

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motions

S4M-13790 John Finnie: UK Government Cuts Support to Asylum Seekers—That the Parliament utterly condemns the UK Government's decision to cut support to asylum seekers and their families; understands that the UK Government has laid down regulations that will reduce the level of support available to asylum seekers to £36.95 per person per week; considers that this reduction hits those with children the hardest as they will lose £16 per child per week; notes that those seeking asylum are barred from working to provide for their families while their case is being settled, forcing them to rely on UK Government support; agrees with the Scottish Refugee Council that this decision

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by the UK Government is shocking, cruel and heartless and calls on the UK Government to reverse its decision and to implement an independent review of the levels of support that asylum seekers need to survive, and asks the UK Government to reflect on whether the Home Office is the appropriate Government Department to run such a welfare system.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13790&ResultsPerPage=10>

S4M-13793 Christian Allard: This is My Home, Film Launch—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of *This is My Home*, a short film commissioned by Show Racism the Red Card; notes that the film is based on a series of seven short films exploring the issues of immigration and racism from the point of view of Scotland's migrant community; understands that the project is the start of a new conversation about immigration and a campaign to invite contributions from all people who live in the UK about the benefits of immigration, and about the challenges faced by immigrants, and encourages contributions from the immigrant community as well as everyone who supports equality, immigration and anti-racism using the hashtag, #thisismyhome.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13793&ResultsPerPage=10>

S4M-13804 Anne McTaggart: Scottish Police Launch Polish Website—That the Parliament welcomes the introduction of a new Facebook page, Szkoocka Policja, which will post messages and appeals for Polish people living in Scotland; understands that there are around 85,000 Polish nationals living in Scotland, with a large Polish community in Glasgow, and considers that it is important to use all available media to try and focus on issues and concerns that are of interest to them; believes that Polish speakers in Scotland will now have the ability to interact with the police through Facebook in their native language as it will overcome language barriers; notes that this was made possible by the joint efforts of Police Scotland and the Polish Consulate General to Scotland, and hopes that this initiative will be rolled out in more languages.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13804&ResultsPerPage=10>

UK Parliament Debates

UK Opt-in to the Proposed Council Decision on the Relocation of Migrants within the EU (EUC Report)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldhansrd/text/150722-0002.htm#15072242000365>

UK: Population

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldhansrd/text/150716-gc0001.htm#15071644000086>

UK Parliament Ministerial Statement

Visa Requirements for Tier 1

The Minister for Immigration (James Brokenshire): I am announcing today that from 1 September 2015, individuals who are applying for entry clearance as an entrepreneur or an investor under the tier 1 category will be required to provide a criminal record

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certificate from any country in which they have lived for 12 months or more in the previous 10 years.

Under the previous Government we changed the immigration rules to introduce a requirement to provide an overseas criminal record certificate where that is required. We will introduce this requirement in a controlled way and learn the lessons from implementation as we roll out the requirement to other categories of migrant.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm150720/wmstext/150720m0001.htm#1507207000008>

UK Parliament Questions

Immigration Controls: Scotland

Margaret Ferrier [5779] To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what representations he has made to the Home Office on the effect of the minimum income threshold requirement for family visas (a) on affected families living in Scotland, (b) on the Scottish economy and (c) on communities across Scotland.

Reply from David Mundell: I am in contact with ministerial colleagues from the Home Office on a range of issues. The Immigration Rules referred to have now been in force for three years. Prior to their implementation the Government consulted widely, and the Scottish Government, local authorities and non-governmental organisations in Scotland were included in our consultation process. The Scottish Government and local authorities were also consulted separately by the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) in the preparation of its report to Government on this matter. The Government carefully considered responses to both the public consultation and the report from MAC when setting the minimum income threshold requirement for family visas, settling for the lower end of the income range recommended by MAC.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-07/5779/>

Immigration Controls: Scotland

Philippa Whitford [5765] To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with Ministers in the Scottish Government on the potential effect of the Government's immigration policies on Scotland's higher and further education sectors.

David Mundell: I am in contact with ministerial colleagues from the Home Office on a range of issues, including how we can continue to attract the brightest and the best students from overseas to study in Scotland.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-07/5765/>

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Margaret Ferrier [5781] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions were held with the Scottish Government on the minimum income threshold requirement for family visas prior to its implementation about its potential impact (a) on affected families living in Scotland, (b) to the Scottish economy and (c) on communities across Scotland.

Reply from James Brokenshire: A three-month public consultation on family migration, including the proposal for a minimum income threshold for those sponsoring family migrants, was undertaken across the UK from 13 July to 6 October 2011. The Scottish Government and local authorities and non-governmental organisations in Scotland were consulted as part of this process.

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The Scottish Government and local authorities were also consulted by the independent Migration Advisory Committee in preparing its November 2011 report on the level at which a minimum income threshold should be set to prevent family migrants becoming a burden on the taxpayer. The responses to the public consultation and the Migration Advisory Committee's report were carefully considered in setting the minimum income threshold requirement for family visas implemented on 9 July 2012.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-07/5781/>

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Margaret Ferrier [5782] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Oral Answer to the hon. Member for South Antrim of 6 July 2015, Official Report, column 22, whether her Department plans to vary the minimum income threshold requirements for family visas to take account of different costs of living in different parts of the UK.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The minimum income threshold of £18,600 for sponsoring a non-European Economic Area national partner to come or remain here applies across the UK under the family Immigration Rules implemented on 9 July 2012. The level of the income threshold, which aims to prevent burdens on the taxpayer and promote integration, was set following advice from the independent Migration Advisory Committee and reflects the income at which a family settled here generally cannot access income-related benefits. The Committee, in its November 2011 report, could see no clear case for differentiation of the income threshold between UK countries and regions and noted several arguments against such an approach. These included that a family living in a wealthy part of a relatively poor UK country or region could be subject to a lower income requirement than a family living in a deprived part of a relatively wealthy one. The government agrees with that assessment and a single minimum income threshold across the UK has been found to be lawful by the courts.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-07/5782/>

Immigration Controls

Tommy Sheppard [7600] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under what circumstances a non-British parent of a young child based in the UK, who is not allowed to stay in the country for periods longer than six months, stops being considered as a primary care giver for immigration purposes as a result of siblings filling that role.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The requirements to be met by a non-European Economic Area national for entry clearance to or leave to remain in the UK as a parent of a child based here are set out in paragraphs EC-PT.1.1. and R-LTRPT.1.1. of Appendix FM to the Immigration Rules. Further guidance on these requirements can be found on GOV.UK at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/chapter-8-appendix-fm-family-members>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-16/7600/>

Immigration Rules

Lord Green of Deddington [HL1075] To ask Her Majesty's Government what documentation a non-European Union citizen resident in another EU country requires in order to (1) enter, and (2) reside in, the United Kingdom.

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Reply from Lord Bates: A non-EU citizen who is not a family member of an EU citizen is required to present a valid national passport or other document which satisfactorily establishes identity and nationality and where required by the Immigration Rules additionally a UK visa or evidence of Leave to Remain in order to enter and reside in the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-06/HL1075/>

Immigration Rules

Lord Green of Deddington [HL1076] To ask Her Majesty's Government what documentation a non-European Union citizen who is resident in another EU country, and is a family member of an EU citizen, requires to (1) enter, and (2) reside in, the United Kingdom.

Reply from Lord Bates: A non-EU citizen who is a family member of an EU citizen is required to present a valid national passport or other document which satisfactorily establishes identity and nationality along with evidence of their right to enter and reside in the UK as required by the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-06/HL1076/>

British Nationality: English Language

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [HL704] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the quality of examination centres used by the International English Language Testing System and Trinity College London for English language tests used for applications for citizenship.

Reply from Lord Bates: The Home Office has improved its business requirements for the quality of examination centres under the new Concession Agreements by assessing the Service Provider solutions which were evaluated in accordance with the business requirements.

The Concession Agreements were awarded to those Service Providers that were able to meet those business requirements.

Before they began, Service Providers were required to meet a pre-check process to ensure the quality of the examination centres were delivered.

The Home Office has introduced a robust contract management process to ensure that the Service Providers continue to provide quality examination centres during the life of the Concession Agreement.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-22/HL704/>

British Nationality: English Language

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [HL1093] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to publish the report of the independent review into the provision of English language testing.

Reply from Lord Bates: There are no plans to publish the independent review into the provision of English Language testing.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-06/HL1093/>

British Nationality: English Language

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [HL1091] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Bates on 30 June (HL705), whether the competitive procurement

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exercise that secured two Concession Service Providers of English language testing in the United Kingdom, and one for overseas, was subject to an open tender process; and if not, what was the nature of the competitive procurement process, and how many providers were invited to tender.

Reply from Lord Bates: The Home Office advertised the tender opportunity using a contract notice on the TED (Tenders Electronic Daily - the online version of the 'Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union', dedicated to European public procurement). The Home Office followed the principles of the Open Procedure. There were 22 providers who were invited to tender.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-06/HL1091/>

Immigrants: English Language

Nicholas Brown [5611] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will introduce a transition period for her Department's planned reduction in the number of English language test centres.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The new arrangements provide for immigration and nationality applicants to have their English language ability tested securely. The provision of test centres was planned to give appropriate coverage to meet anticipated customer demand, whilst allowing the Home Office to implement a robust audit regime. Managing demand across the network is a key requirement for the selected providers.

Transitional arrangements are in place to enable those who took tests at previous test centres before April 6 2015 to continue to use those tests in support of immigration applications until November. Additionally, individuals intending to apply for settlement and citizenship after November 2015 have been given more than six months' notice that they will be required to take a Secure English Language Test.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-06/5611/>

Immigrants: English Language

Keith Vaz [5706] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which companies were contacted by her Department to bid for the Secure English Language Test; and when each such company was contacted.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The Home Department placed a Prior Information Notice to inform the market of the opportunity to express an interest and placed an OJEU Contract Notice to advertise the tender. It used TED (Tenders Electronic Daily - the online version of the 'Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union', dedicated to European public procurement), rather than directly contacting companies to bid for the Secure English Language Test tender.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-06/5706/>

Immigrants: English Language

Philip Davies [6611] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many prosecutions have taken place as a result of English language test fraud in the last five years; and with what offences those prosecuted were charged with having committed.

Reply from James Brokenshire: It is clear that organised criminality lies at the heart of the abuse of the ETS English Language Test fraud. We are working to identify, pursue, prosecute and convict those involved in this large scale

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organised fraud.

On the 3 July 2015 at Manchester Crown Court, Arsalan Ashraf was jailed for 10 months for acting as a fake sitter at two Manchester colleges – the Innovative Learning Centre and Manchester College of Accountancy & Management. Mr. Ashraf is the first person to be sentenced since the abuse was uncovered in 2014 for assisting unlawful immigration.

A number of other live investigations are ongoing across the UK and as such we cannot comment further at this time.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-13/6611/>

Entry Clearances: English Language

The following two questions both received the same answer

Keith Vaz [5707] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many companies bid for the Secure English Language Test for applicants abroad; what the value was of that contract; and who was awarded that contract.

