

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motion

S4M-11447 Kevin Stewart: Home Secretary Withholding Information—That the Parliament believes that it is unacceptable for the Home Secretary to take the stance that the UK Border Force only engages with UK MPs on the basis that immigration is a reserved matter; considers that the Scottish Parliament is an equally important elected body as the UK Parliament and that the withholding of information is undemocratic; believes that this is obstructing MSPs, the elected representatives of the people of Scotland, from being able to represent their constituents effectively, and calls on the Home Office to make the necessary information available for all elected members to act for their electorate, regardless of where power currently lies.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-11447&ResultsPerPage=10>

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UK Parliament Questions

Mediterranean: Refugees and Migrants

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to restore migrant search and rescue facilities in the Mediterranean.

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Bates): My Lords, the UK has had no involvement in Mare Nostrum, the Italian search and rescue operation in the Mediterranean. Given that search and rescue is a competence of individual member states, the Government have no plans to call for the restoration or replacement of Mare Nostrum. Instead, we will continue to work with the EU and with countries of origin and transit to address the causes of illegal migration and combat people smugglers and traffickers.

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: Does the Minister agree with Amnesty International, which says that stopping search and rescue in the Mediterranean is causing the loss of thousands of lives? How many men, women and children need to drown before the Government change their policy?

Reply from Lord Bates: I reiterate that we are talking about the Italian Government. It is their decision, which they have taken. We all share a concern about the situation and the safety of people in the Mediterranean. We need to take a long, hard look at the organised crime gangs who are trafficking people, pushing them out to sea with very little protection, in unseaworthy vessels, and giving them the telephone number of the Italian coastguard. That is the regrettable and appalling thing about this whole situation. ...

Lord Anderson of Swansea: My Lords, it is surely immoral not to rescue those in peril of drowning if we have the capability to do so. Yet at the same time we need a coherent and ordered immigration policy, and cannot offer an open door to anyone who reaches our shores. Has an effort been made to tackle this matter at source by reaching deals with the riparian countries on the south of the Mediterranean, to pay them to destroy the ships and prosecute the traffickers? At least then we can try to deal with this matter at source.

Reply from Lord Bates: I agree with the noble Lord that it would indeed be immoral and, of course, not to help someone in distress would be in contravention of our obligations under the UN convention on safety of life at sea. ...

Lord Avebury: My Lords, does my noble friend note the comment made by the UN special rapporteur on migrant rights that it is appalling to bank on a rise in the number in people who drown acting as a deterrent? Does he think that the EU views a steep rise in the number of people killed with complacency, if not with satisfaction, because more people are drowning and acting as a deterrent?

Reply from Lord Bates: It is certainly not the case to say that the Government have been passive on this. My right honourable friend the Home Secretary had meetings with her Italian counterparts last month, and will meet them again this month. We have extended our offers of support and of course we have looked at the countries from which most of these migrants are coming, namely Syria and Ethiopia. We are putting large sums of money—£700 million in the first instance, £360 million in the second—to try and help people to give themselves a proper life at home. ...

Lord Elystan-Morgan: Can the Minister recollect that last Thursday he gave me a very forthright answer to a question as to what the attitude of the commander of a British naval vessel would be if he was aware that there was a refugee ship in peril within range of his ship? I was told indeed that he would most certainly lend all assistance in accordance with the law of the sea and the highest traditions of the Royal Navy. In the light of that most honest answer, what is the point of giving any impression on the part of the Government that we are gibbing in relation to search and rescue?

Reply from Lord Bates: The noble Lord is absolutely right that we need to be

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clear. There is a grave information message we need to get out here that of course there is no change in our humanitarian obligation. The only thing which is changing is that we are putting more money and resource behind it, but those obligations from a humanitarian point of view remain, in the proud tradition of this country and of seafarers.

Baroness Hussein-Ece: My Lords, my noble friend the Minister mentioned the increase in refugees from, for example, countries such as Syria. In statements that I have seen, Ministers have said that we encourage those people to stay in their own country. The surrounding countries have taken millions and millions of refugees. Turkey took 250,000 Syrian refugees in one week, more than the EU has done in four years. Is it not time that we stepped up to the plate and set an example, and not let people drown in this way?

Reply from Lord Bates: That is so, and we have introduced the Syrian vulnerable persons relocation scheme, which is taking some of those—not enough—but of course the EU can do more. We are donating additional funds into that area but there needs to be more done to tackle the instability which is the cause of migration in the first place.

To read the full question and answer session see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/141105-0001.htm#14110558000833>

Entry Clearances: West Africa

Joan Ruddock [211471] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what visa arrangements are being made for citizens of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea whose visas are expiring or expired and whose return flights have been cancelled by the relevant airlines.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends that there should not be a general ban on international travel or trade to the countries affected by ebola. This is consistent with the position of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, whose advice for British nationals is that travel for essential reasons should continue. Nationals from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone whose flights have been cancelled but whose visas are expiring or expired are therefore expected to re-arrange their flights and leave the UK at the earliest opportunity.

However, the Government is monitoring the situation closely.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-22/211471/>

Migration

Lord Kilclooney [HL2524] To ask Her Majesty's Government what are the most recent annual figures for (1) emigrants departing the United Kingdom, and (2) immigrants arriving in the United Kingdom; and how many of those immigrants were non-EU citizens.

Reply from Lord Wallace of Saltaire: The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the Authority to reply.

Nick Vaughan, Director, National Accounts & Economic Statistics, Office for National Statistics ... Estimates of Long-Term International Migration (LTIM) are produced by the ONS primarily based on data from the International Passenger Survey (IPS), with adjustments made for asylum seekers, people whose intentions change with regard to their length of stay, and migration to and from Northern Ireland. LTIM estimates are based on the United Nations definition of a long-term international migrant, that is, someone who changes their country of usual residence for a period of at least one year.

