

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### UK Parliament Questions

#### Immigration

**Lord Taylor of Warwick** [HL175] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the report by the British Election Study, *Financial Literacy and Attitudes Towards Immigration*, that found that few people understand immigrants' role in the economic recovery of the United Kingdom.

**Lord Bates:** The Government has made no such assessment.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-02/HL175/>

#### EU Nationals: British Nationality

**Hilary Benn** [1171] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many EU citizens from each EU member state have taken British citizenship in each of the last 10 years.

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**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The information requested is given in the table below. The latest Home Office immigration statistics, on grants of British citizenship by previous nationality, are published in Immigration Statistics January to March 2015, table cz\_06 (Citizenship tables), which is available from the Department's website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

To read the table see

<http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/348540/original/PQ%201171%20Table.xlsx>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-04/1171/>

### EU Nationals: British Nationality

**Hilary Benn** [1172] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the qualifying requirements are for an EU citizen to take British citizenship.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** EU nationals who wish to become British citizens must apply for naturalisation under the British Nationality Act 1981. They are required to meet the same requirements as all other foreign nationals. This includes requirements to have sufficient knowledge of language and life in the United Kingdom -as measured by the "Life in the UK" test which we reformed in the last Parliament- and be of good character. The residential requirements are based on a period of lawful residence in the United Kingdom: 3 years for spouses and civil partners of British citizens and 5 years for others, without excess absences. A person must also be free of immigration time restrictions in the UK, and must have been free of those restrictions for at least 12 months before applying if not the spouse or civil partner of a British citizen. An EEA national becomes free of immigration time restrictions after five years' residence in the United Kingdom in accordance with EEA Regulations.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-04/1172/>

### European Commission: British Nationality

**Hilary Benn** [1205] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, how many UK nationals were (a) permanent officials and (b) temporary agents on the staff of the European Commission (i) in each of the last 10 years and (ii) on the latest date for which figures are available.

**Reply from Philip Hammond:** The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has indicated that it will not be possible to answer this question within the usual time period. An answer is being prepared and will be provided as soon as it is available.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-04/1205/>

### Visas

**Virendra Sharma** [582] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations she has received on reinstatement of the Tier 1 visa route.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Tier 1 of the Points Based System provides for the admission of high value migrants who are leaders in their field or who will make an economic contribution through investment and business formation. It currently comprises the Exceptional Talent, Investor, Entrepreneur and Graduate Entrepreneur categories.

The Tier 1 (General) category was closed in 2011 and the Tier 1 (Post Study

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Work) category was closed in 2012. Both categories were closed in order to ensure that Tier 1 is not used by those who intend to undertake lower skilled work. The department has received various representations on these categories both in support of the closures and calling for greater provisions, including recent reports produced by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Migration in February 2015 and the Post Study Working Group established by the Scottish Government in March 2015.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-01/582/>

### Graduates: Visas

**The Earl of Kinnoull** [HL155] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Graduate Entrepreneur visas were granted in each of the last two years; and what are those results broken down by the higher education institutions sponsoring the visas.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The information in the table below relates to all Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneur visas granted.

Year	Entry Clearance Applications	In Country Applications
2013	13	215
2014	175	385
2015	44	160

To obtain the breakdown of the Higher Education Institutions sponsoring the visas would incur disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-01/HL155/>

### Nurses: Foreign Nationals

*The following three questions all received the same answer*

**Richard Burden** [1361] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many nurses have been recruited to work in the NHS under Tier 2 visas in each year since 2010.

**Richard Burden** [1362] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many nurses working in the UK on tier 2 visas have been refused indefinite leave to remain in each year since 2012.

**Richard Burden** [1363] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many nurses working in the NHS under tier 2 visas and refused indefinite leave to remain have left employment within the NHS in each year since 2012.

**Reply from Ben Gummer:** The Department does not collect this data, the Home Office holds responsibility for the administration of applications under Tier 2 visas.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-08/1361/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-08/1362/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-08/1363/>

### Immigrants: Children

**Lord Beecham** [HL237] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to reimburse local authorities for the costs falling to them in caring for children from families

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with no recourse to public funds as they attempt to regulate their immigration status, in the light of the report by the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society *Safeguarding Children From Destitution*; and if not, why not.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** We work closely with local authorities to ensure that immigration decisions in cases receiving local authority support are made as quickly as possible. The No Recourse to Public Funds Connect database provides an expedited route into the Home Office for local authorities on individual cases, so that these can be dealt with as quickly as possible. Where migrants granted leave to remain on family grounds show that they are destitute or that there are exceptional circumstances, they are given recourse to public funds.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-03/HL237/>

### Foreign Workers: Philippines

**Angus Brendan MacNeil** [1153] To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people from the Philippines work in the UK; and in which sectors such people are employed.

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

**John Pullinger, National Statistician:** ... Estimates of the number of people in employment in the UK by country of birth are available from the Annual Population Survey (APS), which is a survey of people resident in households. In addition, the APS asks people in employment what the firm or organisation they worked for makes or does in order to determine the industry they work for.

Table 1 (below) shows the number of people in employment in the UK who are born in the Philippines, by industry, for the period January to December 2014. There are two important issues to bear in mind:

- As with any survey, estimates from the APS are subject to a margin of uncertainty. Estimates of uncertainty have been included in the table, with a star system indicating the degree of uncertainty.<sup>1</sup>

- The survey undertaken is based on people in households and therefore excludes people in most types of communal establishment (e.g. hotels, boarding houses, hostels, mobile homes).

