

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The Scottish Parliament is now in dissolution before the elections that will take place on 5 May 2016. The new Parliament will sit for the first time on 12 May when new MSPs will be sworn in, and the formal opening of the Parliament, in the presence of the Queen, will take place on 2 July.

The UK Parliament is in recess until 11 April 2016.

Immigration and Asylum

UK Parliament Questions

Immigration

Lord Green of Deddington [HL7012] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the immigration assumption in the latest Office for National Statistics high migration projection of the population of the UK; by how much, in that projection, the population of the UK is projected to increase by 2029; and approximately what proportion of that projected increase will be the result of (1) future immigration, and (2) the children of future migrants.

Reply from Lord Bridges of Headley: The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the Authority to reply. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) produces national population projections

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for the UK. In addition to a principal projection, 16 variant projections are also produced to provide an indication of uncertainty and sensitivity to alternative assumptions. The high migration variant projection is produced using the principal assumptions of fertility and mortality but assumes higher levels of net international migration than the principal. The most recent national population projections are based on mid-year population estimates for 2014, and were published in October 2015 at

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections>

Table 1 shows the immigration and net international migration assumptions for the high migration variant from the 2014-based national population projections.

Table 1 – UK high net migration assumptions for the 2014-based national population projections

Under the high migration assumptions, the UK population is projected to grow by 7,773,800 (12.0%) between 2014 and 2029, compared with projected growth of 6,392,200 (9.9%) in the principal projection.

	<i>Persons</i>						
	Year to mid-2015	Year to mid-2016	Year to mid-2017	Year to mid-2018	Year to mid-2019	Year to mid-2020	Year to mid-2021 onwards
Immigration	673,500	622,000	599,500	595,000	577,000	567,500	558,500 per annum
Net international migration	369,000	336,000	312,000	306,000	286,500	275,500	265,000 per annum

Though the projections do not provide figures on the number of children of migrants, population growth in the high migration variant can be compared with that from the variant assuming zero net migration to provide the disaggregation shown in Table 2. This decomposes the population change in the high net migration variant into: that which would happen if there were no net international migration; that which is directly attributable to future net international migration; and the remainder reflecting indirect effects of future international migration on births and deaths. Table 2 – Effect of migration on projected population change in the UK: 2014-2029: high net migration variant, 2014-based national population projections

	Persons	Percentage of total change
Population change in high migrant variant: 2014-2029	7,773,800	100
<i>Of which</i>		
Present in zero net migration variant	2,606,600	34
Direct effect of future net international migration	4,270,100	55
Effect of future net international migration on births and deaths	897,100	12

Note: Percentages do not sum to 100 due to rounding.

National population projections are not forecasts and do not attempt to predict the impact of future government policies or changing economic circumstances. They provide an indication of the future size and age structure of the population that might arise if recent demographic trends were to continue.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-03-15/HL7012/>

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Immigration Controls: EU Nationals

The following three questions all received the same answer

Anne Main [31313] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has prohibited entry into the UK of people from other EU member states on public protection grounds in each of the last five years.

Anne Main [31328] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many nationals of other EU member states have been refused entry to the UK in each of the last 10 years; and for what reasons they were refused.

Anne Main [31384] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many nationals of other EU member states were (a) refused and (b) granted entry to the UK through Regulation 11(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 in each of the last 10 years.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The Government has prevented EEA/EU nationals entry into the UK on public protection grounds in each of the last five years. The Home Office is unable to provide figures for refusals within each refusal category. Total refusals for each of the last ten years are provided in the table below.

Numbers of EU nationals granted entry to the UK through Regulation 11 (2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 are not recorded centrally.

EU Passengers initially refused entry each year since 2006	
Year	Total refusals
2006	1663
2007	973
2008	753
2009	618
2010	594
2011	688
2012	787
2013	1078
2014	1755
2015	2165

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-03-16/31313/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-03-16/31328/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-03-16/31384/>

Asylum: Children: [correction to answer given in October 2015]

Sarah Champion [16863] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many young people aged between 18 and 25 who applied for asylum as unaccompanied children were served with removal directions in each year from 2010 to 2014.

Reply from James Brokenshire: The figures in the below table detail the number of former unaccompanied asylum seeking children aged between 18 and 25 who were served with Removal Directions in each year between 2010 and 2014.

Removal Directions served in	Number of cases
2010	697
2011	768

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2012	543
2013	508
2014	324

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The figures in the below table detail the number of persons who initially claimed asylum as unaccompanied children and who applied to extend or vary their leave in each year between 2010 and 2015. The figure for 2015 is correct up to 30 June 2015.

Decision Made in	No of Cases
2010	688
2011	689
2012	653
2013	519
2014	836
2015	696
Total	4081

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The figures in the below table detail the number of certified decisions made on cases involving unaccompanied asylum seeking children in the last 5 years. The figure for 2015 is correct up to 30 June 2015. In cases where a certification decision on an asylum and human rights claim was made, consideration would also have been given to whether it was appropriate to grant leave in accordance with the policy on asylum applications from unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

Decision made in	Number of cases
2010	26
2011	9
2012	11
2013	20
2014	90
2015	85

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The figures in the below table detail the number of former unaccompanied asylum seeking children who were either removed from the United Kingdom or departed voluntarily in each year between 2010 and 2015. The figure for 2015 is correct up to 30 June 2015.