The most recent provisional estimates of annual LTIM are for the year ending

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March 2014. These show that 316,000 emigrants left the UK, with a margin of error of +/- 20,000, and 560,000 immigrants arrived in the UK, with a margin of error of +/- 31,000. Provisional estimates for the number of non-EU citizens who arrived in the UK for the same period was 265,000, with a margin of error of +/- 19,000.

The most recent final estimates for immigration and emigration (LTIM) are for 2012. These show that 321,000 emigrants left the UK, with a margin of error of +/- 20,000, and 498,000 immigrants arrived in the UK, with a margin of error of +/- 27,000. The number of non-EU citizens who arrived in 2012 was estimated to be 260,000, with a margin of error of +/- 17,000.

The margin of error refers to the 95 per cent confidence interval around the estimate, and is a standard measure of the uncertainty associated with making inferences from a sample survey.

Please note that final LTIM estimates for 2013 and provisional estimates for the year ending June 2014 will be published on 27 November 2014.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2014-10-30/HL2524/>

Immigration Controls

Frank Field [211431] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what change there was in the number of passengers refused entry at port and subsequently deported from 2009 to 2010; and what assessment she has made of the reasons for that change.

Reply from James Brokenshire: A total of 18,276 people were refused entry at port and subsequently departed in 2010 compared with 29,162 in 2009.

The number of people refused entry at port and subsequently departed has decreased since the beginning of the data series in 2004. The overall falls are likely to be due to a combination of factors, including: tighter screening of passengers prior to travel including upstream interventions by RALON; performance of carriers on their checks made in support of the Carrier's liability requirements; effectiveness of visa regimes including the imposition of new visa regimes; for example, South African nationals have been required to have a visa for any length or type of visit to the UK since July 2009.

In the past couple of years, the figures have shown small levels of fluctuations. The number of passengers refused entry at port and who subsequently departed has increased by 3% in the year ending June 2014, to 14,671 from 14,247 for the previous 12 months.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-22/211431/>

Overseas Students

Adam Afriyie [211742] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his policy is on excluding foreign university students from net immigration targets.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Net migration statistics are produced by the independent Office for National Statistics (ONS). In line with the internationally agreed UN definition, these statistics define a migrant as someone changing their normal place of residence for more than a year. This includes students in net migration in the same way as other migrants. Other countries, including the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand also include students in their net migration figures.

Net migration measures the difference between the number of people coming to the UK and the number leaving, so if students return home after their studies, their

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impact on long-term net migration will be minimal. The ONS has recently improved its methodology so that it is possible to better identify students in the emigration flows to give a more accurate measure of the contribution of students to overall net migration. In the last year, 124,000 non-EU students came to Britain to stay for more than 12 months, and the ONS estimates that only 50,000 left the country. All migrants who are in the UK for 12 months or more have an impact on our communities, infrastructure and public services. Changing the way we measure migration would not make any difference to our student migration policy. There is no cap on the number of students who can come to the UK, and the country remains open to the brightest and the best.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-23/211742/>

Entry Clearances

Mike Gapes [212157] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance she has issued to the Referred Casework Unit on how to process compassionate compelling cases; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Guidance available to Entry Clearance Officers and the Referred Casework Unit on exceptional circumstances and compassionate factors when considering family migration applications is available in the 'Family Life (as a Partner or Parent): 5-Year Routes' guidance which is published on Gov.uk at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/chapter-8-appendix-fm-family-members>

The referred Casework Unit also consider ad hoc applications in other visa categories when referred by an Entry Clearance Manager overseas where there are compelling and compassionate circumstances and where there may be consideration given to a grant of leave to enter outside the rules.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-27/212157/>

Entry Clearances

Lord Laird [HL2130] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many applications from outside the United Kingdom for entry clearance visas for work, using certificates of sponsorship from employers, were made in the last four years; how many applications were made for extensions of stay for work using certificates of sponsorship from employers from within the United Kingdom in the same four years; and what were the top 20 employers overall making applications.

Reply from Lord Bates: The published figures related to numbers of certificates of sponsorship (CoS) used in applications, and are shown in table 1 below.

The latest Home Office immigration statistics, including those for CoS used in applications for entry clearance visas and for extensions of stay, are published in the release Immigration Statistics April – June 2014, tables cs_03 and cs_04 (Sponsorship), 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> Sponsors do not make applications for visas or for extensions of stay. Table 2 provides information on the names of licensees associated with the highest number of Certificates of Sponsorship used in the period 2010-2014, for Tier 2 and Tier 5,

To read the tables see

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2014-10-15/HL2130/>

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Entry Clearances

Mike Gapes [212156] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time taken for her Department's Referred Casework Unit to review decisions of the Entry Clearance Manager in the last year; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from James Brokenshire: It is not a function of the Referred Casework Unit to review the decisions of Entry Clearance Managers. Where an Entry Clearance Manager refers an application to the Referred Casework Unit for decision, the Referred Casework Unit aims to provide a full response within an internal 15 working day service level agreement, unless further enquiries are needed. The requested data on performance against this service level agreement is not available through published statistics. However, locally held management information confirms that from the 1st April 2014 to 30th September 2014 over 99% of referrals were responded to within 15 working days.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-27/212156/>

Marriage of Convenience

Emily Thornberry [212437] To ask the Attorney General, how many prosecutions the Crown Prosecution Service has brought on breaches of immigration law arising from sham marriages in each of the last five financial years.

Reply from Robert Buckland: Offences of breaching immigration law may be prosecuted by way of Section 25 of the Immigration Act 1971 (assisting unlawful immigration to a European Union Member State) or by way of Section 1 of the Criminal Law Act (conspiracy).

