

## 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.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### UK Parliament House of Lords Grand Committee

Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2016

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-04-27/debates/16042796000353/Immigration\(LeaveToEnterAndRemain\)\(Amendment\)Order2016](https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-04-27/debates/16042796000353/Immigration(LeaveToEnterAndRemain)(Amendment)Order2016)

## Immigration and Asylum (continued)

### UK Parliament Questions

#### British Nationality

*The following five questions all received the same answer*

**Thangam Debbonaire** [34572] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who applied for UK citizenship in the year ending June 2015 (a) applied for exemption from the language requirements and (b) were granted such an exemption.

**Thangam Debbonaire** [34573] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what provision is made for people with learning disabilities and mental health problems in the system for testing applicants for UK citizenship.

**Thangam Debbonaire** [34574] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what provision is made for people on the high end of the autistic spectrum with speech and language difficulties; or who are non-verbal, in the system for application for UK citizenship; and if she will make a statement.

**Thangam Debbonaire** [34576] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what grounds her Department grants exemptions from (a) the life in the UK written test and (b) the language requirements of an application for UK citizenship; and if she will make a statement.

**Thangam Debbonaire** [34602] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who applied for UK citizenship applied for an exemption from the written life in the UK test between June 2014 and June 2016; and how many such applications were refused.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The Secretary of State may waive the Knowledge of Language and Life in the UK requirement for British citizenship on the basis of a person's age, physical or mental condition.

A person will normally be exempted from this requirement if they provide evidence from an appropriate medical practitioner that their condition is so severe that it prevents them from being able to learn English or prepare for or sit an English test or the Life in the UK test. Each application is considered on its own merits.

Information cannot be obtained from UKVI data systems to show how many exemption requests were made and granted. This information could only be obtained from looking at individual records at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34572/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34573/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34602/>

#### British Nationality: Assessments

**Caroline Lucas** [34782] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Department routinely collects on the nationality, gender and pass rate of applicants for the Life in the UK and Knowledge of Language test; and if she will make it her Department's policy to publish data providing a breakdown of such data by nationality, gender and pass rate.

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**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Pass rates for the Life in the UK Test are already published quarterly under transparency arrangements. The most recent are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/temporary-and-permanent-migration-data-february-2016>

As part of the registration process each applicant's nationality is recorded. Information is not recorded with regard to gender. There are no plans to include a breakdown by nationality or gender in future publications.

Pass rates for language tests are held in individual approved supplier systems and are not currently published. There are no plans to publish this data.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-20/34782/>

### Immigration Controls

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Anne-Marie Trevelyan [32895]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what modelling she has conducted to assess the likelihood of the emergency brake mechanism to control immigration from the rest of the EU into the UK being utilised in the next five years.

**Anne-Marie Trevelyan [32893]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will undertake a review to establish the reasons for the Government underestimating the numbers of migrants from A2 countries when transitional controls on migration from those countries were relaxed and abolished on 1 January 2014; and if she will make a statement.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The European Commission has clearly said that the UK already meets the criteria for the implementation of the 'emergency brake' and the text of the agreement makes clear that, once the necessary legislation is in place, EU workers newly arriving in the UK will not have full access to our in-work benefits for up to four years.

The Home Office accepted the view of the independent Migration Advisory Committee that to produce such estimates "would not be sensible, or helpful to policymakers" and did not prepare specific forecasts of likely inflows from Romania and Bulgaria once restrictions expired on 1 January 2014. There are no plans to undertake a review of this decision.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-08/32895/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-08/32893/>

### Immigration

**Shabana Mahmood [35013]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many renewals of existing status of discretionary leave to remain have been refused due to a failure to pay the immigration health surcharge in each of the last three years.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Our records indicate that the number of applications rejected due to a failure to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) from 27 June 2015 to 31 December 2015 is 154. This consisted of 134 rejected for failure to pay the appropriate fee and the IHS, and 20 rejected solely for failure to pay the IHS. There were also an additional 10 cases rejected solely for failure to pay the application fee.

The payment of the Immigration Health Surcharge was not prescribed for Further Discretionary Leave to Remain application forms until 27 June 2015.