<sup>1</sup> The estimates in the table are given a start ranking, with the most certain estimates given one star (\*), and the least reliable four stars (\*\*\*\*). The degree of statistical robustness or certainty is set out in the table below. The Annex provides more information on how these categories of certainty are derived.

Key	Coefficient of Variation (CV) %	Statistical Robustness
*	0 > CV < 5	Estimates are considered precise
**	5 > CV < 10	Estimates are considered reasonably precise
***	10 > CV < 20	Estimates are considered acceptable
****	CV > 20	Estimates are considered too unreliable for practical purposes

Table 1: People in employment born in the Philippines, by industry January to December 2014, United Kingdom

	<i>Thousands</i>
Industry	Number in Employment <sup>2</sup>
A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	_****

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	<i>Thousands</i>
Industry	Number in Employment <sup>2</sup>
A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-****
B,D,E – Energy and water	-****
C – Manufacturing	4***
F – Construction	-****
G,I – Distribution, hotels and restaurants	12***
H,J – Transport and communication	4***
K,L,M,N - Banking, finance and other business services	6***
O – Public admin and defence	2***
P – Education	4***
Q – Health and social work	52**
R,S,T,U – Other services	7***
Total <sup>3</sup>	93**

<sup>2</sup> Where the estimate is considered potentially disclosive, ‘-’ has been used.

<sup>3</sup> Includes those that did not state their industry.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-04/1153/>

### Refugees: Syria

**The Marquess of Lothian** [HL109] To ask Her Majesty’s Government what is their latest estimate of how many Syrian refugees are displaced from their homes, both internally and abroad; and how many have been resettled in the United Kingdom since the establishment of the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme for Syrian nationals.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** As of 30 March 2015, 187 people were relocated to the UK under the Vulnerable Persons Relocation scheme for Syrian nationals. This is the latest publicly available figure as numbers are released as part of the Home Office statistics each quarter.

The Department for International Development hold information on estimates on the number of Syrians displaced internally and abroad.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-05-28/HL109/>

### Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2015

**Baroness Lister of Burtersett** [HL161] To ask Her Majesty’s Government whether they plan to re-lay the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2015, which have been revoked.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The matter is under consideration.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-01/HL161/>

### Asylum: Finance

**Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** [HL1] To ask Her Majesty’s Government, with regard to the number of days elapsing between the end of financial support from the UK Border Agency for asylum seekers, and the first receipt of other forms of state financial support from the Department for Work and Pensions, across all cases between 1 January and 31 December 2014, how many cases there were in which the number of days was greater than zero; and what were the figures for (1) the minimum and maximum, (2) the mean and median, (3) the first and third, and (4) the fifth and 95th percentiles.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** We do not hold information or record data on asylum

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claimants who have ceased to receive support from the Home Office and gone on to other housing support. The UK Border Agency was abolished in March 2013 and the agency was split into two new organisations: UK Visas and Immigration and Immigration Enforcement.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-05-27/HL1/>

### Asylum: Housing

**Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb** [HL2] To ask Her Majesty's Government, with regard to the number of days elapsing between the end of housing support from the UK Border Agency, or their contractors, for asylum seekers, and the first receipt of other forms of state housing support from the Department for Work and Pensions, across all cases between 1 January and 31 December 2014, how many cases there were in which the number of days was greater than zero; and what were the figures for (1) the minimum and maximum, (2) the mean and median, (3) the first and third, and (4) the fifth and 95th percentiles.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** We are unable to provide the information requested by the Rt Honourable Lady as we do not hold information or record data on asylum claimants who have ceased to receive support from the Home Office and gone on to other housing support. The UK Border Agency was abolished in March 2013 and the agency was split into two new organisations: UK Visas and Immigration and Immigration Enforcement.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-05-27/HL2/>

### Detention Centres: Scotland

*The following three questions all received the same answer*

**Ian Murray** [539] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have left the employment of immigration centres in Scotland in each year since 2006; and for what reasons those people have left that employment.

**Ian Murray** [542] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much was spent on training for (a) staff and (b) detainees in immigration removal centres in Scotland in each year since 2006.

**Ian Murray** [543] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many reported (a) incidents, (b) assaults and (c) serious assaults there were on staff in immigration removal centres in Scotland in each year since 2006.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Dungavel is the only immigration removal centre in Scotland. This question has been interpreted as relating to both Home Office and service provider staff. Information on the number of staff leaving the Home Office and service providers' employment since 2006 is not held centrally. The reasons for leaving could only be provided by examination of individual records at disproportionate cost. Information on the amount of money spent on Home Office and service providers' staff training and training provided to detainees since 2006 is not held centrally. Information is held in relation to incidents. There were no reported incidents for Home Office staff. The table below relates to health and safety incidents involving service provider staff. Major incidents are those that are reportable to the Health and Safety Executive. Management information is only available from 2009 in the following table.

Year	Minor incidents	Major incidents
2009	11	1
2010	5	1
2011	12	0

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2012	13	1
2013	18	0
2014	8	0
2015 (1 <sup>st</sup> quarter)	1	0

This data is management information. This information does not form part of published statistics and is not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics publications. It is provisional and subject to change.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-01/539/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-01/542/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-01/543/>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Ian Murray** [540] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been detained in immigration removal centres in Scotland in each year since 2006; and what the capacity of such centres was in each of those years.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Dungavel House in Strathaven, Lanarkshire is the sole immigration removal centre (IRC) located in Scotland.