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Keith Vaz [5708] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many companies bid for the Secure English Language Test for applicants within the UK; what the value was of that contract; and who was awarded that contract.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Three companies bid for the Secure English Language Test for applicants abroad. The contract was awarded to IELTS Consortium; the Consortium is made up of Cambridge English Language Assessment as Consortium Lead, with British Council and IDP IELTS Australia. The Concession Agreement is cost neutral as it was procured as a concession, rather than a contract, with test-takers paying the test provider directly. The Home Office has not provided funding to the service providers under this arrangement. An estimate of the market value is approximately £60 million per annum worldwide, based on expected volumes of upwards of 400,000 SELT tests at an average cost of £150 per test.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-06/5707/>

Immigrants: Tuberculosis

Baroness Suttie [HL969] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether latent tuberculosis infection screening is incorporated into routine medical checks at immigration centres.

Reply from Lord Prior of Brampton: People admitted to immigration removal centres (IRCs) are not currently screened for latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI). However, a national partnership agreement between Home Office Immigration Enforcement (HOIE), NHS England and Public Health England (PHE) published in April 2015 committed all three organisations to work together to improve the proactive detection, surveillance and management of infectious diseases in IRCs and improve capability to detect and respond to outbreaks and incidents. A copy of the 'Partnership Agreement between Home Office Immigration Enforcement, NHS England & Public Health England' is available at the following link and is attached.

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/04/hoie-partnership-final.pdf>.

A working group on LTBI among detainees in IRCs is being established this summer by PHE (health and justice, travel and migrant health and tuberculosis (TB) sections) to explore these issues. This work will contribute to the overarching joint PHE and NHS five year TB strategy for England which was published in

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January 2015. A copy of 'Collaborative Tuberculosis Strategy for England, 2015-2020' is available at the following link and is attached.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/collaborative-tuberculosis-strategy-for-england>.

Included among several identified areas for priority action are: tackling TB in under-served populations (including migrants and those in secure and detained settings) and systematic implementation of new entrant LTBI screening.

PHE will work to provide expert advice to NHS England and HOIE on how to implement LTBI screening in IRCs once this work has been completed.

Collaborative Tuberculosis Strategy for England

[http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-](http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/386474/original/Collaborative_TB_Strategy_for_England_2015_2020_.pdf)

[attachments/386474/original/Collaborative TB Strategy for England 2015 2020 .pdf](http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/386474/original/Collaborative_TB_Strategy_for_England_2015_2020_.pdf)

Partnership agreement

<http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/386474/original/hoie-partnership-final.pdf>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-30/HL969/>

NHS: Migrant Workers

Lord Green of Deddington [HL1394] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many visas have been issued to (1) doctors, and (2) nurses, for employment in the National Health Service in each of the last 10 years.

Reply from Lord Bates: The Home Office does not hold the information requested. The closest available data relates to Certificates of Sponsorship used in visa applications, and is given in the table below.

Table cs_03: Applicants for visas for work using sponsorship certificates: Human Health and Social Work Activities

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Tier 2	2,915	1,565	1,586	2,114	3,121
Tier 5	1,024	1,196	1,020	1,182	1,290

Source: Immigration Statistics January-March 2015

Table - PQ HL1394

[http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-](http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/389208/original/PQHL1394%20Table%202015.07.15[1].docx)

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-13/HL1394/>

Nurses: Migrant Workers

Lord Taylor of Warwick [HL892] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of whether new immigration rules will exacerbate the shortage of nurses in the United Kingdom and cost the NHS tens of millions in recruitment.

Reply from Lord Bates: The Home Office published a full impact assessment on the changes to Tier 2 settlement rules when they were laid before Parliament on 15 March 2012. The impact assessment is available on the gov.uk website at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/117957/impact-assessment-tier2.pdf

The Department of Health take the issue of nursing recruitment seriously and have prioritised and invested in front-line staff, so there are over 8,600 more nurses on NHS wards than there were in 2010. Health Education England's workforce plan for England for 2015-16 forecasts that, following further increases in the number of training commissions, the proposed levels for nurse training will deliver over 23,000 more nurses by 2019.

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Copy of Impact Assessment

<http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/386093/original/impact-assessment-tier2.pdf>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-29/HL892/>

Care Proceedings: Immigrants

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws [HL1246] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied migrant children appeared in the family courts in relation to care proceedings in 2014.

Reply from Lord Faulks: Information on the number of unaccompanied migrant children who appeared in the family courts in relation to care proceedings is not collected centrally.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-08/HL1246/>

Legal Aid Scheme: Immigrants

Lord Browne of Belmont [HL1288] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in each of the last four years, how much was paid through legal aid to legal professionals advising asylum seekers and immigrants who had been charged with offences.

Reply from Lord Faulks: The Legal Aid Agency (LAA) does not record the immigration or asylum status at any stage of the billing or application process for criminal legal aid.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-09/HL1288/>

Overseas Students

John Woodcock [7467] To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what estimate he has made of the net economic contribution of non-EU university students to the UK economy.

Reply from Joseph Johnson: In the Government's International Education Strategy, published in July 2013, the value of international higher education students to the UK was valued at £9.7bn, of which £7.0bn was associated with students from non-EU countries. The international education strategy can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-education-strategy-global-growth-and-prosperity>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7467/>

Overseas Students

John Woodcock [7469] To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, what estimate he has made of the proportion of UK university funding contributed by non-EU nationals.

Reply from Joseph Johnson: The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) collects and publishes statistics on the finances of UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Latest statistics refer to the 2013/14 academic year and show that income from non-EU student fees totalled £3.9 billion and accounted for 12.7% of overall income of publicly-funded HEIs.

More information is available at the following link: <https://hesa.ac.uk/pr213>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7469/>

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Overseas Students: Visas

Gregory Campbell [7133] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of non-EU students who will be affected each year by recently announced restrictions on college visas for entering the UK.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The Immigration Rules changes laid before the House on 13 July do not prevent non-EU students from entering the UK to study at colleges. They prevent new students at publicly funded colleges from working, bringing their work rights into line with those at private colleges, and reduce the length of time that college students can spend studying further education courses. They also affect college students' ability to extend their Tier 4 visa or switch to another visa route whilst in the UK, unless they are at an embedded college with a formal, direct link to a university.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-14/7133/>

Overseas Students: Deportation

The following three questions all received the same answer

David Hanson [6430] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many students who have had leave to remain curtailed or extension of leave to remain refused who held a cancelled ETS English language certificate have been detained and subsequently removed from the UK in each year since May 2010.

David Hanson [6431] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many students who hold a cancelled English language test certificate have (a) had leave to remain curtailed or extension of leave to remain refused and (b) been removed from the UK in each year since May 2010.

David Hanson [6442] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of students who have had their leave curtailed or extension of their leave refused where there was a cancelled ETS English language certificate who have left the UK under the normal Removals and Voluntary Departures scheme in each year since May 2010.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Data on the operational response to the abuse of Secure English Language Testing supplied by ETS is published quarterly in the Home Office Transparency data which can be accessed at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/temporary-and-permanent-migration-data-may-2015

The most recent figures are published to the end of Quarter 1 2015 and include the number of individuals who have had leave curtailed or an application refused, those who have been removed from the United Kingdom and those who had at some time been detained. In addition to these figures a significant number of individuals will have chosen to leave the UK of their own volition without Home Office assistance.

The Home Office has not been notified of cancelled English language test certificates issued by other providers since 2010 on anything approaching the scale of ETS. Moreover it is in theory possible that an individual student may have had leave to remain curtailed or extension of leave to remain refused for reasons unrelated to their English language proficiency but might subsequently also have had a test certificate issued by a provider other than ETS cancelled. For these reasons, aside from ETS, the Home Office does not hold aggregated figures for students who have had leave curtailed or been refused leave to remain since May 2010 and who have had at any time an English language test certificate issued by a provider other than ETS withdrawn

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-09/6430/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-09/6431/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-09/6442/>

Immigrants: Children

The following two questions both received the same answer

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws [HL1245] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied migrant children appeared in courts and tribunals as either parties or witnesses in 2014.

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws [HL1247] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied migrant children appeared in appeal proceedings in 2014 against orders made.

Reply from Lord Faulks: There were 303 unaccompanied migrant children recorded as appellants in asylum cases in the Immigration and Asylum First Tier Tribunal in 2014. The database does not record whether the appellant actually attended a tribunal hearing, which may be held on case files but could only be obtained at disproportionate cost. HMCTS do not record whether witnesses are unaccompanied migrant children. Other courts and tribunals do not record whether a party or a witness in a case is an unaccompanied child migrant.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-08/HL1245/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-08/HL1247/>

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Frank Field [7562] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of wider use of identity documentation to assist in the detection of illegal immigrants living in the UK.

Reply from James Brokenshire: By August 2015, all non-EEA nationals coming and staying in the UK for more than six months will need to apply for a secure biometric residence permit (BRP).

We have issued over 2 million cards since starting the roll out of BRPs in 2008. We will also issue biometric residence cards to non-EEA nationals who have applied for evidence of an entitlement to reside in the UK, under EU law, from 6 April 2015.

We are working across Government to examine how biometric documents could be used to simplify and strengthen the checks performed by employers and service providers to establish a migrant's right to work and their eligibility to services.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-16/7562/>

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Lord Taylor of Warwick [HL1081] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the proportion of illegal migrants living in the United Kingdom who entered the United Kingdom on a visa.

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Reply from Lord Bates: There are no government estimates on the number of illegal migrants currently living in the UK who entered the country on a visa. Any such estimation would be extremely difficult and there would be considerable uncertainty around it. Instead of producing such uncertain estimates, Her Majesty's Government is focusing on making it harder for people to live in the UK illegally and has introduced exit checks, which over time, will improve the ability to identify individuals who have overstayed.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-06/HL1081/>

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Lord Taylor of Warwick [HL1078] To ask Her Majesty's Government how they plan to tighten control of illegal immigration, in particular in the light of recent events at Calais.

Reply from Lord Bates: The Government is committed to maintaining a safe, secure and effective border. This includes a rigorous system of checks upon arrival. The Home Secretary and French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve set out a number of commitments in a joint declaration, on 20 September 2014, to tackle problems at the port of Calais. This included £12 million from the UK Government to help reinforce security.

We continue to work with the French Government to implement the practical solutions that have been agreed. On 2 July, the Home Secretary and the French Interior Minister reaffirmed the determination of both countries to strengthen and complete their joint strategy to deal with this common challenge, including by increasing the intervention fund to secure access to the Channel Tunnel. We are also addressing the factors that pull illegal immigration to the UK, through the Immigration Act 2014. The Act puts the law firmly on the side of those who respect it, not those who break it. It does this by stopping migrants using public services to which they are not entitled, reducing the pull factors which encourage people to come to the UK for the wrong reasons, and making it easier to remove people who should not be here.