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Notes:

- The data relates to applications for Further Discretionary Leave to Remain.
- The data provided is provisional management information that is subject to change. It has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics.
- All of the statistics referred to in the answer come with necessary caveats about the accuracy of the data. The data provided has been drawn from manual records on the Home Office Case Information Database, which, as with any large scale recording system, is subject to possible human errors with data entry and processing.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-21/35013/>

### Immigration

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Shabana Mahmood** [34450] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many cases are (a) awaiting a decision and (b) dormant at the Complex Casework Directorate in Liverpool.

**Shabana Mahmood** [34451] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many new cases have opened after the establishment of the Complex Casework Directorate; and how many such cases were resolved by way of granting a leave.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Complex Casework Directorate was set up to be responsible for the remaining un-concluded asylum cases where the initial asylum application was lodged before March 2007. The work to review and communicate decisions to the cohort of older asylum cases was completed by the end of December 2014, other than for a small number of cases that were on hold, although work continues to progress the removal of applicants who received a negative decision from the Home Office and who otherwise have no lawful basis to remain in the United Kingdom.

As of 31 December 2015 there were 524 older asylum records requiring review, and a further 742 were on hold. These cases were on hold for legitimate process reasons. There are no dormant records.

The older asylum records relate to asylum applications made prior to 5 March 2007, and there are therefore no new cases, although cases that are reopened following contact with an individual whose record was previously closed are added to the cohort of older live asylum records. It is not possible to say how many reopened cases were subsequently granted leave without incurring disproportionate cost.

Information relating to older asylum records is published as part of the Asylum Transparency Data. This data includes the work in progress, on take of people who enter the cohort and the number of individuals granted leave.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-18/34450/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-18/34451/>

### Undocumented Migrants

**Lord Green of Deddington** [HL7419] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many illegal entrants were detected (1) on arrival at a UK ferry port, and (2) subsequent to having entered in a vehicle that had arrived at a UK ferry port, in each of the last three years for which figures are available.

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** Our records currently indicate that the

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number of clandestine entrants detected at UK ferry ports was:

2013 756

2014 1,480

2015 1,305

As part of recent changes to the way data is recorded, management information from April 2011 has been refreshed and may differ from the data released in earlier responses.

Previous figures provided for PQ 21106 showed that, at that time, our records indicated that 678 detections had been made at seaports in 2013. Under the new improved recording and reporting system, this figure has been updated to 756.

Clandestine entrants detected in-country with a declared port of departure that is a ferry port:

2013 676

2014 1,343

2015 1,630

This is provisional management information that is subject to change. It has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics. Because the source of this data is a live operational system, operational reports taking data from the system at different times will continue to reflect slightly different numbers.

As part of recent changes to the way data is recorded, management information from April 2011 has been refreshed and may differ from the data released in earlier responses.

Immigration controls operate at Calais, and as such detections at Dover are normally counted as in country. For the purposes of this question, detections at Dover are counted as "at a UK ferry port".

For part (2), data on the ferry port of departure has been used as a proxy for port of arrival, as the latter is not recorded. Regarding part (2), it must be noted that data for port of departure is incomplete: over the three year period there are more than 15,000 clandestines detected in country with no port of departure recorded.

The data for part (2) excludes clandestine entrants whose declared port of departure is Coquelles, as this is a rail port.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-04-11/HL7419/>

### Marriage: Children

**Douglas Carswell** [34734] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 14 April 2016 to Question 33257, what the Government's policy is on (a) granting residency to and (b) possible prosecution of people who arrive in the UK as either refugees or asylum seekers who are married to a child under 16 when such marriages were undertaken legally outside the UK and were not performed under duress.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** People of any age who are able to establish a protection need will normally be granted asylum or humanitarian protection in the UK irrespective of whether they are married to a child under 16 where the marriage was undertaken legally outside the UK and not under duress.

A person under 18 who seeks asylum as the spouse or civil partner of another asylum seeker will not be allowed to do so and must apply for asylum in their own right as a minor. Any minor seeking asylum or refugee granted leave on this basis who is known to be in a relationship akin to marriage will be referred to the local authority social services at the earliest opportunity, irrespective of the legality of the marriage or whether the marriage is believed to have taken place under duress.