The offence created by Section 25 of the Immigration Act 1971 encompasses both the offence of assisting illegal entry (whether by smuggling someone in a vehicle or by providing false documents for presentation at a port) or by assisting someone to remain by deception (for example, by entering into a sham marriage) which facilitate a breach of the immigration laws. Conspiracies to facilitate breaches of immigration law are charged by way of Section 1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

The records held by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) indicate the number of offences charged, in which a prosecution commenced at magistrates' courts for assisting unlawful immigration or conspiracy. However it is not possible to disaggregate which of these offences relate to sham marriages rather than other immigration law breaches without reviewing individual case files which would incur a disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-29/212437/>

Asylum: Appeals

The following two questions both received the same answer.

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL2225] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Home Office asylum decisions were appealed against in 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2013; and what percentage of those appeals were successful.

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL2226] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Home Office asylum decisions were appealed against in 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2013; and what percentage of the total applications that represents.

Reply from Lord Bates: The annual number of asylum appeals lodged and the percentage of asylum appeals determined that were successful for 2005 and 2008 are shown in the table attached.

Data for asylum applications, asylum appeals lodged and the percentage of

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asylum appeals determined that were successful for 2011 and 2013 is available in published data and can be found in the links listed in the bullets below:

- Data for asylum applications can be found in table 'as 01' of the 'Asylum data tables immigration statistics April to June 2014 volume 1' is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-april-to-june-2014-data-tables>.

- Data for asylum appeals lodged and % of appeals allowed is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tribunals-statistics>

The volumes listed in the table and links above are not necessarily the same cohort of cases. As a result we are unable to provide data on the percentage of asylum applications in the years requested that resulted in an appeal.

Table showing asylum appeals lodged and percentage of asylum appeals determined that were successful.

	2005[1][2][3]	2008
Asylum Appeals lodged	24,891	11,008
Appeals determined by the IAA/AIT	32,611	10,057
% Asylum appeals allowed (of those determined)[4]	18%	25%

[1] Appeals were dealt with by the Immigration Appellate Authority (IAA) until April 2005, by the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT) from Apr 2005 to Feb 2010, and since then by the First-tier Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber.

[2] 2005 lodgement figures exclude appeals dismissed at the Preliminary Issue stage (out of time or invalid). HMCTS now include this category of appeal in Official Statistics data, from 1st April 2007.

[3] The 2005 asylum appeals lodged figure may not match figures previously in the public domain due to differing dates of extraction from the case management database. See link to archive

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110206074952/http://www.tribunals.gov.uk/ImmigrationAsylum/>

[4] "determined" means decided by a judge and excludes withdrawn appeals.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2014-10-20/HL2225/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2014-10-20/HL2226/>

Asylum: Syria

Sarah Teather [221660] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2014 to Question 210553, how many of the people granted humanitarian protection under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation scheme (a) are family members of individuals who qualify as vulnerable under the scheme and (b) have been assessed as having serious medical needs.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Of the people granted Humanitarian Protection under the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme up to the end of June 2014, 11 are Principal Applicants and 39 are dependant family members. Of these people 14 have been assessed as having serious medical needs.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-22/221660/>

Asylum: Afghanistan

Rory Stewart [211969] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 7 July 2014 to Question 202954, how many Afghan locally

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engaged civilians have been granted asylum in the UK since the Minister's reply.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Thirty one Afghans, locally engaged civilians and their families, have been relocated to the United Kingdom under the Ex Gratia Redundancy Scheme to date. Beneficiaries of the scheme are not granted asylum.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-27/211969/>

Illegal Immigrants

Gary Streeter [211639] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what support his Department provides to British lorry drivers to prevent people seeking to enter the UK illegally accessing their vehicles at (a) Calais and (b) other ports of entry to the UK.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The Home Office publishes guidance advising hauliers on vehicle security, but also what they should do if they believe somebody is hiding in their vehicle. This guidance is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/secure-your-vehicle-to-help-stop-illegal-immigration>.

This website also includes contact details for Border Force's Clandestine Entrant Civil Penalty Team, from whom hauliers also receive advice.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-22/211639/>

Illegal Immigrants

Stephen Barclay [211654] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many attempted clandestine entrants were identified through the use of body scanning technology at the UK's ports of entry in each of the last 10 years.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The number of clandestine detections made across all UK points of entry by Body Scanning Technology since 2005 is detailed in the table below. The figures quoted are management information, subject to internal quality checks and may be subject to change.

Clandestine Detections data 2005-2014	
year	Clandestine Entrants Identified Through The Use Of Body Scanning Technology (UK's ports & Juxtaposed)
2013	268
2012	224
2011	236
2010	131
2009	140
2008	263
2007	163
2006	162
2005	176

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-22/211654/>

Illegal Immigrants

Stephen Barclay [221661] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many clandestine entrants were identified within the UK after passing through one of the UK's points of entry in each of the last 10 years.

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Reply from James Brokenshire: The table below shows the number of forms IS151A issued to clandestine entrants within the United Kingdom. This notifies an individual that they are liable to detention and removal from the UK as an illegal entrant.

The Home Office does not hold reliable data prior to 2005.

Year	Clandestine identified Number of IS151A Papers served
2005	12,013
2006	10,623
2007	12,027
2008	13,239
2009	10,735
2010	6,929
2011	6,836
2012	6,520
2013	8,564
Total	87,486

- Figures in the table above are based on a count of case type illegal entry clandestine.
- Data is up to 30 September 2014.
- Data based on people with case type as above and outcome of 'Served IS151A'. An IS151A may be issued at the time of encounter, but may be recorded as a clandestine entrant based on the lack of a lawful method of entry to the UK being found (which may be clandestine entry but could have been document abuse)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-22/221661/>

Illegal Immigrants

Stephen Barclay [221662] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many attempted clandestine entrants were identified at the UK's points of entry by means other than body scanning technology in each of the last 10 years.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The table below shows the number of detections of clandestine entrants which have been made across all UK points of entry by means other than Body Scanning Technology since 2008. Data prior to 2008 is not held centrally and could only be obtained at disproportionate cost.