The table below shows the number of people entering detention solely under Immigration Act powers at Dungavel House IRC from 2009 to 2014:

Year Detainees

2009 1,661

2010 1,432

2011 1,481

2012 1,431

2013 1,626

2014 1,297

Some detainees may be recorded more than once if, for example, the person has been detained on more than one occasion in the time period shown, such as a person who has left detention, but has subsequently been re-detained. Information on people entering detention prior to 2009 is unavailable.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of people detained in the United Kingdom for immigration purposes, within the Immigration Statistics release. Data relating to people entering detention are available in tables dt\_01 and dt\_01\_q in Immigration Statistics: January – March 2015 on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

and which will be placed in the Library of the House. Occupancy statistics were not collected by the Home Office before 2009 and figures prior to this are unavailable. The following table shows the capacity of Dungavel House IRC from 2006 to 2015:

Year Capacity

2006 188

2007 188

2008 188

2009 190

2010 217

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2011 217

2012 217

2013 217

2014 249

2015 249

The information provided in relation to capacity is based on management information only and has not been subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics publications. These figures are provisional and are subject to change.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-01/540/>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Ian Murray** [541] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many detainees in immigration removal centres in Scotland have taken their own life since 2006.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Dungavel House is the only immigration removal centre in Scotland. There have been no self inflicted deaths at the centre since 2006.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-01/541/>

### Human Trafficking

**Laurence Robertson** [1478] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to eliminate people trafficking into the UK; and if she will make a statement.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** This Government is determined to tackle the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery. We will do this by supporting the victims and relentlessly pursuing the perpetrators of these horrendous crimes.

We are now focused on implementing the provisions of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and the wider Modern Slavery Strategy, which was published in November last year. These include measures to bring into effect modern slavery offences with potential life sentences; a statutory defence for victims; an independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner; improving transparency in supply chains; and working with international partners to disrupt the threat across the world.

This work will make a real difference in our fight against modern slavery and will help to protect many more vulnerable people from lives of servitude.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-08/1478/>

### Human Trafficking

**Jim Shannon** [817] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of people that have been trafficked to the UK to have their organs harvested in each of the last five years.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** Trafficking to or within the UK for organ harvesting is a hidden crime and so its prevalence can only be roughly estimated. The National Crime Agency produces annual strategic assessments of the nature and scale of human trafficking in the UK. Whilst the assessment for 2014 has yet to be produced, the previous assessments recorded two reported cases of trafficking for organ harvesting in 2013, one reported case in 2012 and two reported cases in 2011. There was no strategic assessment in 2010, but there were no cases of



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trafficking for organ harvesting referred to the National Referral Mechanism in that year.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-02/817/>

## UK Parliament Early Day Motion

**Thangam Debbonaire (99) Refugees crossing the Mediterranean and Mare Nostrum** – That this House urges the Prime Minister to recognise the fatal impact of the decision in 2014 to cancel Operation Mare Nostrum in October 2014, and the decision to replace it with the much more limited Operation Triton, resulting in the loss of thousands of lives of desperate refugees, exploited by traffickers; further urges the Prime Minister to do everything in his power to restore the full provisions of Mare Nostrum; and calls on him to review urgently the numbers of places available in the UK for refugees, particularly those who have relatives in this country, who are fleeing violence, persecution and suffering.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2015-16/99>

## Press Release

**Migrant arrivals in Europe top 100,000 in 2015 – UN refugee agency**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=51113#.VXmV3hOqqko>

## New Publications

**Midway between Manchester and Mumbai: the living arrangements of older Indians living in the UK**

[http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc\\_briefing\\_papers/pdf/BP25\\_Midway%20between%20Manchester%20and%20Mumbai.pdf](http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc_briefing_papers/pdf/BP25_Midway%20between%20Manchester%20and%20Mumbai.pdf)

**The fertility of recent migrants to England and Wales: interrelationships between migration and birth timing**

[http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc\\_working\\_papers/pdf/2015\\_WP65\\_The\\_fertility\\_of\\_recent\\_migrants\\_to\\_England\\_and\\_Wales.pdf](http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc_working_papers/pdf/2015_WP65_The_fertility_of_recent_migrants_to_England_and_Wales.pdf)

## News

**Skilled workers immigration cap hit**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33101336>

**Britain reaches its limit on skilled migrant workers**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jun/11/britain-reaches-its-limit-on-skilled-migrant-workers>

**Glasgow Girls 10 years on: Why more needs to be done to improve lives of refugees and asylum seekers**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/glasgow-girls-10-years-on-why-more-needs-to-be-done-to-improve-lives-209759n.128508713>

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## News (continued)

**David Cameron announces new crackdown on non-EU immigration**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-cameron-announces-new-crackdown-on-noneu-immigrants-10310192.html>

**Immigrants who beat their children should get special treatment, says judge**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11663029/Immigrants-who-beat-their-children-should-get-special-treatment-says-judge.html>

**Judge says 'cultural context' should be considered when investigating allegations of parental child abuse**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/judge-says-cultural-context-should-be-considered-when-investigating-allegations-of-parental-child-abuse-10308692.html>