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34734/>

#### Child Benefit: Foreign Nationals

**William Wragg** [33678] To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 12 April 2016 to Question (32664) what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of child benefit payments paid to non-UK citizens in each year since 2010-11.

**Reply from Damian Hinds:** The Government has made it clear that UK rates of Child Benefit should not be paid to EU children overseas. The Government paper, 'The best of both worlds: the United Kingdom's special status in a reformed European Union,

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/502291/54284\\_EU\\_Series\\_No1\\_Web\\_Accessible.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/502291/54284_EU_Series_No1_Web_Accessible.pdf), sets out what was agreed at the February European Council.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-12/33678/>

#### Visas: Married People

**Daniel Kawczynski** [34550] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's policy is on whether gross or net figures for rental income should be used in the calculation for the income threshold under spousal visa rules.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Under paragraph 20(c) and (cc) of Appendix FM-SE to the Immigration Rules, the gross income from property rental may be counted towards meeting the minimum income threshold for sponsoring a non-EEA national spouse or partner under the family Immigration Rules, provided that the evidential requirements of Appendix FM-SE are met.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34550/>

#### Refugees

**Thangam Debbonaire** [34457] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what she is doing to help safeguard the welfare of (a) unaccompanied minors who have gone missing and (b) other unaccompanied minors in the refugee camps in Calais and Dunkirk.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Under the UK-France Joint Declaration of 20 August 2015, the UK has committed to support a range of work to address the migrant situation in northern France. The two governments have established a permanent official contact group focused on ensuring that the provisions of the Dublin III Regulation are used efficiently and effectively, including the provisions on family unity. A Home Office official was seconded to the Interior Ministry's Dublin Unit in Paris to assist with the identification of potential requests for the UK to take charge of an asylum seeking child in France and to bring them into the Dublin Regulation procedure without delay.

The UK has provided funding to a project run by a French non-governmental organisation to identify potential victims of trafficking and exploitation (including unaccompanied children) in Calais and to direct them to appropriate support services in France.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-18/34457/>

#### Prime Minister's Questions: Refugee Children

**Angus Robertson:** Following the Hillsborough inquiry, we join in all the comments made

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so far in relation to the families and in paying tribute to all the campaigners for justice. Last night, the Government were defeated for the second time in the House of Lords on the issue of refugee children being given refuge in the United Kingdom. Many Members of that House, like many Members of this one, in all parties, including on the Prime Minister's own side, would wish us to do much, much more in helping provide refuge for unaccompanied children in Europe. Will the Prime Minister please reconsider his opposition and stop walking by on the other side?

**Reply from the Prime Minister:** I do not think anyone can accuse this country of walking on by in this refugee crisis. Let us be very clear about what we have done: first, we are taking the 20,000 refugees from outside Europe, which I think has all-party support; secondly, last week we announced the further 3,000—principally unaccompanied children and children at risk from outside Europe—whom we will be taking; and, thirdly, under our normal refugee procedures, last year we took more than 3,000 unaccompanied children. But where I disagree, respectfully, with their lordships' House is that those people who are in European countries are in safe European countries. To compare—somehow—children or adults who are in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal or Greece with children stuck in Nazi Germany is deeply wrong, and we will continue our approach, which includes being the second largest donor country anywhere in the world in those refugee camps.

**Angus Robertson:** As in the 1930s, there are thousands—*[Interruption.]* Apparently, there is “no comparison” between thousands of children needing refuge in the 1930s and thousands of children in Europe at the present time ...

Europol estimates that 10,000 unaccompanied children in Europe have disappeared. This is an existential question about the safety of vulnerable children. The Prime Minister thinks that it is not the responsibility of the United Kingdom to help unaccompanied children in Europe, so I ask him: who has the moral responsibility for feeding them, clothing them, educating them and giving them refuge, if not us, and everyone in Europe?