Clandestine detections data 2005-2014	
year	Clandestine Entrants Identified at UK's Points Of Entry (UK Ports & juxtaposed) By Means Other Than Body Scanning Technology
2013	7339
2012	4645
2011	4953
2010	5638
2009	8746
2008	6359
2007	Not Available

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2006	Not Available
2005	Not Available

The figures quoted above are management information, subject to internal quality checks and may be subject to change.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-22/221662/>

Illegal Immigrants

Charlie Elphicke 211615] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to deport illegal migrants to their home country.

Reply from James Brokenshire: We have recently legislated in the Immigration Act 2014 to make it harder for illegal migrants to remain in the country undetected and to encourage people to leave of their own accord. The provisions include implementing a penalty for those landlords who rent property to immigrants without leave in the UK, denying free access to most secondary healthcare in the UK to illegal immigrants, requiring banks to check against a database of known immigration offenders before opening accounts, introducing new powers to check the immigration status of applicants before issuing a driving licence and revoking the driving licences of those migrants who have overstayed, and introducing new powers to clamp down on those trying to gain immigration advantage by entering into a sham marriage or civil partnership.

We have also used the Immigration Act to streamline the process of enforcing the removal of illegal migrants when necessary. We have reduced the number of appeal rights from 17 to 4, and set out clearly in primary legislation the right balance on Article 8 rights, to prevent individuals from playing the system. We have also streamlined the process of serving immigration decisions to reduce bureaucracy and further accelerate the system.

We also introduced on 1 January 2014 new regulations allowing us to prevent the re-entry to the UK for up to 12 months of EEA nationals who are removed for failing to exercise treaty rights, unless they have a valid reason to be here.

These measures support and enhance our immigration enforcement capability, with teams operating on a targeted, risk-based approach across the country to detect and remove illegal migrants. This effort has also been given fresh impetus with the break-up of the UK Border Agency and the creation of a focused Immigration Enforcement operational command.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-22/211615/>

Human Trafficking

Ian Lavery [212788] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will provide details of the methodology used to develop the annual National Crime Agency Strategic Assessment of the Nature and Scale of Human Trafficking in the UK.

Reply from Karen Bradley: Details of the methodology used to develop the annual National Crime Agency Strategic Assessment of the Nature and Scale of Human Trafficking in the UK are set out in the report for 2013, published on 30 September 2014. The report can be found at: www.nca.police.uk/publications.

If a person receives a negative Reasonable Grounds or negative Conclusive Decision, this means that they have been found not to be a victim of human trafficking for the purpose of the Council of Europe Convention Against Trafficking in Human Beings.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-30/212788/>

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Slavery

Ian Lavery [212789] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has consulted non-governmental organisations in the preparation of the Modern Slavery Action Plan; and when she will publish the Plan.

Reply from Karen Bradley: A wide range of stakeholders, including non-governmental organisations have been consulted as part of the development of the Modern Slavery Strategy. The Strategy is expected to be published shortly.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-30/212789/>

Human Trafficking

Emily Thornberry [210496] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many confiscation orders were imposed by the CPS on individuals convicted of offences related to human trafficking in each of the last five years; what the size of these orders was; and how much has been recovered under such orders.

Reply from Karen Bradley: The Government is committed to fighting human trafficking. Over £5.5 million has been recovered from those convicted of human trafficking offences in the last five years. Full available details are shown in the following table.

A human trafficker may, as an alternative, be charged and prosecuted for a different offence, such as prostitution or money laundering, which could incur a confiscation order. But this would not be recorded as a trafficking offence.

To read the lengthy tables see

http://ukparliament.blob.core.windows.net/qna-attachments/93083/corrected/2014_10%20HT%20PQ%20Thornberry%20table.docx

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-14/210496/>

Human Trafficking

Jim Sheridan [212705] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to address the increase in male victims of trafficking; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Karen Bradley: The nature and scale of modern slavery is kept under constant review to ensure that our response to this terrible crime is strong, effective and flexible. Specialised support for male victims of trafficking is currently offered through the victim care contract run by The Salvation Army, in England and Wales. We continue to assess the needs of potential victims identified through the National Referral Mechanism to ensure that our support services meet the specific needs of individual victims to help them recover from their ordeal.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-30/212705/>

Human Trafficking

Ian Lavery [212787] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to prevent agency workers becoming victims of trafficking for labour exploitation.

Reply from Karen Bradley: We are committed to stamping out modern slavery in all its forms including labour exploitation involving agency workers. Law enforcement agencies including the Gangmasters Licensing Authority, the police and the National Crime Agency have made commitments as part of the Modern Slavery Strategy to ensure that they will work with the private sector and upstream

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to prevent workers being exploited and trafficked. The Strategy is expected to be published shortly.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-30/212787/>

Human Trafficking

Paul Blomfield [212651] To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what training is provided to national minimum wage inspectors to identify cases of trafficking.

Reply from David Gauke: The Government takes the enforcement of the National Minimum Wage very seriously. HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) review every complaint that is referred to them by the Pay and Work Rights Helpline.

Within that obligation, HMRC work to priorities agreed with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). To identify sectors where non-payment of National Minimum Wage is more likely HMRC and BIS analyse numbers of complaints and incidences of non-compliance and take account of information from, for example, other Government Departments, Trade Union representatives and the Low Pay Commission. Using this information, and often in conjunction with other Government Departments, HMRC have undertaken targeted enforcement on areas such as the care sector, car washes and the retail sector, amongst others.

However, HMRC, including National Minimum Wage officials, undertake joint working with the police, Home Office and local authorities across the country. HMRC's collaboration has assisted in identifying instances of slavery and servitude in some of these operations.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-30/212651/>

Human Trafficking

John McDonnell [212829] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to increase co-ordination and coherence in intelligence gathering techniques used in police investigations on human trafficking.