**No, you can't justify hitting a child on the grounds of 'cultural context'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/no-you-cant-justify-hitting-a-child-on-the-grounds-of-cultural-context-10311107.html>

**Abuse must be put in a cultural context, says judge**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4465733.ece>

**Migrant culture is not a get-out-of-jail card**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article4468898.ece>

**No, m'lady. If 'cultural difference' can allow a child to be hit, worse will come**

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/comment/columns/article1568226.ece>

**Zumba and bingo for immigration detainees at Yarl's Wood**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11663460/Zumba-and-bingo-for-immigration-detainees-at-Yarls-Wood.html>

**West Country ambulance service advertises for paramedics in Czech Republic and Slovakia**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/nhs/11664877/West-Country-ambulance-service-advertises-for-paramedics-in-Czech-Republic-and-Slovakia.html>

**Nurses to be among first affected by plan to cut skilled migration**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jun/10/nurses-to-be-first-group-affected-by-plan-to-reduce-skilled-migration>

**Protesters mount last-ditch bid to prevent Glasgow student's deportation**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jun/09/protesters-mount-last-ditch-bid-to-prevent-glasgow-students-deportation>

**What's it like arriving in Europe as a refugee? Share your experiences**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/09/whats-it-like-arriving-in-the-europe-as-a-refugee-share-your-experiences>

**Mediterranean migrant crisis: More than 100,000 migrants have arrived in Europe by sea so far this year**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/mediterranean-migrant-crisis-over-100000-migrants-have-arrived-in-europe-by-sea-so-far-this-year-10308107.html>

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#### **EU states in 'deals to shut Eritrean borders'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/13/un-fears-eu-secret-eritrea-deals-close-border>

#### **UK's fast-track asylum system ruled unlawful**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jun/12/fast-track-asylum-system-ruled-unlawful>

#### **Fast-track appeal system for processing asylum applications declared unlawful by High Court**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/fasttrack-appeal-system-for-processing-asylum-applications-declared-unlawful-by-high-court-10317118.html>

#### **Asylum seekers set for pay-outs after fast track appeals ruled 'structurally unfair'**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11671582/Asylum-seekers-set-for-pay-outs-after-fast-track-appeals-ruled-structurally-unfair.html>

#### **If Majid Ali is dead, then the UK asylum system is to blame**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/comment/sunday-herald-view/if-majid-ali-is-dead-then-the-uk-asylum-system-is-to-blame.128897525>

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## Community Relations

### Scottish Parliament Motions

**S4M-13419 Elaine Smith: Connecting Communities**—That the Parliament congratulates the North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance, which, with support from the North Lanarkshire Partnership, held its Connecting Communities open day on 30 May 2015 in the Airdrie and Coatbridge Islamic Centre; understands that the main aim of the event, which honoured both Islamic and Scottish cultures, was to commemorate how people from different cultures can work, live and learn together; believes that it offered a range of free activities that enabled visitors to explore Islamic culture and how it interacts with Scotland's, and understands the importance of both cultures being celebrated together and how doing so impacts on the way that people perceive the different communities.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13419&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-13471 Christina McKelvie: Humjolie Grants Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Humjolie on its recent £10,000 Awards for All grant from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that it will use this to host two multicultural community events; believes that Humjolie's multifaith celebrations are an opportunity to promote positive understanding of, and respect for, the diverse faiths and beliefs in the wider community, and considers that understanding and respect are key to ensuring the local bonds and relationships among Scotland's diverse communities.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13471&ResultsPerPage=10>

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### UK Parliament Debate

#### Gypsies and Travellers (Local Communities)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm150610/halltext/150610h0002.htm#15061062000001>

### UK Parliament Questions

#### Community Relations

**Lyn Brown** [729] To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, what plans he has to fulfil his Department's responsibilities for the promotion of community cohesion.

**Reply from Marcus Jones:** In the 2013-14 Community Life Survey conducted by Cabinet Office 86 percent of people felt they belonged strongly to Britain. The Department will continue to work with colleagues across government to deliver the conditions for everyone to live and work successfully alongside each other, creating a more integrated community.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-02/729/>

#### Community Relations: Waltham Forest

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Lord Ahmed** [HL250] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the appropriateness of the Waltham Forest Council pilot scheme asking children under the age of nine questions about whether they would hurt another student who was mocking their religion.

**Lord Ahmed** [251] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of Waltham Forest Council's programme *Building Resilience through Integration and Trust*, and in particular the use of questionnaires on issues such as trust toward the police, and inter-faith marriages, which were reportedly aimed at children at schools with large Muslim intakes.

**Reply from Lord Nash:** The Building Resilience Through Integration and Trust Project has been developed and implemented locally by the London Borough of Waltham Forest. Her Majesty's Government has not been involved in the design or the delivery of the project. Local authorities and schools are free to develop and implement their own education-related projects. The department has no overview of local projects involving schools, though we do expect all schools to actively promote fundamental British values, which include mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We would expect that any discussion with pupils involving complex issues should be age appropriate and handled with sensitivity.