Applied for Asylum in	Number of cases removed	
	Voluntary	Enforced
2010	48	77
2011	28	42
2012	18	36
2013	11	44
2014	0	15
2015	0	0

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The figures in the below table detail the number of former unaccompanied asylum

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seeking children who had their asylum claim certified and were aged between 18 and 25 when they were removed from the United Kingdom in each year between 2010 and 2015.

Removed in	Number of cases
2010	3
2011	7
2012	8
2013	6
2014	14
2015	22

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In the last five years, there has only been one case in which a former unaccompanied asylum seeking child had their claim for asylum certified and later lodged an out of country appeal against this decision. In this case the out of country appeal was dismissed.

The figures in the below table detail how many former unaccompanied asylum seeking children, whose claim for asylum was certified by the Home Office, have been removed from the United Kingdom in each of the last 5 years. The figure for 2015 is correct up to 30 June 2015.

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Removed in	Number of cases
2010	9
2011	11
2012	13
2013	11
2014	17
2015	24

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-11-18/16863/>

New Publications

EEA migrants: access to social housing (England)

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN04737/SN04737.pdf>

An Inspection of Home Office Outsourced Contracts for Escorted and Non-Escorted Removals and Cedars Pre-Departure Accommodation

<http://icinspector.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/ICIBI-report-on-Outsourced-Contracts-and-Cedars-Final.pdf>

News

UK population could reach nearly 80 million within 25 years as immigration rockets, official report predicts

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3515994/UK-population-reach-nearly-80-million-25-years-immigration-rockets-official-figures-reveal.html>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

1.6 million migrants moved to Britain from EU in nine years

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/03/30/revealed-16-million-migrants-moved-to-britain-from-eu-in-nine-ye/>

1.6 million migrants from the EU settle in Britain: That's equal to populations of Manchester and Birmingham combined in just nine years

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3514701/1-6-million-migrants-EU-settle-Britain.html>

Rules 'force UK to import criminals'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-03-29/news/rules-force-uk-to-import-criminals-vqdqgr89d>

UK is failing to take 'fair share' of Syrian refugees, says Oxfam

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/mar/29/uk-is-failing-to-take-fair-share-of-syrian-refugees-says-oxfam>

UK urged to give asylum to 100 women who fled Isis captivity in Iraq

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/01/uk-grant-asylum-women-held-captivity-isis-northern-iraq>

Welsh citizens call for their country to resettle more Syrian refugees

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/mar/30/welsh-citizens-call-to-resettle-more-syrian-refugees>

Trafficking fear as children allowed to use electronic passport gates for the first time

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/12203627/Trafficking-fear-as-children-allowed-to-use-electronic-passport-gates-for-the-first-time.html>

Asylum seeker home defects not fixed within timescales

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-35915818>

UK not doing enough to settle Syrian refugees, says Oxfam

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-03-29/news/uk-not-doing-enough-to-settle-syrian-refugees-says-oxfam-zj3c56dnf>

Thai receptionist married to British man is refused entry to UK because she had their baby on NHS and didn't pay for treatment

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3515569/Thai-receptionist-married-British-man-refused-entry-UK-baby-NHS-didn-t-pay-treatment.html>

Glasgow mum facing deportation is released, say campaigners

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14388604.Glasgow_mum_facing_deportation_is_released_say_campaigners/

The UK Government want to deport seven-year-old Lachlan, whose first language is Gaelic

<http://www.thenational.scot/news/the-uk-government-want-to-deport-seven-year-old-lachlan-whose-first-language-is-gaelic.15812>

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Community Relations

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Dundee's civic leaders invited to mosque in wake of Brussels attacks

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/local/dundee/dundee-s-civic-leaders-invited-to-mosque-in-wake-of-brussels-attacks-1.931468>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Press Release

A definition of antisemitism

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/a-definition-of-antisemitism>

News

Judge rejects councillor's racism claim against SNP

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14397545.Judge_rejects_councillor_s_racism_claim_against_SNP/

First Chinese councillor to sue SNP for discrimination

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-03-30/scotland/first-chinese-councillor-to-sue-snp-for-discrimination-rcmz7q06p>

Anti-semitism at the heart of Corbyn's Labour Party: Devastating dossier exposes how extensive anti-Jewish bigotry is in Labour and poses profoundly troubling questions its leaders must answer

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3519864/Anti-semitism-heart-Corbyn-s-Labour-Party-Devastating-dossier-exposes-extensive-anti-Jewish-bigotry-Labour-poses-profoundly-troubling-questions-leaders-answer.html>

Man from Bradford charged with murder of Glasgow shopkeeper Asad Shah

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/03/29/man-from-bradford-charged-with-murder-of-glasgow-shopkeeper-asad/>

Asad Shah murder: Facebook page celebrates killing of the popular Muslim shopkeeper

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/asad-shah-murder-facebook-page-celebrates-the-death-of-the-popular-muslim-shopkeeper-a6959431.html>