Reply from Karen Bradley: Tackling Modern slavery is a priority for the National Crime Agency, which is committed to improving the co-ordination and coherence of intelligence gathering processes, working with law enforcement partners in the UK and abroad. For example, Europol helped facilitate the arrest of 90 people suspected of human trafficking as part of Operation Archimedes in September this year, and that is why the Government is seeking to rejoin the measure on 1 December. The Modern Slavery Strategy, which will be published shortly, will set out a number of measures to improve the way in which intelligence on modern slavery is gathered, analysed and shared with law enforcement partners.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-31/212829/>

Human Trafficking

The following two questions both received the same answer.

John McDonnell [212828] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the National Referral Mechanism review team is taking to consider best practice from other EU member states.

John McDonnell [212830] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) victims of trafficking and (b) victim direct service providers have been consulted during the review of the National Referral Mechanism for victims of human trafficking.

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Reply from Karen Bradley: In order to inform the review of the National Referral Mechanism the team has consulted with EU States through the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees. The review lead, Jeremy Oppenheim has also met with Danish colleagues to discuss their approach.

The review team has visited 10 of the contracted service providers in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. At each visit the team has taken the opportunity to meet victims and discuss their experiences. In addition the team has consulted other organisations that work closely with victims and provide additional services.

A full list of those who have been consulted will be included in the final report to be published shortly.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-31/212828/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-31/212830/>

UK Parliament Early Day Motion

George Galloway (477) Migrants and the Mediterranean Search and Rescue – That this House utterly condemns the shameful decision by the Government not to support European search and rescue missions in the Mediterranean; notes that 400 migrants a day are pulled from the waters and that at least 2,500 more are known to have drowned so far this year while many more deaths go unrecorded; points out that Britain was militarily involved in some of the countries from which refugees flee, like Iraq and Libya; considers the justification given by the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Baroness Anelay of St Johns, that funding rescue missions might 'pull' migrants into attempting crossings is both wrong and morally indefensible; believes that the real reason is the toxic nature of the current immigration debate fostered by UKIP which has made the concept of EU rescue patrols politically unacceptable; and calls on the Government to reverse this inhumane and contemptible decision which has placed party politics over the deaths of desperate people and join with other EU countries in saving thousands of men, women and children from drowning at sea.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2014-15/477>

Press Releases

UK must act to prevent migrant deaths

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/UK-must-act-to-prevent-migrant-deaths-11e1.aspx>

EU Asylum: judgement of the European Court of Human Rights on the transfer of asylum seekers under the EU Dublin Regulation

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release MEMO-14-1401_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-14-1401_en.htm?locale=en)

Third-country nationals who have been duly heard on the illegality of their stay need not necessarily be heard again before the adoption of a return decision

<http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2014-11/cp140142en.pdf>

Immigration and Asylum (continued)

New Publications

The fiscal effects of immigration to the UK

<http://www.cream-migration.org/files/FiscalEJ.pdf>

The use of detention and alternatives to detention in the context of immigration policies

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/networks/european_migration_network/reports/docs/emn-studies/emn_study_detention_alternatives_to_detention_synthesis_report_en.pdf

News

Metropolitan Police Chief warns that Britain's forces are struggling to cope with mass immigration with officers 'finding it difficult to integrate' with newcomers

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2824645/Metropolitan-Police-Chief-warns-Britain-s-forces-struggling-cope-mass-immigration-problems-caused-newcomers-finding-difficult-integrate.html>

Jeremy Hunt says his half-Chinese children will suffer if we don't curb immigration

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2824620/Jeremy-Hunt-says-half-Chinese-children-suffer-don-t-curb-immigration.html>

University of Aberdeen students launch crowdfunding bid to buy a castle home for asylum seekers

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/university-aberdeen-students-launch-crowdfunding-4558888>

Jimmy Mubenga: Deportee shouted 'you're killing me'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-29902375>

Libyan soldiers at Cambridgeshire barracks 'seek UK asylum'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-29894732>

New EU migrants add £5bn to UK, report says

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-29910497>

Immigration question still open

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-29912945>

The immigration “windfall” for the Treasury

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-29906592>

New EU members add £5bn to UK says research

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-29910497>

EU immigrant tax gain revealed

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/eu-immigrant-tax-gain-revealed-1.665210>

European immigrants contribute £5bn to UK economy but non-EU migrants 'cost £118bn'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/european-immigrants-contribute-5bn-to-uk-economy-but-noneu-migrants-cost-118bn-9840170.html>

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Migrants cost £120bn but energetic young Europeans earn their keep

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4257933.ece>

European Union migrants add £20bn to the British economy – in just a decade

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/european-union-migrants-add-20bn-to-the-british-economy-in-just-a-decade-9839890.html>

Immigration from outside Europe 'cost £120 billion'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11209234/Immigration-from-outside-Europe-cost-120-billion.html>

Charts and graphs: The fiscal effect of immigration

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11210386/Immigration-report-too-narrow-says-minister-James-Brokenshire.html>

Immigration: the real cost to Britain

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11210687/Immigration-the-real-cost-to-Britain.html>

UK gains £20bn from European migrants, UCL economists reveal

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/nov/05/eu-migrants-uk-gains-20bn-ucl-study>

It's simply incorrect to say migrants represent a huge cost to Britain

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/nov/05/telegraph-mail-headline-migrants-cost-contribution>

Migrants from outside the EU have taken £120billion more from the state than they paid in taxes over 17 years

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2821151/Non-EU-migrants-State-costing-British-finances-120billion-1995.html>

'Expert' behind migrant report was man who said just 13,000 would come from Eastern Europe

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2822825/Expert-migrant-report-man-said-just-13-000-come-Eastern-Europe.html>

Statistics alone won't win the immigration debate

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/nov/05/statistics-immigration-debate-european-migrants-uk-20bn>

Immigration – it's all about prejudice, not jobs

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article4258805.ece>

Polish migrants almost 20pc more likely to work than Britons

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11207980/Polish-migrants-almost-20pc-more-likely-to-work-than-Britons.html>