Waltham Forest council's website provides general information on the project:

<https://thehub.walthamforest.gov.uk/services-and-support/pupil-support/brit-project>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-03/HL250/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-03/HL251/>

## Community Relations (continued)

### Press Release

**Religious leaders at forefront of fight against intolerance, says UN chief**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=51111#.VXhioROqgko>

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## Equality

### Press Releases

**Scottish Parliament Information Centre briefing: Ethnicity and Employment**

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB\\_15-31\\_Ethnicity\\_and\\_Employment.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_15-31_Ethnicity_and_Employment.pdf)

**Equality and Human Rights Commission announces new project to increase diversity in the television sector**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/commission-announces-new-project-increase-diversity-television-sector>

### News

**Scottish Government working to ensure diversity among head teachers**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/education/scottish-government-working-to-ensure-diversity-among-head-teachers-1.884008>

**Scottish schools 'have no black or Asian heads'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-33122160>

**Action to be taken over ethnic teaching diversity**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/education/action-to-be-taken-over-ethnic-teaching-diversity-1-3801883>

**Christian nursery worker sacked over anti-gay views wins tribunal case**

<http://www.theguardian.com/law/2015/jun/07/christian-nursery-worker-sacked-over-anti-gay-views-wins-tribunal-case>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S4M-13468 James Kelly: Nil by Mouth Funding Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the anti-sectarianism charity, Nil by Mouth, on its Tackling Sectarianism initiative being awarded a £75,000 grant from a wider funding programme for combating sectarianism across Scotland; recognises the work that Nil by Mouth does in aiming to educate school pupils, developing positive relationships in communities and campaigning on policy issues relating to sectarianism, and wishes the organisation well in taking its projects further.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13468&ResultsPerPage=10>

## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination (continued)

### UK Parliament Question

#### Castes: Discrimination

**Jeremy Corbyn** [928] To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, when she plans to bring forward legislative proposals in relation to caste discrimination in the UK.

**Reply from Caroline Dinenage:** This Government opposes caste discrimination. We are aware of the Employment Appeal Tribunal judgment in the case of *Tirkey v Chandok* which opens the possibility that a legal remedy for claims of caste-associated discrimination already exists under current legislation, namely the ethnic origins element of Section 9 of the Equality Act 2010. We are considering the implications of the judgment for discrimination law and specifically for the duty on caste in Section 9 (5) of the Act.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-02/928/>

### Press Releases

#### Lord Advocate welcomes reductions in Hate Crime

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/media-site/latest-news-from-copfs/1077-lord-advocate-welcomes-reductions-in-hate-crime>

#### Offensive Behaviour Act evaluation published

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Offensive-Behaviour-Act-evaluation-published-19ec.aspx>

### New Publications

#### Hate Crime in Scotland 2014-15

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/images/HateCrimeinScotland2014-15.pdf>

#### Religiously Aggravated Offending in Scotland in 2014-15

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479075.pdf>

#### Scottish Government Report on the operation of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479046.pdf>

#### An evaluation of Section 1 of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012

Report <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479049.pdf>

Summary <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479022.pdf>

#### An evaluation of Section 6 of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012

Report <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479052.pdf>

Summary <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479055.pdf>

#### Charges reported under the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012 in 2014-15

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479042.pdf>

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**JAG Joint Review Group Concluding Report: Summary of Recommendations**  
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479026.pdf>

### News

**Glasgow responsible for one third of Scotland's religious hate crimes**  
<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/glasgow-responsible-for-one-third-of-scotlands-religious-hate-crimes-210189n.128839630>

**Antisemitism Rises as Hate Crime Falls**  
[http://www.scojec.org/news/2015/15vi\\_hate\\_crime.html](http://www.scojec.org/news/2015/15vi_hate_crime.html)

**Disabled hate crimes rise by 270%**  
<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/disabled-hate-crimes-rise-by-270-1-3801128>

**Disabled hate crime soars 270%**  
<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/disabled-hate-crime-soars-270.1434108443>

**Study: football-related crime charges have seen 'marked decline' since introduction of anti-sectarian football law**  
<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/study-football-related-crime-charges-have-seen-marked-decline-since-introduction-of-a.1434106155>

**Questions remain about value of football behaviour law**  
<http://www.heraldscotland.com/comment/herald-view/questions-remain-about-value-of-football-behaviour-law.128857895>

**UK police officer sacked over 'offensive and racist' Facebook comments**  
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jun/07/uk-police-officer-sacked-offensive-racist-facebook-comments>

**Racist' primary school headmistress who called staff 'f\*\*\*\*\*g Muslims' banned from teaching for life**  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/racist-primary-school-headmistress-who-called-staff-fg-muslims-banned-from-teaching-for-life-10316062.html>

**Muslim students threaten to sue college after being suspended for complaining of Islamophobia**  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/muslim-students-threaten-to-sue-college-after-being-suspended-for-complaining-of-islamophobia-10313977.html>

**EDL to protest Britain's biggest water park 'for hosting Muslim-only days' - except it doesn't**  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/edl-to-protest-britains-biggest-water-park-for-hosting-muslimonly-days--except-it-doesnt-10310438.html>

**Muslim nursery worker loses appeal to wear jilbab gown at work because it is a 'tripping hazard'**  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/muslim-nursery-worker-loses-appeal-to-wear-jilbab-at-work-because-it-is-a-tripping-hazard-10317739.html?origin=internalSearch>

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### News (continued)

**Nursery worker banned from wearing Islamic dress because it is 'tripping hazard'**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11670852/Nursery-worker-banned-from-wearing-Islamic-dress-because-it-is-tripping-hazard.html>

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## Scottish Devolution

### UK Parliament Questions

#### Smith Commission: Implementation

**Lord Wigley:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they regard the implementation of the recommendations of the Smith Commission as an adequate response to the outcome of the general election in Scotland.