Asad Shah killing: Muslim shopkeeper suspect 'travelled 200 miles' for 'religiously prejudiced death'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/muslim-shopkeeper-suspect-travelled-200-miles-for-religiously-prejudiced-murder-a6955011.html>

Murdered Muslim shopkeeper's family fear for their lives from hardline Islamic factions

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/03/27/murdered-muslim-shopkeepers-family-fear-for-their-lives-from-har/>

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After Asad Shah's 'religiously prejudiced' death, we know inter-Muslim hatred is a problem in Britain

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/after-asad-shahs-religiously-prejudiced-death-we-know-inter-muslim-hatred-is-a-problem-in-britain-a6955146.html>

Police fear shopkeeper's killing was sectarian attack

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-03-29/news/police-fear-shopkeepers-killing-was-sectarian-attack-0xmnw6ndq>

Asad Shah's family living in fear

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-03-28/scotland/asad-shahs-family-living-in-fear-v3thm0f38>

Sectarian conflict or extremism won't be tolerated following Asad Shah's death, say police

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14388071.Sectarian_conflict_or_extremism_won_t_be_tolerated_following_Asad_Shah_s_death_say_police/

Asad Shah murder: Faith leaders call for communities to unite after fatal attack on popular Glasgow shopkeeper

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/asad-shah-murder-faith-leaders-7663265#f2FPImVDozg12HHM.97>

Glasgow shopkeeper's family hail 'brilliant man'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/03/30/glasgow-shopkeepers-family-hail-brilliant-man/>

Funeral of Glasgow shopkeeper killed in 'religiously prejudiced' attack takes place

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/apr/02/funeral-of-glasgow-shopkeeper-killed-in-religiously-prejudiced-attack-takes-place>

Asad Shah funeral: Glasgow community pay respects to Muslim shopkeeper killed after posting Easter message on Facebook

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/asad-shah-funeral-glasgow-community-pay-respects-to-muslim-shopkeeper-killed-after-posting-easter-a6965311.html>

Asad Shah 'murder': Muslim shopkeeper's family urge community to strive for 'peace and harmony' in tribute

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/asad-shah-murder-muslim-shopkeepers-family-urge-community-to-strive-for-peace-and-harmony-in-tribute-a6959551.html>

Asad Shah's family say he has 'left us all a gift'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-03-31/scotland/asad-shahs-family-say-he-has-left-us-all-a-gift-72392qhnp>

Fundraising campaign for 'much-loved' Muslim shopkeeper killed in Scotland passes £50,000

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/fundraising-campaign-for-much-loved-muslim-shopkeeper-killed-in-scotland-passes-50000-mark-a6955981.html>

Jewish leaders blast Barras market trader for selling Nazi doll

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/jewish-leaders-blast-barras-market-trader-for-selling-nazi-doll-1-4088810>

Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

News (continued)

Call for 'highly offensive' Nazi doll to be removed from toy stall

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14400143.Call_for_highly_offensive_Nazi_doll_to_be_removed_from_toy_stall/

Is this Glasgow's most offensive doll?

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14399847.Is_this_Glasgow_s_most_offensive_doll/

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Other UK Parliament and Government

New Publication

Consultation on the draft statutory multiagency practice guidance on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Summary of responses

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/512897/Multi-agency_statutory_guidance_on_FGM_consultation_outcome_document_FINAL.pdf

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Bills in Progress

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Bills in Progress UK Parliament

Asylum (Unaccompanied Children Displaced by Conflict)

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

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>

Immigration Bill

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

Scotland Act 1998 (Amendment) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/scotlandact1998amendment.html>

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Consultations

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Tackling migrant smuggling: is the EU legislation fit for purpose? (closing date 6 April 2016)

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/public-consultation/2015/consulting_0031_en.htm

Consultations (continued)

Fife Third Sector Equality and Diversity Mapping Exercise (no closing date given)
<http://files.ctctcdn.com/1b154e99301/feb61f61-2119-499f-9591-cfe96044bd63.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>

Creating A Fairer Scotland: What Matters To You? (no closing date given)
<http://fairer.scot/get-in-touch/>

Primary care for new migrants (no closing date given)
<https://newmigrantsinprimarycare.wordpress.com/survey/>

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

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Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund

Deadline for applications 20 May 2016

Scottish Government funding to tackle social isolation and loneliness among Scotland's most vulnerable people. For information and application form see <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/social-isolation-and-loneliness-fund/>

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Events/Conferences/Training

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Engaging Hard to Reach Groups

21 April 2016 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training about engaging with hard to reach groups For information contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7951.

Gender Based Violence and BME Women, Children, and Young People

27 April (9.30-4.30) & 28 April 2016 (9.30-4.30)

17 May (9.30-4.30) & 18 May (9.30-4.30)

31 May (9.30-4.30) & 1 June 2016 (9.30-4.30)

Shakti Women's Aid awareness-raising training for any practitioner or interested individual. For information see <http://shaktiedinburgh.co.uk/events-training/> or contact 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk

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New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

25 May 2016 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an introduction to the issues and legal systems affecting people seeking safety in Scotland. For information contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7951.

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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/>

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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