Rich migrants pay £700m for UK visas

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/business/economics/article4258897.ece>

Property is no longer the must-have for British visa

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/business/industries/construction-property/article4255604.ece>

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We can't control borders until we control judges

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11216586/We-cant-control-our-borders-until-we-control-those-judges.html>

Scapegoating immigrants is the oldest trick in the book

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2014/nov/07/scapegoating-immigrants-oldest-trick-in-book>

The winners and losers of the UK's migration policy

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/nov/05/winners-and-losers-of-uk-migration-policy>

Let's have a grown-up debate on migration, not this dangerous stalemate

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/nov/05/migration-grown-up-debate-not-points-scoring>

Block all benefits for migrants, No 10 urged

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4255881.ece>

Calais migrant crisis: UK police 'should help'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-29902959>

France: We need UK police in Calais

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/france-we-need-uk-police-in-calais-1.665579>

France wants British police in Calais to help with migrants

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/nov/05/france-wants-british-police-in-calais-to-help-with-migrants>

Britain should send police to Calais to tackle 'tremendous problem' with illegal immigration, says French minister

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2821652/Britain-send-police-Calais-tackle-tremendous-problem-illegal-immigration-says-French-minister.html>

Lidl Polish workers banned from speaking own language

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/odd/lidl-polish-workers-banned-from-speaking-own-language-1-3596137>

Polish workers at Lidl told to stop speaking their native language or they will be sacked

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2823575/Polish-workers-Lidl-told-stop-speaking-native-language-sacked.html>

UK immigration hindering ability to combat terror, says Met police chief

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/nov/06/uk-immigration-hindering-ability-to-combat-terror-says-met-police-chief>

Deportation of Lebanese man with Down's 'inhumane' – Vince Cable

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/nov/06/downs-syndrome-deportation-vince-cable>

UK is magnet for highly educated EU migrants, research shows

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/nov/05/uk-magnet-highly-educated-migrants-research>

Now is the time to slow down immigration

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/nov/04/slow-immigration-social-consequences>

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Immigrants, UK universities need you

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/2014/nov/04/uk-universities-need-immigrants>

'I came to the UK and I was turned into a prostitute' – trafficked women share their horrific stories

<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2014/nov/03/trafficked-women-horrific-stories-came-to-uk-turned-into-prostitute>

Illegal immigrant couple pretended to be asylum seekers by using fake names and story then claimed £130,000 in state handouts for their five children

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2821988/Illegal-immigrant-couple-pretended-asylum-seekers-using-fake-names-story-claimed-130-000-state-handouts-five-children.html>

'Pregnant sex slave' lie used to win asylum

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Society/article1481351.ece

Creating a more welcoming Scotland

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/social-justice-and-poverty/features/creating-a-more-welcoming-scotland>

November 9th: Kristallnacht and the fall of the Berlin Wall

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_blogs/2530_november_9th_kristallnacht_and_the_fall_of_the_berlin_wall

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Community Relations

Scottish Parliament Motion

S4M-11434 Jackie Baillie: Multicultural Homecoming Grants—That the Parliament considers that there is a need for society in Scotland to respect, value and celebrate its diverse communities; acknowledges that the country's cultural and ethnic minority communities comprise 8.2% of the population; praises BEMIS's Multicultural Homecoming 2014 Programme, which seeks to provide new ways to recognise and interact with communities by providing grants of over £25,000 and helping to host 44 Positive Cultural Interfaces across Scotland; echoes the programme's message of celebration of diversity and the promotion of active citizenship, and shares BEMIS's vision of an equal, inclusive and responsive Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-11434&ResultsPerPage=10>

News

Prince in plea to faith leaders

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk/prince-in-plea-to-faith-leaders-1.665001>

Prince in plea for tolerance following killings

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/prince-in-plea-for-tolerance-following-killings.25775773>

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Prince Charles urges religious leaders to ensure followers respect other faiths, calling Middle East threat to Christianity 'a tragedy'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/prince-charles-urges-religious-leaders-to-ensure-followers-respect-other-faiths-calling-middle-east-threat-to-christianity-a-tragedy-9839778.html>

Faith schools ordered to teach Christianity

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/education/article4261363.ece>

Half of Britons think religion does more harm than good

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11208845/Half-of-Britons-think-religion-does-more-harm-than-good.html>

More than half of British people believe religion does more harm than good, survey finds

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/more-than-half-of-british-people-believe-religion-does-more-harm-than-good-survey-finds-9843695.html?origin=internalSearch>

Religious studies shake-up to 'prepare pupils for life in modern Britain'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/11216566/Religious-studies-shake-up-to-prepare-pupils-for-life-in-modern-Britain.html>

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UK Parliament Questions

Teachers: Ethnic Groups

Diane Abbott [212173] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many black and minority ethnic teachers there are in state (a) primary and (b) secondary schools; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from David Laws: Figures from the School Workforce Census of November 2013 show there were 12,800 black and minority ethnic teachers in publicly funded primary schools and 18,600 in publicly funded secondary schools in England; a total of 31,400 teachers (an increase from 25,900 in November 2010). This represents 6% of primary school teachers and 9% of all secondary school teachers. 7% of all teachers in primary and secondary schools in England come from black and other ethnic minority groups.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-28/212173/>

Unemployment: Ethnic Groups

Stephen Timms [212847] To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what proportion of unemployed people are BME.

Reply from Rob Wilson: The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the Authority to reply.

Glen Watson, Director General for ONS: ... Estimates of unemployment by ethnic group are available from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). For the three-month period April-June 2014 it is estimated that in the UK 21% of unemployed persons classified themselves as in an ethnic minority group. An ethnic minority group is defined in this instance as any group which is not "White-British"; this is in

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accordance with the Government Statistical Service's harmonised standards on ethnic group statistics.