**Reply from the Prime Minister:** Let me answer that very directly. First, any unaccompanied child who has direct family in Britain, on claiming asylum under the Dublin regulations, can come to Britain—and quite right too. But the right hon. Gentleman asked who was responsible for refugees. The answer to that question is the country the refugees are in. I want Britain to play our part, but we have to ask ourselves whether we do better by taking a child from a refugee camp, or taking a child from Lebanon, or taking a child from Jordan, than by taking a child from France, Italy or Germany. As I have said, to compare this with the 1930s is, frankly, to insult those countries, which are our neighbours and partners.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-04-27/debates/16042755000017/Engagements#contribution-16042755000139>

### Refugees: Children

**Barry Sheerman** [34218] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reunite refugee minors with their families in the UK.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** We have worked with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), NGOs, local authorities and the devolved administrations to provide a resettlement route to the UK, specifically designed for children at risk from the Middle East and North Africa region. On the UNHCR's recommendation the scheme will target all children at risk as defined by the UNHCR. This includes unaccompanied children and separated children (those separated from their parents and/or other family members) as well as other vulnerable children such as child carers and those at risk of child labour, child

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marriage or other forms of neglect, abuse or exploitation.

We will commit to resettling several hundred individuals in the first year with a view to resettling up to 3000 individuals over the lifetime of this Parliament, the majority of whom will be children. Further details can be found in the Written Ministerial Statement available at:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2016-04-21/HCWS687>

Further, our refugee family reunion policy allows immediate family members of a person in the UK with refugee leave or humanitarian protection status – that is a spouse or partner and children under the age of 18, who formed part of the family unit before the sponsor fled their country of origin – to reunite with them in the UK. Where a family reunion application fails under the Immigration Rules, the Entry Clearance Officer must also consider whether there are exceptional circumstances or compassionate reasons to justify granting a visa outside the Rules. This caters for family members in exceptional circumstances and would include minors applying to join a member of their extended family who has refugee status or humanitarian protection.

A British citizen or individual with indefinite leave to remain can also sponsor a child to come to the UK under the Immigration Rules if they are that child's parent, irrespective of whether the child is a refugee.

There is also provision for a child to seek leave to enter to join a relative who has refugee leave or is a beneficiary of humanitarian protection where the relative is not the parent of the child, and the child is under the age of eighteen. Other requirements apply such as the need to be able to care for the child without recourse to public funds. Exceptional circumstance will also be considered in these cases.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-15/34218/>

### Refugees: Syria

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** [HL7796] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the process of resettling 20,000 refugees by 2020 fulfils the criteria of the UNHCR Integration Programme outlined in its 2013 report *The Integration of Resettled Refugees*, including provisions for pre-departure information, initial reception, orientation and documentation, social support, employment support, language training, education, healthcare, housing and income support.

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The UK has worked closely with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees on both the development and delivery of its Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.

Through the International Organisation for Migration the UK offers cultural orientation pre-departure to refugees being resettled to the UK. Upon arrival, local authorities are funded to provide refugees with a 12 month support package tailored to their individual needs which includes; accommodation, support in addressing any medical and social care needs, integration assistance and English language tuition.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-04-20/HL7796/>

### Refugees: Syria

**Jim Cunningham** [33772] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the cost of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme since its inception; and if she will make a statement.



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**Richard Harrington:** At the Spending Review, the Chancellor announced an estimated £460 million over the spending review period to cover the first 12 months' costs for each of the 20,000 refugees being resettled in the UK under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Scheme. He also announced an estimated £129 million to assist with local authority costs for years two to five of each refugee's stay in the UK. The cost of the scheme since inception is subject to audit by the National Audit Office as part of the finalisation of the 2015-16 Home Office Annual Report and Accounts, which are expected to be published this summer.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-13/33772/>

### Refugees: Syria

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL7795]** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether it is their intention that the 20,000 refugees being brought to the UK before 2020 will be housed in local authority accommodation or hosted by British families.

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The UK has been operating resettlement schemes for many years and we already have established an effective networks to accommodate and support resettled people. We continue to work closely with Local Authorities to ensure infrastructure and support networks are in place for the appropriate care and integration of these refugees. This includes ensuring suitable housing is available for them. The accommodation provided to refugees resettled in the UK under the Syrian VPR programme is likely to be private rented accommodation and will be within existing local housing allowance rates. We are not looking to host Syrian refugees in people's homes.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-04-20/HL7795/>

### Refugees: Syria

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL7797]** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the estimated cost of providing accommodation for the 20,000 refugees to be resettled in the UK before 2020.