The UK is also playing a leading role in pushing for comprehensive, long-term action through the EU and the UN to tackle the causes of illegal immigration and the organised trafficking gangs behind it, as well as increasing support and protection for those who need it in North and East Africa. Above all, we need to break the link between getting on a boat and achieving residence in Europe.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-06/HL1078/>

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Lord Mawson [HL914] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many lorry drivers have been fined by United Kingdom authorities during the last 12 months for unintentionally having migrants in their vehicles; and how many migrants have been fined for illegally hiding in lorries coming into the United Kingdom.

Reply from Lord Bates: Border Force has imposed 3,319 civil penalties so far, during the 2014/15 financial year. These penalties have been imposed on both hauliers and drivers.

Civil Penalties are not imposed on illegal migrants themselves who are handed to the French authorities for processing following detection by Border Force and its contractors. The Civil Penalty Scheme only allows for penalties to be levied on hauliers and drivers. Earlier this year Immigration Minister James Brokenshire held an inaugural summit to promote lorry security and tackle the impact of illegal immigration on the haulage security. The Minister has since hosted a series of

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roundtable events with haulier groups.

It is important that vehicles are secured properly to help mitigate the threat of illegal immigration. The UK provides clear guidance on lorry security under the Civil Penalty Codes of Practice which many responsible drivers and hauliers take steps to follow. This is also an international issue and it is vital we ensure drivers from across the other countries maintain the same standards as ours. In 2013/14 only 7% of fines issued were to British drivers. We need to ensure that the rest of the world's freight transport industry is keeping up with the UK. The UK is held up in Europe as a leading example of best practice and we need to get that message to our European and international counterparts.

On 14 July the Home Secretary announced in Parliament the creation of a new secure zone at the port of Calais for UK bound lorries. This will provide a secure waiting area for 230 vehicles - the equivalent of removing a two-and-a-half mile queue from the approaching road. This should transform protection for lorries and their drivers - removing them from the open road where they can become targets for migrants attempting to board their vehicles.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-06-29/HL914/>

Illegal Immigrants

Lord Marlesford [HL1611] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether illegal immigrants who have travelled to the United Kingdom from another EU member state and who seek asylum in the United Kingdom are refused entry and routinely returned to the EU member state from which they travelled.

Reply from Lord Bates: The Dublin Regulation is an important tool for maintaining the distinction between international protection and economic or other migration, reflecting the accepted principle of international law that those seeking international protection should seek asylum in the first safe country they reach.

If we have evidence that an asylum seeker is the responsibility of another European country we can, and will, seek to return them there under the Dublin Regulation. Similarly, if we have evidence that the person claiming asylum in the UK has already been granted international protection by another European country we will also seek to remove them to the country that granted protection. Over 12,000 migrants have been returned from the UK to another EU country since 2003.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-17/HL1611/>

Illegal Immigrants: Employment

The following four questions all received the same answer

Paul Blomfield [6173] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many employers received a referral notice that this case was being considered on employment of an undocumented worker in each of the last 12 months.

Paul Blomfield [6174] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many employers were sent a civil penalty notice for the employment of an undocumented worker in each of the last 12 months.

Paul Blomfield [6177] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many employers were fined (a) £20,000 and (b) £15,000 for employing an undocumented worker in each of the last 12 months.

Paul Blomfield [6186] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of employers sent a civil penalty notice (a) established a statutory excuse, (b) were fined and (c) received the maximum fine of £20,000 in the last year.

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Reply from James Brokenshire: The table gives information on the number of Referral Notices received by the Civil Penalty Compliance Team from July 2014-June 2015 for all workers. Some Referral Notices will include more than one worker and an employer may receive more than one Referral Notice during a 12 month period. The table also shows the number of penalties that were served on employers for employing an illegal worker from July 2014-June 2015. The same employer may have received more than one penalty during this 12 month period. Referral notices received near the end of a calendar month may not be concluded with a Civil Penalty being issued until the following month.

The table provides the number of workers for whom employers have received a penalty of either £20,000 or £15,000 in each of the last 12 months. In addition to the table, 1450 employers have received a penalty of less than £15,000 per worker for employing an undocumented worker in the last 12 months. In the case of a first time breach, the £15,000 penalty can be reduced where specified mitigating factors are shown.

The table also shows how many employers were served with a No Action Notice (NAN) or Notification of No Liability (NONL) from July 2014 - June 2015. These may be served where an employer has established a statutory excuse against the employment for all the workers encountered.

The proportion of Civil Penalty Notices issued in the 12 month period is 73%, the proportion of NANs or NONL issued in the 12 months period is 27%.

Please note the figures for penalties levied at the initial decision stage which may be reduced, cancelled, increased or reissued at the objection or appeal stage.

Civil Penalty Notices Served

[http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/388649/original/Paul%20Bloomfield-6173%206174%206186%206177%20Response%20\(Supporting%20Table\)\[1\].docx](http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/388649/original/Paul%20Bloomfield-6173%206174%206186%206177%20Response%20(Supporting%20Table)[1].docx)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6173/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6177/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6186/>

Illegal Immigrants: Housing

Douglas Carswell [7323] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many illegal immigrants who have arrived in the UK in the last 12 months are housed at public expense.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The Home Office only provides housing support to asylum seekers whilst their claim is under consideration and to those failed asylum seekers who meet the specific criteria of Sections 4 and 95 of the Immigration Act.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7323/>

Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015

Baroness Lister of Burtersett [HL1713] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, with regard to the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3 Regulations) 2015, they plan to

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publish (1) their detailed assessment of the compatibility of the regulations with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; (2) the Public Sector Equality Duty statement; and (3) the detailed review methodology, as set out in the consultation letters.

Reply from Lord Bates: Asylum seekers, including dependants of asylum seekers, who are destitute are provided with accommodation and a cash allowance to cover their “essential living needs” - the legal test. The level of the allowance is kept under regular review.

The most recent review showed that the asylum support payments provided to larger household groups comfortably exceeded what is necessary to meet their essential living needs.

Along with accommodation, and free access to health care and education, the essential living needs covered by the asylum support rates are compatible with the UN Convention on the Rights of the child, and include nutrition, clothing and access to social, cultural and religious life.

In conducting the review, due regard was given the Public Sector Equality Duty and the assessment was that the reduced payments were still sufficient to meet those needs. The statement also sets out the methodology used in the review. A copy of the statement was recently provided on request to the House of Commons library.

The adequacy of the payment rates will be kept under review through the annual review cycle and in line with the statutory test to ensure that the right level of support is provided to asylum seekers and their families.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-21/HL1713/>

Asylum: Finance

The following two questions both received the same response

Charlotte Leslie [5874] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will establish an independent review of the effectiveness of benefits and allowances available to refugees and asylum seekers in advance of changes being made to those measures.

Sarah Wollaston [6175] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to commission an independent review of support rates paid to asylum applicants under section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 before making changes to that level of support.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Asylum seekers who are destitute are provided with accommodation and a cash allowance to cover their essential living needs. The level of the allowance is kept under regular review. If they are recognised as refugees they are able to claim mainstream benefits in the normal way.

The Government currently has no plans to establish an independent review of these arrangements.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-07/5874/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6175/>

Asylum: Children

Tom Brake [7781] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many children under 16 in asylum-seeking families receive financial support from the Government.

Reply from James Brokenshire: On 31 March 2015, there were 5,477 children

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under the age of 16 in asylum-seeking families (i.e. not listed as Appeal Rights Exhausted) in receipt of Section 95 Asylum Support (Accommodation and Subsistence or Subsistence only).

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-17/7781/>

Asylum: Sexual Orientation

Lord Scriven: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to implement the recommendations in the report by the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration of March–June 2014 regarding the handling of asylum claims made on the grounds of sexual orientation, and if so, when.

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Bates): My Lords, the Home Office has been actively working to implement the recommendations. An updated asylum instruction considering sexual identity issues in the asylum claim has been issued. Approved training for staff is under development. These will ensure the sensitive and effective exploration of asylum claims based on sexuality. The Home Office is conducting “second pair of eyes” checks on all such claims to ensure the consistent recording of cases and more accurate data.

Lord Scriven: ... He may be aware that an action plan has been agreed with third sector organisations that has become more “plan” than “action”. Can he say when the action plan will be implemented and, if not, will he write to me giving a date? Also, could the person overseeing the action plan be someone equivalent to the director of asylum, rather than a junior policy officer, as is presently the case?

Reply from Lord Bates: I am aware of the action plan; it has been drawn up in consultation with the national asylum stakeholders group, which includes groups that work specifically with lesbian, gay and bisexual organisations. He will be aware of the report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: we have accepted all its recommendations and they are in the process of being implemented. I do not have a final date for when that will be concluded, but I shall certainly speak with officials about that and write to him.

Lord Lexden: What action is being taken to combat the harassment and bullying of LGBT people in certain immigration centres, as documented by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees and other bodies?

Reply from Lord Bates: A review is going on into the very serious accusations that were made. It has been part of the Stephen Shaw review, which will report shortly. We take those accusations very seriously, and new guidelines are being prepared to ensure that such things do not happen again.

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldhansrd/text/150720-0001.htm#1507203000906>

Asylum

Chris Stephens [6906] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applications her Department has rejected since 8 May 2015.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Quarterly figures on asylum applications rejected in the period April to June 2015 will be published in the Immigration Statistics release, table as_01_q “Asylum applications and initial decisions for main applicants, by country of nationality” on 27 August.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on asylum applications and initial decisions within the Immigration Statistics release. A copy of the latest release, Immigration Statistics January – March 2015 is available from:

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

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-14/6906/>

Immigrants: Detainees

The following two questions both received the same answer

Vicky Foxcroft [6245] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will accept the recommendation in the Report of the Inquiry into the Use of Immigration Detention in the United Kingdom by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees and on Immigration, published 3 March 2015, that the period for which immigrants can be detained should be lowered to 28 days.

Vicky Foxcroft [6246] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Report of the Inquiry into the Use of Immigration Detention in the United Kingdom by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees and on Immigration, published 3 March 2015, what alternatives to detention are under consideration by her Department.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Detention is an important part of a firm and fair immigration system. Those who do not have a right to be in the UK should leave voluntarily, where they do not, we will seek to enforce their removal. It is not possible to detain indefinitely under immigration powers. Published statistics show the majority of people detained under immigration powers (63%) leave detention within 28 days, with the vast majority (93%) leaving detention within 4 months in 2014.