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Scotland Office (Lord Dunlop):** My Lords, the Scotland Bill will deliver in full the historic Smith commission agreement to devolve further powers to the Scottish Parliament within a strengthened United Kingdom, as agreed by all the main political parties in Scotland last November. The implementation of the Smith commission agreement shows this Government's commitment to make the Scottish Parliament one of the most powerful devolved parliaments in the world.

**Lord Wigley:** My Lords, before the referendum on 18 September last year, many people in Scotland were led to believe that home rule was on the table. The Smith commission report in no way fulfils any meaningful interpretation of the term "home rule". In those circumstances, is it not now time to look at new solutions—a balanced constitutional solution for the United Kingdom, on a confederal basis—that can meet the aspirations of Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and, indeed, England itself?

**Reply from Lord Dunlop:** My Lords, the Smith agreement was agreed by all five of Scotland's main political parties. I believe that is the first time in the history of devolution that that has happened. It will create, as I have already said, one of the most powerful devolved parliaments in the world. This Government's commitment is to deliver Smith in full, and we are doing so. ... It is only just over nine months ago that the people of Scotland voted clearly and decisively to remain within the United Kingdom, with all the benefits that that involves, and we need to respect that. It is also worth making the point that for those who believe in separation, there is no package of further devolution that will be sufficient.

**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean:** My Lords, does my noble friend not agree that, given that the SNP repudiated the Smith commission proposals before the ink was even dry on them, and given that the three unionist parties—the Conservative, Liberal and Labour parties—got only one seat at the subsequent general election, the Smith commission proposals are clearly not going to meet the aspirations of the Scottish people, and that we need a constitutional convention that will provide a solution that meets the needs of all parts of the United Kingdom and provides some stability, so that we can get on with discussing health and education and the things that matter to the people of Scotland?

**Reply from Lord Dunlop:** My Lords, it is not a characterisation I would agree with that the electorate of Scotland repudiated the Smith agreement. Every one of the manifestos of all the main parties, including the SNP, included a commitment to take forward the Smith agreement.

**To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldhansrd/text/150608-0001.htm#1506081000258>



## Scottish Devolution (continued)

### Press Release

**New Scotland Bill is first to be debated in House of Commons**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-scotland-bill-is-first-to-be-debated-in-house-of-commons>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Question

#### **Female Genital Mutilation**

**Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish and distribute printed copies of the recent joint statement signed by the Scottish Ministers, the Lord Advocate and Police Scotland opposing female genital mutilation as awareness-raising material. (S4W-25783)

**Reply from Alex Neil:** This month the Scottish Government will be printing 2000 copies of the joint female genital mutilation statement, some of which will be used for Police Scotland's 'Operation Atlas' commencing 26 June 2015. Others will be distributed to service providers and community-based organisations. This statement is also available to download at: [www.fgmaware.org](http://www.fgmaware.org), [www.onescotland.org](http://www.onescotland.org) and a number of local authority and violence against women partnership websites, as well as Police Scotland and a number of NHS intranets. Police Scotland has also distributed electronic copies to all Scottish airports to download and print off as part of the planned 'Operation Atlas'.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-25783&ResultsPerPage=10>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Questions

#### **Art Works: Islam**

**Lord Pearson of Rannoch [HL87]** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to support a contest in the United Kingdom between artists depicting the prophet Mohammed, and if so, whether they will provide security protection for such an event.

**Reply from Baroness Neville-Rolfe:** The Government is not aware of any plans. The safety and security of an event is an issue for the event organisers in consultation with the police.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-05-28/HL87/>

#### **Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence: Education**

**Baroness Cox [HL168]** To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to encourage schools to raise awareness of the risk of forced marriage and honour-based abuse, and of the availability of preventive measures.

**Reply from Lord Nash:** The government is committed to tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG). We are helping to end violence at home and abroad by allowing women to check their partner's criminal history, introducing domestic

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violence protection orders, criminalising forced marriage and introducing a new offence of domestic abuse. We will strengthen victims' rights further, with a new Victims' Law that will enshrine key rights for victims. The previous government ring-fenced £40 million to VAWG services - £10 million per year, specifically for refugees. The government has committed to continuing that funding up to April 2016.

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) statutory guidance, issued by the Department for Education, outlines to schools and colleges their roles and responsibilities with regard to safeguarding their pupils. The department makes it clear that schools and colleges play a significant role in early identification of abuse and preventing concerns from escalating.

KCSIE signposts school staff to specific forced marriage information and guidelines produced by the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU). This information provides an overview of forced marriage, together with FMU contact details for further information and advice.

KCSIE also signposts schools to further information on faith abuse: the 'National action plan to tackle child abuse linked to faith or belief'. This action plan serves to help raise awareness of the issue of child abuse linked to faith or belief, including honour based violence and forced marriage. The action plan encourages practical steps to be taken to prevent such abuse.

KCSIE recognises that forced marriage and honour based violence are safeguarding concerns. The guidance makes clear that any concerns identified by staff should be raised and discussed with the school's designated safeguarding lead and escalated to children's social care as appropriate.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education, and Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) are curriculum subjects that may be used to raise pupil awareness of forced marriage and honour-based abuse. To support teaching in these areas, the PSHE Association has produced guidance for teaching about consent, covering the importance of building healthy relationships, as well as giving young people the confidence and knowledge about staying safe and respecting others. It also supports the government's 'This is Abuse' campaign, which helps educate young people about damaging behaviours within relationships.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-01/HL168/>

### Forced Marriage

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Baroness Cox** [HL169] To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that girls are not taken abroad for the purposes of forced marriage.

