

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/our-work/ehrc-consultations/litigation-strategy-survey?wssl=1>

**Community Empowerment Bill** (no closing date given)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVqlCS\\_Rgro&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVqlCS_Rgro&feature=youtu.be)

**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>



## Consultations (continued)

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

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

**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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## Events/Conferences/Training

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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/>

**\*\* this week!**

### **Black History Month**

1-31 October 2014

For a full programme of events, see

<http://www.crer.org.uk/BlackHistory/BHM14brochure.pdf>

**\*\* this week!**

### **Scottish Refugee Council Volunteering Open Evening**

20 October 2014 in Glasgow (4.30 – 6.30)

The Scottish Refugee Council is looking for volunteers who are good communicators, keen to volunteer in a fast-paced, invigorating environment and have strong empathy for those seeking refugee protection in Scotland. This meeting is open to anyone, regardless of immigration status. For information see

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what\\_you\\_can\\_do/volunteer](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what_you_can_do/volunteer)

**\*\* this week!**

### **New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees**

21 October 2014 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

19 November 2014 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

13 January 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

18 February 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

25 February 2015 in Glasgow (volunteers only) (9.30 – 4.00)

3 March 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

15 April 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

20 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

28 May 2015 in Glasgow (volunteers only) (9.30 – 4.00)

2 June 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an introduction to the issues and legal systems affecting people seeking safety in Scotland. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

**\*\* this week!**

### Funding workshop

22 October 2014 in Glasgow (1.00 – 3.00 *booking essential*)

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) workshop in partnership with the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights. HLF can provide grants from £3,000 for projects that help people explore heritage. Heritage can be anything from the past that we want to pass to future generations, whether it is researching long ago history or sharing modern cultural traditions, or more. For information see [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk) and to book a place contact [nadia@crer.org.uk](mailto:nadia@crer.org.uk) / 0141 418 6530.

**\*\* this week!**

### A level playing field? Discrimination Law in 2014

23 October 2014 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

Scottish Discrimination Law Association conference in partnership with the Equality and Human Rights Commission. For information contact Angela Barclay 0141 228 5951 / [equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com) or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/14x\\_sdl.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/14x_sdl.pdf)

### \*\* Stepping into Diversity: film and book launch

30 October 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

Over the past eighteen months the West of Scotland Regional Diversity Council has been working with local people to explore the legacy of migration to Glasgow through oral history interviews and heritage walks, and their inspiring stories have now been collated into a book and stop motion animation. For information contact Benjamin Williams 0141 337 6626 / [bwilliams@wsrec.co.uk](mailto:bwilliams@wsrec.co.uk)

### \*\* Political Shadowing Scheme

closing date for applications: 1 November 2014

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights scheme to address the under-representation of minority ethnic communities in Scottish political life. The scheme provides training on media skills, equality and diversity, presentation skills, campaigning and lobbying, and the workings of local, Scottish and UK Government, as well as shadowing a politician over a period of time. For information see <http://www.crer.org.uk/attachments/pssleaflet.pdf> or contact Zandra Yeaman [zandra@crer.org.uk](mailto:zandra@crer.org.uk) / 0141 418 6530

### Supporting Refugee Women

4 November 2014 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

4 February 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

28 April 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of the issues and legal systems impact specifically on refugee women. This includes discussing issues of FGM and sexual violence. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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

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)

### **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).

### **Introduction to Discrimination Law**

12 November 2014 in Greenock (12.45 – 4.30)

Equality and Human Rights Commission training session giving a basic introduction to discrimination law. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ltd7yvk> or contact Lindsey Reynolds [Lindsey.Reynolds@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:Lindsey.Reynolds@equalityhumanrights.com) / 0141 228 5967.

### **Domestic Abuse And Women Subject To Immigration Control: Where Human Rights Do Not Reach**

18 November 2014 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 1.00)

Scottish Women's Aid seminar to explore the impacts of insecure immigration status on women who experience violence and abuse. For information contact [booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk) / 0131 226 6606 or see <http://tinyurl.com/ocvuxva>.

### **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)

### **Working with Interpreters**

3 December 2014 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

18 March 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

14 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of how to communicate clearly and effectively with people when working with interpreters. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

### **Essentials of Asylum**

9 December 2014 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

28 January 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

6 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide information about the UK asylum process, including the difference between an asylum seeker and a refugee, asylum support, and rights and entitlements. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### Working With People Affected By Forced Marriage

11 February 2015 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 4.00)

Scottish Women's Aid seminar to demystify forced marriage and help delegates to gain the knowledge they need to provide appropriate support to those affected. For information contact [booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk) / 0131 226 6606 or see <http://tinyurl.com/ovxofgs>.

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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/>

One Scotland <http://onescotland.org/>

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://onescotland.org/>

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