For detention to be lawful there must be a realistic prospect of removal in a reasonable timeframe. What amounts to a reasonable prospect of removal in a reasonable timeframe is a highly case specific consideration. An arbitrary fixed time limit may lead to the release of foreign national offenders even when deportation is imminent. Home Office published policy states that immigration detention must only be used as a last resort and that, wherever possible, alternatives to detention must be used. In practice, the majority of individuals liable to be detained at any one time are not detained but are managed in the community through the alternatives of temporary admission or bail, including the use of appropriate reporting and residence conditions or electronic monitoring.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6245/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6246/>

The report published by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees and on Immigration, that is referred to above, can be read at

<https://detentioninquiry.files.wordpress.com/2015/03/immigration-detention-inquiry-report.pdf>

Immigrants: Detainees

Lord Hylton [HL1182] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether immigration detention is an area where they could make savings.

Reply from Lord Bates: Home Office expenditure is kept under constant review. Savings are already being made from the detention estate, by using competition to achieve best value for money and quality of custodial services.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-07/HL1182/>

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Immigrants: Detainees

Lord Hylton [HL1183] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to limit the time that an individual may be held in immigration detention; and whether they plan to take steps to ensure that people who have suffered rape, sexual assault or torture are never detained.

Reply from Lord Bates: It is not possible to detain indefinitely under Immigration powers. For detention to be lawful there must be a realistic prospect of removal in a reasonable timeframe. To highlight this, published statistics show the majority of people detained under immigration powers (63%) leave detention within 28 days, with the vast majority (93%) leaving detention within 4 months in 2014.

There are no plans to introduce a fixed time limit on immigration detention as what is a reasonable prospect of removal will be highly case specific. A fixed time limit may lead to the release of foreign national offenders even when deportation action is continuing. This House divided on the introduction of a fixed time limit during the passage of the Immigration Act 2014 and rejected such a limit by a majority of over 300.

Published policy on the use of immigration detention already states where there is independent evidence the individual is a victim of torture, that they should only be detained in very exceptional circumstances. This would include people who had suffered rape or sexual assault as an instrument of torture. Individuals who have been identified by the competent authorities as victims of trafficking, who may have suffered rape or sexual assault as an aspect of or as a result of being trafficked, are also only detained in very exceptional circumstances.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-07/HL1183/>

Asylum: Deportation

Chris Stephens [6907] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much her Department spent on deporting failed asylum applicants in each of the last five years.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The Home Office does not store data on the amount spent annually on returning failed asylum applications so this information cannot be provided except at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-14/6907/>

Asylum: Deportation

Philip Hollobone [4942] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers were removed from the UK under the Dublin Convention in (a) 2005, (b) 2010 and (c) 2014.

Reply from James Brokenshire: In 2010 1,545 people were removed from the UK with reference to the Dublin Regulation, which replaced the Dublin Convention in 2003. This figure includes people who claimed asylum in the UK and those who did not, but had asylum claims in other States, as the Dublin Regulation applies in both cases. In 2014 740 were removed. Comparable figures are not available for 2005. The figures are based on management information and are only valid for the date of the report (11 June 2015). This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols.

Removals from the UK under the Dublin Regulations have fallen since 2010 primarily because all Member States are unable to make transfers to Greece following the ruling on 21 January 2011 from the European Court of Human Rights in the case of *MSS vs Belgium and Greece*. The Court found that Greece

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had violated Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) that prohibits inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment both because of the poor living conditions for applicants and the failure by the Greek authorities to properly consider his asylum claim. This ruling prevents further transfers to Greece until the situation improves.

Since the Court ruling the UK has helped Greece significantly to improve its asylum system, both bilaterally and as part of interventions under the European Asylum Support Office (EASO). The UK has contributed more working days in asylum expert deployments under EASO support plans to countries such as Greece than any other Member State.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-06-30/4942/>

Deportation: Arrests

Philip Davies [6586] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in what circumstances a person liable to be arrested for deportation is notified in advance that they will be arrested.

Reply from James Brokenshire: Any offender liable to deportation who has been bailed or released on restrictions from immigration detention and who fails to comply with the conditions of their release may be liable to arrest under paragraphs 24(1)(a) or 33(1)(a) of Schedule 2 of the Immigration Act 1971.

Individuals are advised of the potential for arrest and detention to enforce removal from the UK if they do not voluntarily depart when they have no lawful basis for stay or at any point if they are not compliant with conditions of stay.

No advance notification will be given in respect of when an arrest is planned.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-13/6586/>

Human Trafficking

Paul Blomfield [6206] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps have been taken to tackle the re-trafficking of victims of trafficking in the UK.

Reply from Karen Bradley: The Government is committed to preventing further exploitation of vulnerable individuals who have already been victims of trafficking. Through The Salvation Army adult victim care contract in England and Wales, all potential victims who are referred into the National Referral Mechanism are provided with specialised support for a minimum period of 45 days, in excess of our international obligations. This includes work with victims to plan how they can move on safely to integrate into UK society or to return to their home country, and building resilience to avoid re-trafficking for child victims. We are currently trialling specialist child trafficking advocates who will provide dedicated support and guidance, including promoting the child's safety and wellbeing, particularly in light of the risk of children going missing and being re-trafficked.

Implementing the Modern Slavery Strategy and the Modern Slavery Act 2015 will enhance the law enforcement response to trafficking, and help protect individuals from re-trafficking by stopping those who are responsible from exploiting further victims.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6206/>

Human Trafficking

Paul Blomfield [6207] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to improve the support provided to victims of trafficking in the UK following a

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positive conclusive grounds decision from the National Referral Mechanism.

Reply from Karen Bradley: Potential victims of trafficking in England and Wales are supported through a Government-funded contract, delivered by The Salvation Army.

This provides vulnerable victims of human trafficking with a tailored and specialised package of care and support. Once a victim receives a positive conclusive grounds decision, the Salvation Army will work with the victim for further 14 days, including developing a tailored plan on how they can move on safely to integrate into UK society or to return to their home country.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6207/>

Forced Labour and Human Trafficking

Paul Blomfield [6342] To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 17 November 2014 to Question 214121, what steps the Health and Safety Executive takes when it discovers evidence of human trafficking and forced labour in the course of its work.

Reply from Justin Tomlinson: The Health and Safety Executive does not regulate human trafficking and forced labour. If, during their visits to workplaces, HSE's inspectors suspect that human trafficking or forced labour may be taking place, then they will forward the details to the appropriate enforcement agencies in accordance with the Joint Workplace Protocol for sharing information between HSE and other Government departments and agencies.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-09/6342/>

Human Trafficking: Convictions

Peter Bone [7212] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders (a) cautioned and (b) proceeded against in Magistrates' Courts have been found guilty and sentenced for human trafficking in (i) 2012, (ii) 2013 and (iii) 2014; and if he will make a statement.

Reply from Andrew Selous: The Modern Slavery Act 2015 consolidated and simplified existing modern slavery offences into one Act and increased the maximum sentence available for the most serious offenders from 14 years to life imprisonment. The 2015 Act also introduced Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Orders and Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders to restrict the activity of individuals where they pose a risk of causing harm. In addition, the Act makes sure that that perpetrators convicted of slavery or trafficking face the toughest asset confiscation regime. The Act also establishes the UK's first ever Independent Anti-slavery Commissioner to drive forward the law enforcement response and hold them to account at all levels, ensuring that the perpetrators are caught and prosecuted and that the victims are swiftly identified so they can get help.

The number of offenders cautioned and defendants proceeded against at magistrates courts and found guilty and sentenced at all courts in England and Wales for (i) human trafficking for sexual exploitation and (ii) human trafficking for non-sexual exploitation, from 2012 to 2014, can be viewed in the Outcomes by Offence table in the most recent annual publication at the below link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/criminal-justice-system-statistics-quarterly-december-2014>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7212/>

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Human Trafficking

Peter Bone [7213] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) adults and (b) children her Department has identified as being at risk of human trafficking in (i) England and Wales, (ii) Scotland and (iii) Northern Ireland in each of the last three years.

Reply from Karen Bradley: The Home Office does not collect data on individual adults or children identified as being at risk of human trafficking. The National Referral Mechanism provides data on the number of individuals who have been referred as potential victims of trafficking, and these numbers are available on the National Crime Agency website. The National Crime Agency also regularly publishes information about the threat from serious and organised crime, including human trafficking and modern slavery.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7213/>

Human Trafficking

Peter Bone [7214] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to continue to finance the NSPCC Child Trafficking helpline when the contract for that helpline ends; and what the cost of the previous contract was.

Reply from Karen Bradley: The Home Office does not fund the NSPCC Child Trafficking Advice Centre helpline. The Child Trafficking Advice Line has been consistently funded by Comic Relief.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7214/>

Human Trafficking

Peter Bone [7215] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many victims of human trafficking were identified during the first year of the operation of the NSPCC Child Trafficking helpline; which countries those people came from; what the (a) gender and (b) age was of those people; what support has been offered to those people; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Karen Bradley: The Home Office does not fund the NSPCC Child Trafficking and Advice helpline and does not hold data on the number of victims identified through that helpline.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7215/>

Human Trafficking: Children

Steve McCabe [6234] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has had discussions with the (a) Premier League, (b) Football Association and (c) England and Wales Cricket Board on child trafficking into the UK through the use of visas obtained for sportspeople.

Reply from James Brokenshire: We have regular discussions with sporting bodies to ensure that immigration routes are being used as intended and not being used for abuse by either sponsors or migrants. Where we have evidence that immigration routes are being used to facilitate trafficking we take a robust response.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6234/>

Human Trafficking: Children

Steve McCabe [6235] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her

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Department will conduct an assessment of whether visas intended for sportspeople have been used to traffick children from non-EU countries into the UK.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The Home Office monitors all routes of immigration into the UK to ensure these routes are being used as intended and to identify signs of abuse. Where we have evidence that immigration routes are being used to facilitate trafficking we take a robust response.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6235/>

Human Trafficking: Confiscation Orders

Mark Field [7204] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many confiscation orders of what value were made by HM Courts against those convicted of human trafficking offences in England and Wales in each of the last three years; and how much of that money has been awarded to the victims of trafficking.

Reply from Shailesh Vara: The table below shows the total number of confiscation orders and their values made against defendants where the principal offence is categorised as People Trafficking.

The figures provided are for the financial years (April to March) and are based on the original order amount imposed, and therefore some of these orders may have been subject to subsequent appeals and/or variations.

People Trafficking	No. of orders made	Original order amount	Awarded as compensation
2012 – 2013	14	£457,722.18	£68,669.51
2013 – 2014	22	£593,415.43	£2,542.44
2014 – 2015	18	£1,113,038.77	£351,838.07

Confiscation orders are one of the key mechanisms available to the Government to deprive criminals of the proceeds of their crimes. The value of the order imposed, which is often very high, is based on the criminal benefit attributed to the crime and may, therefore, exceed the value of realisable assets that are known to the Court at the time of imposition. Crucially, an outstanding order stops the criminal benefitting from the proceeds of crime and ensures that, if the assets are discovered in the future, they can be seized.

HM Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) and other enforcement agencies take the issue of recovering criminal assets very seriously and are working to ensure that clamping down on defaulters is a continued priority nationwide.