**Baroness Cox** [HL170] To ask Her Majesty's Government what measures are in place to ensure that girls at risk of being taken abroad for the purpose of forced marriage are identified and assessed by professionals.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The UK is a world leader in tackling forced marriage, and the Government is committed to ensuring that girls are not taken abroad for the purposes of forced marriage. That is why, during the previous Parliament, the Home Secretary made forced marriage a criminal offence, which included taking extra-territorial jurisdiction for forced marriage offences.

We recognise that strengthening the law is only part of the solution. The Government's Forced Marriage Unit is leading efforts to combat this unacceptable activity both at home and abroad. Measures include providing support and advice to professionals and victims through a public helpline, with the Unit assisting in

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1,267 cases in 2014. We are providing further direct support to professionals, including schools and the Crown Prosecution Service, through an extensive outreach and training programme and the publication of statutory multi-agency guidance in July 2014.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-01/HL169/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-01/HL170/>

### Female Genital Mutilation

**Seema Malhotra** [935] To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what steps her Department is taking to support anti-FGM measures.

**Reply from Justine Greening:** The UK is a key supporter of the Africa-led movement to end Female Genital Mutilation. We have made the largest single donor commitment ever to this issue, with a flagship programme of £35 million over 5 years.

In addition DFID is exploring what we can do in practising countries where we have bilateral programmes, including supporting efforts to end FGM in Sudan (which has a very high prevalence rate) through a £12m bilateral five year programme.

We also continue to work with others to increase international commitment to this neglected issue. DFID's Girl Summit, held in July 2014, resulted in commitments to take action to end FGM and child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) from organisations, governments, businesses, communities and individuals across the world.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-02/935/>

## Press Release

**Hajj and Umrah pilgrims: latest health and travel advice**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hajj-and-umrah-pilgrims-latest-health-and-travel-advice>

## New Publication

**Count of Traveller Caravans, January 2015 England**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/434107/Statistical\\_Release\\_Traveller\\_Caravan\\_Count\\_-\\_Jan\\_2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/434107/Statistical_Release_Traveller_Caravan_Count_-_Jan_2015.pdf)

## News

**SNP MPs Pete Wishart and Angus MacNeil to chair Commons committees**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-33087425>

**Planning law 'favours travellers' MP Philip Hollobone says**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-33082741>

## Other UK Parliament and Government

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**Ignore government advice urging more housing for gypsies, minister tells councils**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/conservative/11671675/Ignore-government-advice-urging-more-housing-for-gypsies-minister-tells-councils.html>

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## New Publications

**Scottish National Action Plan for Human Rights / Health and Social Care Action Group case study videos to show the power of Human Rights to improve people's health and care**

<http://www.healthandsocialcare-snap.com/case-studies>

**“Needlecraft” – animated film about FGM**

***Content warning: Not suitable for under 16's. May be upsetting or triggering to some viewers with content relating to violence against women and girls.***

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgbvZzCZU\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgbvZzCZU_4)

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## Other News

**UK's first forced marriage conviction**

[http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest\\_news/uk\\_s\\_first\\_forced\\_marriage\\_conviction/](http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest_news/uk_s_first_forced_marriage_conviction/)

**Forced marriage jail first as Cardiff man sentenced**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-33076323>

**First forced marriage prosecution: One conviction is good, but there are thousands more cases to work through**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/first-forced-marriage-prosecution-one-conviction-is-good-but-there-are-thousands-more-cases-to-work-through-10311912.html>

**Man who raped and imprisoned woman to entrap her into marriage becomes first person prosecuted under new forced marriage law**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/man-who-raped-and-imprisoned-woman-to-entrap-her-into-marriage-becomes-first-person-prosecuted-under-new-forced-marriage-law-10311730.html>

**First forced marriage prosecution: Tradition and culture cannot justify this**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/first-forced-marriage-prosecution-tradition-and-culture-cannot-justify-this-10311920.html>

**Cardiff businessman jailed under forced marriage act after kidnap and rape**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article4466204.ece>

**Muslim students 'praying in corridors' at Queen's University Belfast**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jun/13/muslim-students-praying-in-corridors-at-queens-university-belfast>

## Other News (continued)

### **QUB Muslim students 'praying in corridors' call for dedicated room**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-33098694>

### **School bans pupils from fasting during Ramadan**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/school-receives-criticism-for-banning-fasting-during-ramadan-10316318.html>

### **Primary schools ban Muslim pupils from fasting during Ramadan with one saying it is a health risk for young children**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3120407/Primary-schools-ban-Muslim-pupils-fasting-Ramadan-one-saying-health-risk-young-children.html>

### **Primary schools ban children from fasting during Ramadan**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11669767/Primary-schools-ban-children-from-fasting-during-Ramadan.html>

### **How fashion is courting the Muslim pound**

<http://www.theguardian.com/fashion/2015/jun/12/how-fashion-is-courting-the-muslim-pound>

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## **Bills in Progress**

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### **Scottish Parliament**

#### **\*\* Community Empowerment Bill**

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Report on the Bill as amended at Stage 2