As with any sample survey, estimates from the LFS are subject to a margin of uncertainty.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-31/212847/>

Unemployment: Ethnic Groups

Stephen Timms [212848] To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what proportion of those aged 16 to 24 who are unemployed are BME.

Reply from rob Wilson: The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the Authority to reply.

Glen Watson, Director General for ONS: ... Estimates of unemployment by ethnic group are available from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). For the three-month period April-June 2014 it is estimated that in the UK out of a total of 731,000 unemployed persons aged 16 to 24 inclusive, there were 142,000 from an ethnic minority group. This represents a proportion of 19%. An ethnic minority group in this instance is defined as any group which is not "White-British"; this is in accordance with the Government Statistical Services harmonised standards on ethnic group statistics.

As with any sample survey, estimates from the LFS are subject to a margin of uncertainty.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-31/212848/>

Press Release

Scotland believes in equality

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scotland-believes-in-equality-1205.aspx>

News

Labour to review ethnic diversity

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/labour-to-review-ethnic-diversity-1.665342>

Cameron in call for ethnic minority PM to prove 'Britons of all backgrounds can achieve'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/cameron-in-call-for-ethnic-minority-pm-to-prove-britons-of-all-backgrounds-can-achieve-9842733.html>

Army lacks Asian recruits

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Defence/article1481370.ece

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Debate

Tackling Sectarianism

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9605&i=87270&c=1755231>

Scottish Parliament Motions

S4M-11395 Elaine Murray: Tackling Sectarianism—That the Parliament notes that, in December 2013, the Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland published its report, Independent Advice to Scottish Ministers and Report on Activity 9 August 2012 – 15 November 2013; considers that the report’s recommendations require action from groups and organisations across civic Scotland; regrets that neither this report nor the Scottish Government’s response of February 2014 has been debated in the Parliament or scrutinised in depth by a parliamentary committee; agrees that education and prevention are the best ways of tackling sectarianism, and believes that the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012, which was railroaded through the Parliament by the Scottish Government, is flawed and should be repealed.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-11395&ResultsPerPage=10>

S4M-11395.1 Roseanna Cunningham: Tackling Sectarianism—As an amendment to motion S4M-11395 in the name of Elaine Murray (Tackling Sectarianism), leave out from “considers” to end and insert “welcomes the report and its recommendations, which require action from groups and organisations across civic Scotland; awaits the final report of the advisory group in 2015 and welcomes the scrutiny given to last year’s report by the Equal Opportunities Committee and the committee’s ongoing interest in this issue; agrees that education and prevention are the best ways of tackling sectarianism, and looks forward to the statutory report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012, which the Scottish Government will lay before the Parliament next year.”

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-11395.1&ResultsPerPage=10>

UK Parliament Early Day Motion

Greg Mulholland (473) National Islamophobia Awareness Month – That this House expresses its full support for National Islamophobia Awareness Month in November 2014; is deeply concerned at October 2014 figures from the Metropolitan Police that anti-Muslim hate crime had risen 65 per cent in the previous 12 months; notes that these are only figures for London and is concerned at the wider possible picture around the country; further notes Teesside University’s research published in June 2014 that the majority of victims tend to be women; stands with the British Muslim community in total opposition to such attacks, particularly from extremist individuals and far-right groups; commends the work of the Tell MAMA project run by the Faith Matters charity to monitor anti-Muslim hatred; further notes recent comments from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, that we are seeing an upsurge in racist, anti-Semitic and anti-Islamic comments; strongly condemns all such comments and acts, whether occurring online or physically; warns against demonisation of minority communities that may perpetrate such attitudes, such as sweeping generalisations of an incredibly diverse community or

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assigning collective blame because of the actions of some individuals; strongly commends grassroots organisations, mosques, scholars and university Islamic societies positively engaging and empowering young British Muslims; urges better monitoring of religiously aggravated hate crime with only 24 out of 43 police forces in England and Wales currently doing this; and calls for strengthening the cross-government Anti-Muslim Hatred Working Group and supporting the Muslim Council of Britain in its work as the democratic voice of the 2.8 million-strong British Muslim community.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2014-15/473>

Press Release

Human rights expert calls for global action to eradicate racism from sports

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

News

Challenging Anti-Muslim Bigotry and Challenging All Forms of Bigotry, Within and Against Muslim Communities

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/fiyaz-mughal/islamophobia-anti-muslim-bigotry_b_6108000.html

Hate tweets fired across Atlantic at Jewish MP

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/People/article1481397.ece

Ed Miliband demands zero-tolerance approach to antisemitism

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2014/nov/04/ed-miliband-demands-zero-tolerance-antisemitism>

Does Ed Miliband really know the best way to tackle anti-Semitism?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/does-ed-miliband-really-know-the-best-way-to-tackle-antisemitism-9847536.html>

For the first time in their lives British Jews are 'scared for their children's future', warns Miliband

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2820723/For-time-lives-British-Jews-scared-children-s-future-warns-Miliband.html>

'Gay cake' legal challenge to begin against Ashers Baking Company

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-29926372>

Bert and Ernie gay cake: Christian bakery ordered to recant or face court

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11211789/Christian-bakery-ordered-to-recant-over-Bert-and-Ernie-gay-marriage-cake-or-face-court.html>

Christian bakery threatened with legal action over refusal to make pro-gay marriage cake

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/christian-bakery-threatened-with-legal-action-over-refusal-to-make-progay-marriage-cake-9843387.html>

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The real victims of bigotry: A family of bakers dragged to court and how opponents of gay marriage are being persecuted - even though the Tories vowed to protect them
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2824510/The-real-victims-bigotry-family-bakers-dragged-court-opponents-gay-marriage-persecuted-Tories-vowed-protect-them.html>

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Imam Hussain Blood Donation Campaign

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9605&i=87268>

Press Releases

Parliament announces 20 new apprenticeship positions

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/83353.aspx>

Scottish Parliament to visit Fort William for 'Parliament Day'

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/83412.aspx>

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Animal Slaughter (Religious Methods)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141104/halltext/141104h0001.htm#1411043800001>

Parliamentary Questions

National Identity

Lord Taylor of Warwick [HL2261] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of comments by the Secretary of State for Education, what they mean by "British values".