The amount defendants repaid from their criminal activity across all agencies has increased for the last six consecutive years and we are currently on course to have another highly effective year. £154.1million was collected in 2014/15 (which represented a 12% increase on the total recovered during 2013/14); as at the end of June 2015, £53 million had been recovered, which is an increase of 47% on the same period last year. After payment of compensation and external receiver's fees, the balance is distributed across key Departments to support ongoing investigation, prosecution and enforcement activity.

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 amends the scope of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to include slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour. The Act also introduces Slavery and Trafficking Reparation Orders which can be used to award compensation to victims.

HMCTS is seeking a commercial partner to help increase collections, reduce enforcement costs and importantly, ensure more criminals pay. The improvement that the Agencies continue to make, combined with our future plans, will make sure that more criminals pay and that taxpayers get better value for money.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7204/>

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UK Parliament Early Day Motions

Barry Sheerman (298) Immigration status of domestic violence survivors – That this House is concerned that domestic violence legislation provides insufficient protection to survivors of domestic violence who have an insecure immigration status and have little recourse to public funds; notes that many of these survivors remain financially dependent on a violent spouse or family member, which prevents them from leaving due to fear of destitution, mendicancy and even deportation, and that this makes the survivors and their children vulnerable to further exploitation and abuse; emphasises that, in many other countries, survivors in this situation are given greater public support and granted greater access to public funds; and calls on the Government to ensure that such survivors have the financial capability to support themselves and their children independently.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2015-16/298>

John McDonnell (344) Allowances for asylum seeking children – That this House condemns the 30 per cent cut in the daily allowance of asylum seeking children from £7.50 to £5.20; notes that this cut goes against the High Court judgment of 9 April 2014 that the Government assessment omitted the cost of essential items such as nappies; deplors this disregard for children's welfare; is concerned that 35 per cent of homeless women seeking asylum have been raped or sexually assaulted in the UK and that having to depend on others to feed children increases the risk of exploitation, prostitution and begging; further notes that the financial support offered to asylum seekers amounts to only 51 per cent of the lowest poverty line benefits offered to UK residents; commends the work of Rev. Paul Nicolson to establish minimum income standards which do not leave people hungry; considers that any measure pushing children and their carers into absolute poverty should not be taken without a debate and vote in Parliament; and calls on the Government to withdraw this cut in support for children.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2015-16/344>

Press Releases

Tier 4 visas: Immigration Rules changes

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tier-4-visas-immigration-rules-changes>

May planning new curbs on families of foreign students

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4495682.ece>

Home Secretary statement on illegal immigration in Calais

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/home-secretary-statement-on-illegal-immigration-in-calais>

MEPs want a binding and permanent scheme to distribute asylum seekers in the EU

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20150714IPR81615/html/MEPs-want-a-binding-and-permanent-scheme-to-distribute-asylum-seekers-in-the-EU>

3 years imprisonment after man found guilty of trafficking workers from Bangladesh

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/media-site/latest-news-from-copfs/1112-3-years-imprisonment-after-man-found-guilty-of-trafficking-workers-from-bangladesh>

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New Publications

Cut Off From Justice The impact of excluding separated migrant children from legal aid
http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/LegalAid_Summary.pdf

Go Home: Mapping the unfolding controversy of Home Office immigration campaigns
<https://mappingimmigrationcontroversy.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/end-of-project-findings-leaflet-final.pdf>

Economic characteristics of migrants in the UK in 2014
<http://www.migrationwatchuk.org/pdfs/Economics-MW367.pdf>

Recent trends in EU nationals born inside and outside the EU
<http://www.migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/commentary/recent-trends-eu-nationals-born-inside-and-outside-eu>

Models of accommodation and support for migrants with no recourse to public funds
http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/news/Models_of_Accommodation_and_Support_for_Destitute_Migrants_with_NRPF.PDF

European Union Committee Report: The United Kingdom opt-in to the proposed Council Decision on the relocation of migrants within the EU
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldselect/ldcom/22/2202.htm>

Home Office response to 2015 consultation with users of Immigration Statistics
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445291/response-immigration-consultation-2015.pdf

Children entering detention under Immigration Act powers (May 2015)
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/437470/children-detention-may2015.ods

Monthly asylum application tables (April 2015)
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/438214/asylum-apr2015.ods

This is my home

Seven short films commissioned by Show Racism the Red Card, exploring the issues of immigration and racism from the point of view of Scotland's migrant community.

<http://www.theredcard.org/thisismyhome>

News

Migrants will prove net worth to Scots
<http://www.scotsman.com/news/peter-jones-migrants-will-prove-net-worth-to-scots-1-3829723>

Home Secretary proposes tougher rules for student visas
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-33561040>

Work restrictions on foreign students extended in 'visa fraud crackdown'
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/13/work-restrictions-foreign-students-visa-fraud-crackdown>

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I don't feel welcome in this country as a foreign PhD student

<http://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/2015/jul/24/i-dont-feel-welcome-in-this-country-as-a-foreign-phd-student>

Foreign students will be banned from working in the UK and forced to leave as soon as they finish course under Theresa May's tough new visa rules

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/foreign-students-will-be-banned-from-working-in-the-uk-and-forced-to-leave-as-soon-as-they-finish-course-under-theresa-mays-tough-new-visa-rules-10385232.html>

Theresa May's hard line on international students will rob us of income and talent

<http://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/2015/jul/22/teresa-mays-hard-line-on-international-students-will-rob-us-of-income-and-talent>

Life inside Colnbrook detention centre: 'There are no windows, no wind. The men all suffer mental health problems'

<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2015/jul/20/colnbrook-detention-centre-photographs-asylum-seekers>

Yarl's Wood must give inmates access to guide on avoiding deportation

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/15/yarls-wood-must-give-inmates-access-to-guide-avoiding-deportation>

How learning to cycle is helping London's asylum seekers

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/bike-blog/2015/jul/13/learning-cycle-helping-london-asylum-seekers>

Theresa May unlawfully detained potential trafficking victims, court rules

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/jul/20/theresa-may-unlawfully-detained-potential-trafficking-victims-court-rules>

Asylum seekers' state support to be cut by government

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33547767>

Asylum seekers with children to have support payments cut

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/16/asylum-seekers-with-children-to-see-support-payments-cut>

Children in immigration tribunals 'may have to represent themselves'

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/17/children-in-immigration-tribunals-may-have-to-represent-themselves>

Asian men targeted by sham marriage visa fraud

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/ireland/News/article1583077.ece>

East Europeans claim more benefits than native Britons

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4503755.ece>

Immigrants more likely to claim benefits, says report

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11751188/Immigrants-more-likely-to-claim-benefits-be-jobless-or-on-low-wage-report.html>

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Eastern Europeans in the UK 'earn less and claim more' than those born in Britain - but migrants from Western Europe, Australia and North America do better

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3168884/Eastern-Europeans-UK-earn-claim-born-Britain.html>

Immigration appeals heard together

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/law/reports/article4498966.ece>

Surge in migrants entering country by the back door

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4499548.ece>

New immigration figures prompt 'back door to Britain' fears

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11742020/New-immigration-figures-prompt-back-door-to-Britain-fears.html>

Foreign criminals face new crackdown

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11748959/Foreign-criminals-face-new-crackdown-as-new-visa-rules-demand-police-checks.html>

Prove you haven't broken law in 10 years to live in UK: Tougher checks for migrants... but only if they're from outside EU

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3168872/Tougher-checks-migrants-outside-EU.html>

Hundreds of Afghans who grew up in UK face deportation to country they 'barely remember'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/hundreds-of-afghans-who-grew-up-in-uk-face-deportation-to-country-they-barely-remember-10394788.html>

Desperate migrants try to swim to Britain from France

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33584706>

SNP slams Tories over foreign student work ban

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/politics/snp-slams-tories-over-foreign-student-work-ban-1-3835274>

Wide variations in migrant work statistics, report finds

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33603993>

Theresa May underlines government's net migration pledge

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political_news/13489226.Theresa_May_underlines_government_s_net_migration_pledge/

Net migration target renewed by Theresa May

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11754440/Net-migration-target-renewed-by-Theresa-May.html>

East Europeans claim more benefits than native Britons

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4503755.ece>

EU falls short of migrant redistribution target

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-33602021>

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Foreigners must disclose criminal records to come to UK - but European Union is exempt

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11751773/Foreigners-must-disclose-criminal-records-to-come-to-UK-but-European-Union-is-exempt.html>

Argyll hotelier jailed for trafficking workers into 'modern day slavery'

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13498181.Argyll_hotelier_jailed_for_trafficking_workers_into_modern_day_slavery/

Slaves in Scotland: Human trafficking victims reveal hell in Highlands

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/slaves-scotland-human-trafficking-victims-6141035>

More than 300 different languages spoken in British schools, report says

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/11761250/More-than-300-different-languages-spoken-in-British-schools-report-says.html>

UK Government makes cruel and heartless cuts to support for asylum seekers

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2750_uk_government_makes_cruel_and_heartless_cuts_to_support_for_asylum_seekers

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Community Relations

UK Parliament Question

Community Relations

Liam Byrne [6223] To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment he has made of progress in implementing his Department's strategy set out in its paper entitled, Creating the conditions for integration, published in 2012.

Reply from Marcus Jones: As detailed in "Creating the Conditions for Integration", integration is achieved when neighbourhoods, families and individuals come together on issues that matter to them. We focus on supporting shared activities to bring people together to enable strong communities where people feel they belong. Since 2011, we have provided over £50 million to support integration projects. Decisions on the provision of funding for integration projects and activities are supported by an assessment of how the likely outcomes will contribute to the key contributors of integration, as set out in our paper. Each organisation receiving funding has a grant agreement against which it is monitored to ensure that agreed outcomes and milestones are met.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6223/>

"Creating the Conditions for Integration" can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7504/2092103.pdf

Community Relations (continued) News

Muslims take pride in contribution to Scots life

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/muslims-take-pride-in-contribution-to-scots-life-1-3841090>

UK muslims feel identity under threat since 9/11

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/uk-muslims-feel-identity-under-threat-since-9-11-1-3841102>

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Equality

UK Parliament Questions

Improving Outcomes for Young Black and Muslim Men in the Criminal Justice System Review

Lord Judd [HL1268] To ask Her Majesty's Government what arrangements they are making to evaluate and respond to the findings and recommendations in the report of the Young Review *Improving outcomes for young black and/or Muslim men in the Criminal Justice System*; when they plan to publish any responses; and in the light of that review, what immediate action they are taking.