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_SubordinateLegislationCommittee/Reports/sur-15-36w.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_SubordinateLegislationCommittee/Reports/sur-15-36w.pdf)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee consideration after Stage 2

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10004&i=91820#ScotParIOR>

#### **Community Justice Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/88702.aspx>

#### **Criminal Justice Bill**

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

#### **\*\* Education Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/87330.aspx>

Stage 1 evidence session, Education and Culture Committee

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10003&i=91796#ScotParIOR>

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Report

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_SubordinateLegislationCommittee/Reports/suR-15-37w.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_SubordinateLegislationCommittee/Reports/suR-15-37w.pdf)

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### Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/84356.aspx>

### Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/89893.aspx>

## Bills in Progress UK Parliament

### \*\* Scotland Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/scotland.html>

Second Reading, House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm150608/debtext/150608-0001.htm#1506082000001>

Proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2015-2016/0003/amend/pbc030806a.1-7.html>

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## Consultations

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**Race, ethnicity and employment** (closing date 1 July 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/89097.aspx>

**Proposals for a Lobbying Transparency Bill** (closing date 24 July 2015)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00477580.pdf>

**Community Justice Bill** (closing date 12 August 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/89658.aspx>

**EU Blue Card: recruitment of highly qualified third-country nationals** (closing date 21 August 2015)

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/public-consultation/2015/consulting\\_0029\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/public-consultation/2015/consulting_0029_en.htm)

**\*\* Further extension of coverage of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to more organisations** (closing date 4 September 2015)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479060.pdf>

**\*\* Understanding and Perception of Risk in the Charity Sector** (no closing date given)

<https://stirling.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/understanding-and-perception-of-risk-in-the-charity-sector>

**\*\* Impact on Children of the Family Migration Rules** (no closing date given)

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=143229967772>

**What's Changed about Being Jewish in Scotland?** (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JewishinScotland2015>

## Consultations (continued)

**Discrimination in Football Survey** (no closing date given)

[http://efemico.eu/main\\_files/FARacismSurvey/FARacismSurvey.html](http://efemico.eu/main_files/FARacismSurvey/FARacismSurvey.html)

**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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### **Refugee Festival Scotland**

3 to 21 June 2015, Scotland-wide

The theme for Refugee Festival Scotland 2015 is 'Celebrate'. The festival celebrates not only the contribution refugees make to the vibrancy of our communities and cultural life, but also Scotland as a place that offers protection to people fleeing conflict and persecution where can rebuild their lives in safety: something we can all be proud of. For information about events during the festival see the full programme <http://tinyurl.com/qbr26t9> or contact the Scottish Refugee Council 0141 248 9799 / [info@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

**\*\* this week!**

### **Parent Council training - Equalities and Engagement**

16 June 2015 in Glasgow (6.00 – 8.00)

Gathered Together (Cruinn Còmhla) training for Parent Councils to enable them to engage with all the parents in their school, particularly parents from ethnic minorities. We will explore in detail equalities practice and practical steps that Parent Councils can take to promote greater participation. For information contact [mail@bemis.org.uk](mailto:mail@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047 or see <http://tinyurl.com/qzd4x7a> (Leith), <http://tinyurl.com/o99sg5j> (Glenrothes), or <http://tinyurl.com/ozbjqok> (Glasgow)

**\*\* this week!**

### **Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children and Young People:**

16th (9.30-4.30) & 17th (9.30-12.30) June 2015 in Edinburgh

Shakti Women's Aid course to raise awareness and understanding of issues facing minority ethnic women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. For information see: <http://shaktiedinburgh.co.uk/events-training/> or contact Ola or Mridul 0131 475 2399 / [info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **\*\* this week!**

#### **Reunited in Glasgow: integration experiences of refugee families**

16 June 2015 in Glasgow (10.00 – 1.00)

British Red Cross event to present research on key integration challenges of families who have arrived in Glasgow on Family Reunion visas over the last year. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/qy9tsr6> or contact [GONeill@redcross.org.uk](mailto:GONeill@redcross.org.uk) / 0141 331 4170 / 077 2094 1013

### **\*\* this week!**

#### **Engaging With Westminster**

18 June 2015 in Glasgow (1.00 – 4.00)

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights workshop to increase awareness, understanding and active involvement with the UK Parliament. For information contact Nadia Rafiq 0141 418 6530 / [nadia@crer.org.uk](mailto:nadia@crer.org.uk)

### **\*\* this week!**

#### **Rights, Dignity, Protection & Schools**

19 June 2015 in Glasgow (10.00 – 12.00)

Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network event for teachers and other education professionals to discuss working with unaccompanied young asylum seekers and refugees in schools and colleges, and share experiences, strategies, ideas and resources. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/qjv2jch>

#### **Clore Social Fellowship Programme**

Closing date for applications 25 June 2015

12 month full time or 24 month part time programme including, amongst other things, residential courses, coaching and mentoring, and a practice-based research project. General fellowships and specialist fellowships in migrant communities, gender equality, youth work, older people, and other areas. For information see <http://cloresocialleadership.org.uk/Fellowship-Programme>

### **\*\* BEMIS AGM**

2 July 2015 in Glasgow (6.00)

For information contact Sue Barnes 0141 548 8047 / [sue.barnes@bemis.org.uk](mailto:sue.barnes@bemis.org.uk)

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## Useful Links

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

**Scottish Government** <http://www.gov.scot/>

**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>



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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/>



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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