Reply from Lord Nash: The Secretary of State was referring to the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and the mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These values were defined in the Government's Prevent Strategy in 2011. All schools are now required to actively promote these values.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2014-10-21/HL2261/>

Female Genital Mutilation

Diane Abbott [212172] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what

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recent assessment her Department has made of the level of female genital mutilation in the UK; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Norman Baker: The Coalition Government has part funded a new study by Equality Now and City University into the prevalence of female genital mutilation in England and Wales.

The interim report, published in July 2014, has estimated that approximately 60,000 girls aged 0-14 were born in England and Wales to mothers who had had FGM, and that approximately 103,000 women aged 15-49 and approximately 24,000 women aged 50 and over who have migrated to England and Wales are living with the consequences of FGM. In addition, approximately 10,000 girls aged under 15 who have migrated to England and Wales are likely to have suffered FGM. The full report, with data disaggregated to a local level, will be released in the new year.

In addition, since April 2014 NHS staff have been required to record in a patient's healthcare record whenever it is identified that the patient has suffered FGM. This applies to all NHS clinicians and healthcare professionals across the NHS. The collection became mandatory on 1 September 2014. The first aggregated monthly data return from acute hospital providers in England, published by the Health and Social Care Information Centre, reported that in September 2014 there were 1,279 patients identified as having undergone FGM prior to the reporting period, who were still being actively seen or treated for FGM-related conditions or any other non-related condition, and 467 newly identified cases of FGM nationally.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2014-10-28/212172/>

Female Genital Mutilation

Lord Blencathra [HL2333] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to draw to the attention of England and Wales police forces National Health Service statistics about the number of new cases of female genital mutilation; and what recent discussions they have had with police and prosecution authorities about the prosecution rate for female genital mutilation.

Reply from Lord Bates: The Minister for Crime Prevention is chairing a cross government FGM roundtable meeting on 10 November, to which the National Policing Lead on Female Genital Mutilation, the Director of Public Prosecutions and other key stakeholders are invited. The meeting will take stock of progress in implementing the extensive package of announcements to tackle FGM made at the Girl Summit hosted by the PM on 22 July. This includes the recently published NHS statistics on cases of FGM and how they can be promoted, alongside new FGM prevalence data, part-funded by the Home Office and published by City University and Equality Now in July 2014. The roundtable will also review current progress on police and Crown Prosecution Service activity to tackle FGM.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2014-10-22/HL2333/>

Press Release

FCO hosts event to celebrate Black History Month

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fco-hosts-event-to-celebrate-black-history-month>

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Other News

UN human rights experts set out countries' obligations to tackle harmful practices such as FGM and forced marriage

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=15250&LangID=E>

Emoji to get some long-awaited diversity with new range of skin tones

<http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2014/nov/04/emojis-diversity-skin-tones>

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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>

**** Community Empowerment Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/77926.aspx>

Local Government and Regeneration Committee: Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9610&i=87305>

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>

Report Stage, House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141104/debtext/141104-0002.htm#14110444000002>

Third Reading, House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm141104/debtext/141104-0004.htm#14110460006104>

Bills in Progress

UK Parliament (continued)

Consideration as at 4 November 2014-11-05

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2014-2015/0096/amend/psc0960411m.743-749.html>

Bill as sent to the House of Lords by the House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2014-2015/0051/en/15051en.pdf>

Explanatory Notes

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2014-2015/0051/15051.pdf>

First Reading, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/141105-0001.htm#14110558000834>

UK Borders Control Bill

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

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Consultations

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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>

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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

Draft guidance relating to equality and human rights implications for the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (closing date 28 November 2014)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/devolved-authorities/commission-scotland/consultation-draft-guidance-relating-equality-and-human-rights-implications-marriage-and-civil>

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

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=yVqICS_Rgro&feature=youtu.be

Consultations (continued)

Experiences of Race and Religion-Related Hate Speech in the UK (no closing date given)
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HR7RBZ3>

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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Funding Opportunities

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Scottish Government Equality Fund

Closing date 5 December 2014

Open to applications from voluntary organisations who are registered with OSCR or organisations who are working towards becoming an incorporated body, and who work across the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion, sex and sexual orientation. The Fund is worth up to £3 million and there is no upper limit on the amount that can be applied for.

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/equality-fund/2015-16>

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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/>

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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.

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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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 / 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 / 0131 226 6606 or see <http://tinyurl.com/ocvuxva>.

New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

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)

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 / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

**** Your Career, Your Parliament**

21 November 2014 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (10.00 – 1.00)

Information day for people between 16-24 interested in taking up an apprenticeship at the Scottish Parliament to find out more about the jobs on offer, meet staff, and get hints and tips about the recruitment process. For information and to book a place see <https://www.scottish.parliament.uk/abouttheparliament/83100.aspx>

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

**** Parliament Day**

24 November 2014 in Fort William

The Presiding Officer and two Committees, the Local Government and Regeneration Committee and the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee, will undertake a series of meetings with local organisations and groups as well as speaking to 16 and 17 year olds who recently voted in the referendum. The Local Government and Regeneration Committee will also hold a formal evidence session where it will take evidence on the Community Empowerment Bill. For information see

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/83412.aspx>

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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 / 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 / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

Domestic Abuse and Minority Ethnic Women, Children and Young People

16th (9.30-4.30pm) & 17th (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

Supporting Refugee Women

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 / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

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 / 0131 226 6606 or see <http://tinyurl.com/ovxofgs>.

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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/>

Useful Links (continued)

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

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

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

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

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) 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

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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>



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