Reply from Lord Faulks: The Young Review was commissioned independently of government but has been used to inform equality-related priorities in the Department. At its publication in December 2014, the report was welcomed by the Department and its principle recommendation – the establishment of an Advisory Group of experts to work with NOMS and the Ministry of Justice – was accepted. The Ministry of Justice and NOMS participate actively in the Young Review Advisory Group which is taking forward the further recommended developments.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-09/HL1268/>

Recruitment: Ethnic Minorities

Andrew Stephenson: What plans he has to increase the proportion of recruits to the armed forces who come from ethnic minority groups. [900913]

Reply from the Minister for the Armed Forces (Penny Mordaunt): The Prime Minister has made a clear commitment to have at least 10% of armed forces recruits from black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds by 2020. Increasing the diversity of our workforce is an operational imperative, which is why we have set up a diversity programme. Each service has developed a range of initiatives to achieve this aim. An increasing defence budget and the regeneration of our capabilities will be an attractive proposition to any potential recruit, no matter what background they come from.

Andrew Stephenson: Pendle residents have a strong tradition of service in our armed forces. I was pleased that the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment exercised their freedom of the borough of Pendle in May with a parade through the town of Colne. Is my hon. Friend aware of any outreach work being done by our armed forces to ensure that we are recruiting from all of Pendle's diverse communities, including our sizeable Pakistani heritage community?

Reply from Penny Mordaunt: I am pleased to tell my hon. Friend that a great deal is being done in the Pendle area in this regard. That same regiment also conducted an adventurous training event over a weekend in May with community leaders from Pendle and surrounding areas, including the chairman of Lancashire

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council of mosques. The Army will be holding a personal development engagement event at Burnley College and at the mosque in Nelson. As my hon. Friend is aware, the Army promotes regular and reserve opportunities at its annual jobs fair in Pendle, an event my hon. Friend has been instrumental in organising.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm150713/debtext/150713-0001.htm#1507134000019>

Employment: Ethnic Groups

Imran Hussain [6785] To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of progress on increasing equality of access to employment opportunities for people from Black and minority ethnic communities.

Reply from Priti Patel: The number of people from Black and Minority Ethnic communities in employment increased by approximately 20% during the last Parliament. The Prime Minister has made a commitment to repeat that achievement in the next Parliament – a further increase of 20% in BME employment – as part of his “2020 vision” for BME communities.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-13/6785/>

Dementia: Chinese

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath [HL1332] To ask Her Majesty’s Government whether a strategy has been developed for dealing with dementia in the United Kingdom’s Chinese community.

Reply from Lord Prior of Brampton: On 21 February 2015, the Prime Minister launched his new Challenge on Dementia 2020, which builds on the achievements of the Prime Minister’s challenge on dementia 2012-2015. It sets out the vision for dementia care, support, awareness and research to be transformed by 2020.

Through the 2020 Challenge, we wish to see an increase in the proportion of people of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic origin with dementia who receive a diagnosis of dementia, enabled through greater use by health professionals of diagnostic tools that are linguistically or culturally appropriate and post-diagnosis support to meet the specific needs of local communities.

We will work with key stakeholders on developing the implementation plan for the 2020 Challenge to ensure that real and sustainable improvements are delivered for people with dementia, their carers and families.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-13/HL1332/>

Press Release

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service recognised as a champion of equality and inclusion

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/media-site/latest-news-from-copfs/1106-copfs-recognised-as-a-champion-of-equality-and-inclusion>

Equality (continued) New Publication

Webcast: Equality and justiciability in the context of international human rights law
<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/devolved-authorities/commission-scotland/video-resources-commission-scotland/equality-online>

News

Church of England failing to promote minority ethnic clergy, says bishop
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/13/church-of-england-failing-to-promote-minority-ethnic-clergy-says-bishop>

National study to explore the unmet needs of ethnic minority communities in Scotland
<http://tinyurl.com/p9x5a97>

Future of community language qualifications secured
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/future-of-community-language-qualifications-secured>

The world's first non-white modelling agency – a true celebration of diversity
<http://www.theguardian.com/fashion/2015/jul/23/the-worlds-first-non-white-modelling-agency-a-true-celebration-of-diversity>

Sadiq Khan: I will back introduction of a quota system for black officers in Met Police
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/sadiq-khan-i-will-back-introduction-of-a-quota-system-for-black-officers-in-met-police-10414872.html>

Sadiq Khan: We need quota system for black Met officers
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4508386.ece>

The experiences of Black and minority ethnic academics
<http://www.racecard.org.uk/education/the-experiences-of-black-and-minority-ethnic-academics/>

BEMIS, in partnership with a number of European partners, has become part of the Validation System in Lifelong Learning Experiences of Youth Volunteering (VALLEY) project that aims to provide a new approach to promoting volunteering among young people. This approach presents volunteering as a resource of personal empowerment and as a way to validate skills and competences developed during their volunteering experience. BEMIS is inviting you to contribute to an ongoing survey. For information see <http://bemis.org.uk/project/valley-project/>

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UK Parliament Questions

Castes

Kate Green [7194] To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, when she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to amend section 9 of the Equality Act 2010 to incorporate caste as a protected characteristic.

Reply from Caroline Dineage: This Government completely opposes caste

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discrimination. Since coming into office, we have been considering the caste duty, particularly in the light of the *Tirkey v Chandok* employment appeal tribunal judgment. That suggests an existing legal remedy for claims of caste-associated discrimination under the ethnic origins element of section 9 of the Equality Act 2010. We note this potential protection and will continue to look at this issue carefully.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7194/>

Caste Discrimination

Lord Harries of Pentregarth: To ask Her Majesty's Government when they intend to implement the amendments to Section 9 of the Equality Act 2010 that requires the introduction of secondary legislation to incorporate caste as a protected characteristic.

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government (Baroness Williams of Trafford): My Lords, this Government completely oppose caste discrimination. Since coming into office, we have been considering the caste duty, particularly in the light of the *Tirkey v Chandok* employment appeal judgment. That suggests an existing legal remedy for claims of caste-associated discrimination under the ethnic origins element of Section 9 of the Equality Act 2010. We note this potential protection.

Lord Harries of Pentregarth: I thank the Minister for her reply and I am glad that she mentioned that case because the Employment Appeal Tribunal, as she rightly said, stated that caste-based discrimination may already be unlawful under existing legislation, but not necessarily so. Is it not therefore essential for the sake of legal clarity that the clear will of Parliament be enacted—namely, that caste-based discrimination be included in the Equality Act?

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: My Lords, the Employment Appeal Tribunal judge referred to caste in its many forms potentially coming within Section 9 of the Equality Act. This judgment is binding upon employment tribunals.

Lord Cashman: My Lords, in 2012, the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in all its forms recommended to the United Kingdom, "that the Minister responsible in the State party invoke section 9(5)(a) ... in order to provide remedies to victims of this form of discrimination. The Committee further requests the State party to inform the Committee of developments on this matter in its next periodic report".

I have two simple questions. When is the next periodic review and will the Minister comply with these recommendations?

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: I can confirm that this Government, elected only a few weeks ago, are actively considering the matter.

To continue reading this lengthy question and answer session see
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldhansrd/text/150715-0001.htm#15071539000510>

Castes: Discrimination

Lord Lester of Herne Hill [HL1530] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 15 July (HL Deb, col 572), whether they plan to publish the result of their consideration of the caste duty, and the meaning and effect of the judgment in *Chandhok and Anor v Tirkey (Race Discrimination)* [2014] UKEAT 0190_14_1912.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: In my answers to Noble Lords' questions on 15 July, I sought to make clear that we understand the Employment

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Appeal Tribunal judgment in Chandhok and Anor v Tirkey as providing an existing legal remedy for claims of caste-based discrimination. We will keep the House informed of further developments in our consideration of the effect of this judgment on the caste duty.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-16/HL1530/>

The question and answer session from July 15 that is referred to in this question can be read immediately above.

Press Releases

Time to debunk myths and prejudices about Roma migrants in Europe

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/time-to-debunk-myths-and-prejudices-about-roma-migrants-in-europe>

ODIHR Director Link joins call for establishing 22 July as European Day for the Victims of Hate Crime and victim-centred approach to countering hate crimes

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/173996>

Race Directive covers associative indirect discrimination

The European Court of Justice has held that an individual may claim indirect discrimination under the EU Race Equality Directive (No.2000/43) on the basis of association with a group that is disadvantaged by a provision, criterion or practice, even if he or she is not of the same ethnic or racial group.

To read the full report see

<http://tinyurl.com/nwezs2c>

To read the full judgement see

<http://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?text=&docid=165912&pageIndex=0&doclang=EN&mode=req&dir=&occ=first&part=1&cid=191507>

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White people may deny it, but racism is back in Britain

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/white-people-may-deny-it-but-racism-is-back-in-britain-10384129.html?origin=internalSearch>

'Racist Met police Facebook traveller posts' investigated

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-33586626>

Met Police officers accused of 'using secret racist Facebook group'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/11749245/Met-Police-officers-accused-of-using-secret-racist-Facebook-group.html>

Met Police to face racism probe after secret online Facebook page filled with abusive comments discovered

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/met-police-to-face-racism-probe-after-secret-online-facebook-page-filled-with-abusive-comments-discovered-10399244.html>

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Investigation launched into police officers after claims they posted racist comments about gypsies and travellers on secret Facebook forum

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3166983/Investigation-launched-police-officers-claims-posted-racist-comments-gypsies-travellers-secret-Facebook-forum.html>

Malky Mackay and Iain Moody escape punishment over racist, sexist, homophobic and anti-Semitic text messages

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/sportsnews/article-3163685/Malky-Mackay-Iain-Moody-face-no-FA-disciplinary-action-racist-sexist-homophobic-anti-Semitic-messages.html>

Racism row over 'blacking-up' for Scots gay awards

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/racism-row-over-blacking-up-for-scots-gay-awards-1-3834644>

Edinburgh University Students' Association criticises Scottish LGBTI event, The Icon Awards, for 'being racist'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/news/edinburgh-university-students-association-criticises-scottish-lgbti-event-the-icon-awards-for-being-racist-10400929.html?origin=internalSearch>

Chelsea fans banned over Paris Metro racism

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-33622106>

Chelsea fans banned from football for five years after racist chanting and refusing black man entry to Paris Metro train

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/chelsea-fans-banned-football-five-6116916>

Four Chelsea fans banned from matches over racist incident on Paris Métro

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/22/four-chelsea-fans-banned-football-matches-racist-incident-paris-metro>

Kick It Out chairman calls for more transparency from FA

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2015/jul/21/kick-it-out-fa-malky-mackay-iain-moody>

Three men convicted of violent racist attack in Edinburgh

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-33642447>

Internet news portals - freedom of expression in moderation? Equality and Human Rights Commission Case comment: Defli AS v Estonia

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/devolved-authorities/commission-scotland/legal-work-scotland/internet-news-portals-freedom-expression-moderation>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm150715/debtext/150715-0002.htm#15071540000002>

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English Votes for English Laws (*House of Lords*)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldhansrd/text/150716-0002.htm#15071639000954>

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Scotland Bill

Martyn Day: [Will the Secretary of State for Scotland] make it his policy to table substantive Government amendments to the Scotland Bill in the House of Commons rather than in the House of Lords. [900935]

Reply from the Secretary of State for Scotland (David Mundell): It is my intention to make substantive amendments in the House of Commons when the Bill comes back on Report.

Martyn Day: The Secretary of State knows that not a single amendment from the Opposition parties—not even amendments backed by 58 out of 59 Scottish MPs—has been accepted by his Government. Does he understand the anger people will feel if changes are brought through in the House of Lords rather than here in the Commons where they can be fully scrutinised by democratically elected Members? Will the Secretary of State make a commitment today to bring forward substantive changes to the Bill on Report to deliver on the Smith commission in full and implement the additional powers people voted for in the election?

Reply from David Mundell: What I know angers people in Scotland are stunts, soundbites and press releases aimed solely at taking opportunistic positions on issues. The Scotland Bill is a matter of substance, which will transfer significant powers to the Scottish Parliament, and it should be treated seriously.

To continue reading this lengthy question and answer session see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm150715/debtext/150715-0001.htm#15071540000024>

Smith Commission

Andrew Bridgen: What progress has been made on implementation of the recommendations of the Smith commission. [900940]

Reply from the Secretary of State for Scotland (David Mundell): We are making good progress in implementing in full the all-party Smith commission agreement. The Scotland Bill, which will deliver significantly increased powers to the Scottish Parliament, was introduced on the first day of this parliamentary Session and has just completed four days of intense scrutiny on the Floor of this House.

Andrew Bridgen: Does the Secretary of State agree that the progress of the Smith commission recommendations shows that the three main Unionist parties are fulfilling their commitment to devolve further powers to Scotland, and that it is therefore unacceptable for others to seek baseless grievances to create the impression of some betrayal to further their own narrow political agenda?

Reply from David Mundell: I could not agree with my hon. Friend more. This week more than any other the narrow opportunism of the SNP has been exposed. The only issue on which that party is consistent is breaking up the United Kingdom, on which it will say or do anything.

Kirsty Blackman: At business questions on 2 July the Leader of the House stated: “Independent assessments say we are implementing the Smith commission report”—[*Official Report*, 2 July 2015; Vol. 597, c. 1633.]

To date the Scottish Secretary has been unable to produce these. Will he now name

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those independent assessments or ask his right hon. Friend the Leader of the House to correct his previous statement?

Reply from David Mundell: I am confident in the statements I have made throughout the passage of this Bill. I did not see the hon. Lady contributing in Committee or on Second Reading, but, if she had, she would have heard me say that I am absolutely confident that this Bill will deliver the Smith commission in full.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm150715/debtext/150715-0001.htm#15071540000028>

Scotland Bill

Lord Forsyth of Drumlean [HL1552] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Dunlop on 16 July (HL1266), whether they plan to take any stages of the Scotland Bill in the House of Lords before the fiscal framework has been agreed and published.

Reply from Lord Dunlop: The Government intends to progress the negotiations on the fiscal framework in parallel with the Scotland Bill. At their meeting on 7 July, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and the Deputy First Minister re-affirmed their aim to conclude negotiations on the fiscal framework by the autumn.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-16/HL1552/>

Sovereignty: Scotland

Margaret Ferrier [7765] To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policy on a further referendum on Scottish independence of the Scottish Parliament election in 2016 delivering a majority for political parties committed to the holding of such a referendum.

Reply from David Mundell: Throughout the independence referendum leading members of the Yes campaign repeatedly asserted that it would be a 'once in a generation' or a 'once in a lifetime' event. For example, in September 2013, Nicola Sturgeon described the independence referendum on BBC television as a 'once in a lifetime opportunity for Scotland' and in November 2013, the Scottish Government's white paper, *Scotland's Future: Your Guide to an Independent Scotland*, which was produced at taxpayers' expense and made freely available to anyone in Scotland, called the referendum 'a once in a generation opportunity to follow a different path'. In the context of these and other assurances, and following extensive debate, in September 2014 people in Scotland voted decisively, by a majority of over ten per cent, to reject independence and to keep our family of nations together. We await with interest the publication of the parties' election manifestos.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-17/7765/>

Sovereignty: Scotland

Margaret Ferrier [7766] To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what contingency plans his Department has prepared for the possibility of a further referendum on Scottish independence being the policy of the Scottish Government after the Scottish Parliament election in 2016.

Reply from David Mundell: Given the clear and repeated commitments of leading Yes campaigners, not least the First Minister herself, during the independence referendum campaign that the vote was a 'once in a generation' or 'once in a lifetime' event, and given that a clear majority of Scots voted No in that referendum, my Department has not prepared contingency plans for the possibility

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of a further referendum being the policy of the Scottish Government after the Scottish Parliament election in 2016.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-17/7766/>

Press Release

Scotland Bill still needs amended

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scotland-Bill-still-needs-amended-1b50.aspx>

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Parliamentary Question

Charities

Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to raising the audit threshold for charities in Scotland so that it is in line with the equivalent in England and Wales and, if it has decided not to introduce such an increase, when this decision was made and by whom. (S4W-26327)

Reply from Alex Neil: The legislative framework for charities operating in Scotland is different from charities operating in other parts of the United Kingdom. The legislative framework, including the income threshold for charities, is reviewed regularly as part of the Scottish Government's formal and informal engagement with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and with the charity sector in Scotland. Scottish Ministers receive updates from officials regularly on any matters that require further consideration and decision. OSCR officials have recommended against raising the audit threshold in Scotland at this time on the basis that there is currently no robust evidence to support the raising of the threshold. There has been little informal or formal representation from the charity sector in Scotland in favour of raising the audit threshold. Scottish Ministers have considered the evidence available to date and have decided that the audit threshold should remain unchanged at this time. We will continue to work with OSCR and charity stakeholders to ensure that the legislative framework for charities in Scotland remains fair, robust and fit for purpose.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-26327&ResultsPerPage=10>

Parliamentary Motion

S4M-13781 Hanzala Malik: Celebrating Eid Ul-Fitr—That the Parliament acknowledges that Muslims across Glasgow and the world will celebrate Eid Ul-Fitr on 18 July 2015; notes that the celebration is held to mark the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting during daylight hours; understands that this holy month is not only about fasting but also remembering people who are less fortunate and making a difference by contributing to charities; notes that many Muslims decide to give their Zakat (one of the five pillars of Islam, in which one must give 2.5% of one's earnings or wealth to charity or to people who are less fortunate) during the month of Ramadan; also notes that Muslims celebrate

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Eid in different ways, usually with special prayers, traditional food, new clothes and gifts for one another as well as poor people, and would like to wish everyone Eid Mubarak!

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13781&ResultsPerPage=10>

Press Releases

International Development small grants scheme opens

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/International-Development-small-grants-scheme-opens-1b25.aspx>

Eid Mubarak

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Eid-Mubarak-1b46.aspx>

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Public Life: Values

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldhansrd/text/150716-gc0001.htm#15071640000146>

Parliamentary Questions

Women: Dishonour-based Violence

Baroness Cox: To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the Day of Remembrance on 14 July for victims of dishonour-based violence, and what steps they are taking to prevent such violence against girls and women.

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Bates): My Lords, the Government are clear that so-called honour-based violence is utterly unacceptable. We commend the efforts of all those working to raise awareness of these horrific crimes, including through yesterday's first national day of memory for victims of this form of abuse. Tackling forced marriage and so-called honour-based violence is a key priority. This is why we have criminalised forced marriage and are committed to supporting survivors and those at risk.

Baroness Cox: My Lords, I thank the Minister for his commendation of yesterday's day of memory for victims of so-called honour killings. It was symbolically chosen as the day that would have been the 29th birthday of Shafiea Ahmed, if she had not been suffocated by her parents in front of her siblings for daring to adopt a western lifestyle deemed to bring shame on her family. Is the Minister aware that many victims of "honour-based" violence still do not receive the support and protection they desperately need from the police and social services because of a reluctance to interfere in cultural practices? What steps are the Government taking to ensure that cultural sensitivities do not inhibit the protection of vulnerable citizens or, indeed, override the law of the land?

Reply from Lord Bates: ... It is very much a hidden crime and that is a major problem we face, but we are clear that we must not allow cultural sensitivities to get in the way of prosecuting the guilty. A crime is a crime and a victim is a victim

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wherever they are. We need to get that message out there. ...

To continue reading this lengthy question and answer session see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldhansrd/text/150715-0001.htm#15071539000508>

Forced Marriage Unit

The Lord Bishop of St Albans [HL1373] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many cases the Forced Marriage Unit was involved in, or gave support and advice to, in 2014.

Reply from Baroness Anelay of St Johns: The Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) provides a range of support and assistance in cases where British nationals are at risk of forced marriage in the UK or overseas. In 2014, the FMU gave advice or support related to a possible forced marriage in 1267 cases.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-13/HL1373/>

Forced Marriage

The Lord Bishop of St Albans [HL1374] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how many British girls were sent abroad to marry in 2014.

Reply from Baroness Anelay of St Johns: Not all forced marriage cases are reported to the British Government's Forced Marriage Unit (FMU), which makes it impossible to make an accurate assessment on how many British girls may have been sent abroad to marry.

British girls may be sent abroad to marry with their full consent in the form of an arranged marriage. If the girl does not have the right to say no this becomes a forced marriage. The UK is a world leader in tackling forced (and early) marriage. It is child abuse, domestic abuse and a form of violence against women and men and a serious abuse of human rights.

The FMU dealt with 1267 cases in 2014. 77% of cases dealt with by the FMU in 2014 involve an overseas element, which means the victim is at risk of, or has been, taken overseas.

The number of cases the FMU deals with does not represent the number of British girls (and boys) being sent overseas for a forced marriage, but the number of calls and emails initiating contact with the FMU about a victim or potential victim.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-13/HL1374/>

Forced Marriage

The Lord Bishop of St Albans [HL1375] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how many underage British girls were sent abroad to marry in 2014.

Reply from Baroness Anelay of St Johns: Not all forced marriage cases are reported to the British Government's Forced Marriage Unit (FMU), which makes it impossible to make an accurate assessment on how many underage British girls may have been sent abroad to marry.

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In 22% of cases dealt with by the FMU in 2014 the victim was under 18 years old.

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-13/HL1375/>

Female Genital Mutilation

Colleen Fletcher [6059] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many patients treated in (a) Coventry, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England have been suspected to have been subjected to FGM in each of the last five years.

Reply from Jane Ellison: Data is not collected in all of the formats requested. The Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Prevalence Dataset (ISB 1610) began in 2014, and therefore the data provided in the table below is for the period September 2014 to March 2015 inclusive.

	Newly identified ¹	Total number of care contacts ²
Coventry	49	623
West Midlands	639	3,041
England	3,963	17,875
Notes:		

Collection of the FGM Enhanced Dataset (SCCI2026), including individual patient level data, began in April 2015. Data is being collected by acute trusts, mental health trusts and from general practitioner practices. The first publication of this data will be in September 2015.

¹Patients first identified during the reporting period as having undergone FGM. This will include those diagnosed/identified within the provider within the month.

²Total number of care contacts of any type recorded for any patient within the reporting period (NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH FGM FIRST IDENTIFIED IN REPORTING PERIOD and NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH FGM ACTIVE CASELOAD)

... Data is supplied for the number of patients newly identified as having undergone FGM, and for the number of care contacts. An individual seen by more than one trust will be counted more than once, so there is possibility for duplicate counting.

To read the list of hospital Trusts see

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-08/6059/>

Early Day Motion

Virendra Sharma (303) Prevention of Female Genital Mutilation – That this House notes that the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) is an illegal practice in the UK and that legislation includes the offences of taking a British national or a permanent resident abroad for FGM; further notes that FGM still is an offence under the Human Rights Act; recognises that an estimated 20,000 girls under the age of 15 are at risk of FGM and a further 66,000 women in the UK are living with the horrific consequences of FGM, which may cause severe health implications later on in life; understands that FGM has been a criminal offence in the UK since 1985 under the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act but the hidden nature of the practice means that it still exists; and urges

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professionals, politicians and communities across the UK to strive towards ending the barbaric practice of FGM.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2015-16/303>

Press Release

Extremism: Prime Minister's speech

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/extremism-pm-speech>

Eid 2015: David Cameron's message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eid-2015-david-camerons-message>

Foreign Secretary sends his best wishes to Muslims celebrating Eid across the world

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fco-press-release-foreign-secretary-sends-his-best-wishes-to-muslims-celebrating-eid-across-the-world>

Eid message from International Development Minister Desmond Swayne

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eid-message-from-international-development-minister-desmond-swayne>

News

David Cameron: We must end Muslim 'segregation' to tackle 'scourge' of extremism

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-cameron-we-must-end-muslim-segregation-to-tackle-scourge-of-extremism-10403087.html>

David Cameron extremism speech: Muslim leaders give their views on the PM's plans

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-cameron-extremism-speech-muslim-leaders-give-their-views-on-the-pms-plans-10403135.html>

David Cameron: extremist ideology is 'struggle of our generation'

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/jul/20/extremist-ideology-struggle-generation-david-cameron>

UK parents to get power to cancel children's passports over Isis fears

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/jul/20/uk-parents-power-cancel-childrens-passports-isis-fears>

Cameron crackdown on 'anti-British' Muslims

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4502986.ece>

PM: we must integrate to beat the extremists

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4503841.ece>

If David Cameron wants to tackle radicalisation, he should address inequality

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/jul/21/if-david-cameron-wants-to-tackle-radicalisation-he-should-address-inequality>

Cameron: Parents to get power to cancel children's passports

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/11750513/david-cameron-plan-to-tackle-isil-extremism-live.html>

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Teachers and health workers will be legally required to report FGM under new law

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/teachers-and-health-workers-will-be-legally-required-to-report-fgm-under-new-law-10399197.html>

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New Publications

Funding for Black, Asian & other minority ethnic communities

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B61jd9uHBBbXeIRBV2FhcGhSOXVpbFhwbTUtb0hzRkxFAQm1z/view?pli=1>

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Other News

Scottish Human Rights Commission welcomes UN recommendations on human rights concerns

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/news/latestnews/iccprconcludingobs>

Faith Matters and British Muslim Youth Launch National Youth Consultation on Extremism

<http://faith-matters.org/2015/07/16/faith-matters-and-british-muslim-youth-launch-national-youth-consultation-on-extremism/>

The Quran: The long journey into British life

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/timelines/z94qxsg>

Loving thy neighbour is priceless — but it's also worth £3 billion

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4501391.ece>

Police secure first FGM protection order

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/11747498/Police-secure-first-ever-FGM-protection-order.html>

FGM survivors 'now live in every part of England'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-life/11753991/Female-Genital-Mutilation-survivors-now-live-in-every-bit-of-England.html>

Was planeload of girls on way to Africa for FGM? Police to quiz mothers and daughters after peer raises alarm

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3165658/Two-young-girls-banned-travelling-Britain-FGM-protection-order-amid-fears-taken-mutilated.html>

FGM campaigners welcome drive to raise awareness of barbaric practice

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13463562.FGM_campaigners_welcome_drive_to_raise_awareness_of_barbaric_practice/

Other News (continued)

Justice Minister David Ford and Finance Minister Arlene Foster have announced that Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders (FGMPOs) are now available in Northern Ireland

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/news-doj-200715-female-genital-mutilation>

FGM in the UK: Every local authority in England and Wales affected by procedure, report finds

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/fgm-in-the-uk-every-local-authority-in-england-and-wales-affected-by-procedure-report-finds-10406146.html>

Forced marriage: Calls to helpline double in the past five years

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/forced-marriage-calls-to-helpline-double-in-the-past-five-years-10397981.html>

Forced marriage: Summer is the season when many teens have every reason to be

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/forced-marriage-summer-is-the-season-when-many-teens-have-every-reason-to-be-fearful-10402972.html>

There is no room for cultural sensitivity where forced marriage is concerned

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/there-is-no-room-for-cultural-sensitivity-where-forced-marriage-is-concerned-10408565.html>

Forced marriage: One British woman's story shows how much it matters to step up the fight

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/forced-marriage-one-british-womans-story-shows-how-much-it-matters-to-step-up-the-fight-10397972.html>

Forced marriage: 'I just thought it was a normal family holiday'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/forced-marriage-i-just-thought-it-was-a-normal-family-holiday-10395035.html>

Forced marriage: The warning signs

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/forced-marriage-the-warning-signs-10394995.html>

Forced marriage: Asian victims being put at risk by closures of services set up to protect them

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/forced-marriage-asian-victims-being-put-at-risk-by-closures-of-services-set-up-to-protect-them-10405731.html>

Karma Nirvana: Spending a day at the helpline advising terrified girls being pushed into forced marriages

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/karma-nirvana-spending-a-day-at-the-helpline-advising-terrified-girls-being-pushed-into-forced-marriages-10414690.html>

Islamic charities in UK fear they are being unfairly targeted over extremism

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/jul/22/muslim-charities-uk-targeted-extremism-fears>

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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>

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>

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Child Victims of Human Trafficking (Central Government Responsibility) Bill

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

Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill

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

Scotland Bill

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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

The devolution of public finances in the United Kingdom (closing date 21 August 2015)

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/economic-affairs/devolution-public-finances/Public-Finances-in-a-Devolved-United-Kingdom-Call-for-Evidence-for-publication.pdf>

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EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling (closing date 21 August 2015)
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/eu-home-affairs-subcommittee/news-parliament-2015/migrant-smuggling-launch/>

Work of the UK Parliament Scottish Affairs Committee (closing date 31 August 2015)
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/scottish-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/work-of-scottish-affairs-committee-2015-2020/>

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>

Higher Education Governance Bill (closing date 4 September 2015)
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/90819.aspx>

**** The needs of ethnic minority communities in Scotland** (closing date 4 September 2015)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/minorityethnicscot>

**** Immigration: skill shortages** (closing date 10 September 2015)
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/immigration-skill-shortages/>

Prescription and Title to Moveable Property (Scotland) Bill (closing date 23 September 2015)
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00480843.pdf>

Review of Tier 2 [of the points-based immigration system] (closing date 25 September 2015)
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/441429/Call_for_Evidence_Review_of_Tier_2.pdf

**** Testimonies on the impact that the EU has had on the lives of people in Scotland** (closing date 30 September 2015)
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/91225.aspx>

**** Veterinary Surgeons: language control for EU migrants** (closing date 30 September 2015)
https://consult.defra.gov.uk/animal-health-and-welfare/vet_language_controls

**** Consultation on the draft statutory multi-agency practice guidance on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in England and Wales** (closing date 30 September 2015)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-draft-statutory-multi-agency-practice-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation-fgm>

**** The Union and Devolution** (closing date 2 October 2015)
<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/constitution/union-and-devolution/The%20Union%20and%20Devolution%20Call%20for%20Evidence.pdf>

Experiences and opinions about having been a volunteer (no closing date given)
<http://survey.bupnet.de/index.php/survey/index/sid/738838/newtest/Y/lang/en>

Experience and practice about working with young volunteers (no closing date given)
<http://survey.bupnet.de/index.php/survey/index/sid/454824/newtest/Y/lang/en>

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Creating A Fairer Scotland: What Matters To You? (no closing date given)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479666.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>

Discrimination in Football Survey (no closing date given)

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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Events/Conferences/Training

** new or updated this week

Festival of Politics

14-16 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh

To read the full programme see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/whats-on/>

Scotland and Slavery

14 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (4.30 – 6.00)

Festival of Politics event to consider the role of Scots in the slave trade and the legacy of that today. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/scotland-and-slavery/>

Muslim Women – Freedom, Femininity and Faith

15 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.00)

Festival of Politics panel discussion to consider freedom, femininity and faith for Muslim women. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/muslim-women-freedom-femininity-and-faith/>

Building a Peaceful Future after Genocide

15 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (1.30 – 3.00)

Festival of Politics event to discuss ways of building peace, unity and reconciliation in a region when genocide has taken place. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/building-a-peaceful-future-after-genocide/>

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Freedom of Speech

15 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (1.30 – 3.00)

Festival of Politics event in the aftermath of the attacks on the French magazine Charlie Hebdo this year which themselves triggered worldwide verbal, written and physical attacks, defenders of freedom of speech were challenged to redefine and reconsider whether that position does have its limits. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/freedom-of-speech/>

Parent Council Training: Equalities and Engagement

15 September 2015 in Edinburgh (12.30 – 2.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshop to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/event/parent-council-training-equalities-and-engagement-2/> or contact Marion marion.fairweather@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047

Migration

16 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (1.30 – 3.00)

Festival of Politics event to reflect on how we engage with migration, and respond to people who are looking to live, work, study and seek refuge in Scotland. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/migration/>

Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Primary School Information

30 September 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

1 October 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact gtevents@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Secondary School Information

7 October 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

8 October 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact gtevents@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Parental Involvement and Engagement

21 October 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

22 October 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact gtevents@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Post 16 Education and Choices

28 October 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

29 October 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact gtevents@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

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Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Mother tongue – at home and school

4 November 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

5 November 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact gtevents@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

**** Organising an activity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day**

6 November 2015 in Glasgow (1.00 – 4.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop for people interested in organising an activity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2016. For information contact 020 7785 7029 / enquiries@hmd.org.uk or see <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hmdt-workshop-glasgow-tickets-17792785701?ref=ebtn>

**** Organising an activity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day: young people**

7 November 2015 in Glasgow (12.00 – 3.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Youth Champions workshop for people aged 14 to 24 who are interested in organising an activity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2016. For information contact 020 7785 7029 / enquiries@hmd.org.uk or see <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hmdt-youth-workshop-glasgow-tickets-17792908067?ref=ebtn>

Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Children's Rights in Scotland

11 November 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

12 November 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact gtevents@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

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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>

Interfaith Scotland <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

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

Useful Links (continued)

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 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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