**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The accommodation provided to refugees resettled in the UK under the Syrian VPR programme is likely to be private rented accommodation and will be within existing local housing allowance rates.

The first 12 months of a refugee's resettlement costs are fully funded by central government using the overseas aid budget. At the Spending Review, the Chancellor announced an estimated £460 million over the spending review period to cover the first 12 months' costs under the scheme. The costs which can be covered from the aid budget include, for example, any education, housing, medical or social care the refugees might need immediately on arrival.

At the Spending Review the Government committed £129 million to assist with local authority costs over years 2-5 of the scheme. This will be allocated on a tariff basis over four years, tapering from £5,000 per person in their second year in the UK, to £1,000 per person in year five.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-04-20/HL7797/>

### Refugees: Syria

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL7798]** To ask Her Majesty's Government what consultation process took place with local authorities in preparation for their policy of bringing 20,000 refugees to the UK by 2020.

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**Reply from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** We are determined to ensure that no local authority is asked to take more than the local structures are able to cope with. That is why we work closely with local authorities and other partners, including the Local Government Association, to ensure that capacity can be identified and the impact on those taking new cases can be managed in a fair and controlled way.

This is a voluntary scheme whereby local authorities sign up to accept refugees on a voluntary basis. We have asked them to think very carefully about whether they have the infrastructure and support networks needed to ensure the appropriate care and integration of these refugees before they make an offer of places to the Resettlement Team.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-04-20/HL7798/>

### Refugees: Yazidis

**Helen Jones** [34165] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will extend the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme to Yazidi women who are Iraqi victims of Daesh; and if she will make a statement.

**Replies from James Brokenshire:** Only the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) registered Syrian refugees are eligible under the Syrian Resettlement Scheme, which has been expanded to resettle up to 20,000 during this Parliament. We work closely with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to identify cases that they deem in need of resettlement according to seven agreed vulnerability criteria for the Syrian Resettlement Scheme.

There are no current plans to widen the Syrian Resettlement Scheme but it is operated in addition to our global resettlement schemes: Gateway and Mandate, which are not nationality specific. We also announced on 21 April a new Children at Risk Resettlement Scheme designed to resettle refugee children and their families designated by UNHCR as being at risk. This scheme is not nationality specific but is targeted at children in the Middle East and North Africa.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-15/34165/>

### Refugees: Yazidis

**Louise Ellman** [34724] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2016 to Question 29547, what assessment she has made of the efficacy of steps taken to reach vulnerable Yazidis now located in Turkish camps to enable them to be resettled in the UK under the Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme; and if she will make a statement.

**Reply from Richard Harrington:** UNHCR identifies Syrian refugees for resettlement using their established vulnerability criteria. Membership of a minority religion is not in itself one of the vulnerability criteria but members of minority religious groups, such as Syrian Yazidis, may qualify under one of the criteria.

The seven vulnerability criteria used by the UNHCR are Legal and or Physical Protection Needs; Survivors of Torture and/or Violence; Medical Needs; Women and Girls at Risk; Family Reunification; Children and Adolescents at Risk and Lack of Foreseeable Alternative Durable Solutions.

We are providing support to UNHCR to strengthen their resettlement work with Syrian refugees and specifically to intensify their outreach to groups that might be reluctant to register for fear of stigma/discrimination, or who might be unaware of the safe space that UNHCR can provide and the options available to them. This

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includes all religious minorities, people with disabilities, and survivors of torture and sexual violence.

On 21 April my Rt Hon. Friend James Brokenshire laid a Written Ministerial Statement launching a new resettlement scheme for 'Children at Risk' from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The scheme will not target unaccompanied children alone, but will be extended to all 'Children at Risk' as defined by the UNHCR. Through this category we will resettle the most vulnerable children accompanied by their families where the UNHCR deems resettlement is in the best interests of the child.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34724/>

### Asylum

**Stuart McDonald** [34251] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many decisions on international protection her Department made with further submissions lodged under rule 353 of the Immigration Rules in respect of (a) grants on protection grounds, (b) grants on non-protection grounds, (c) decisions to treat as fresh claim and then refuse, (d) further submissions refused, (e) further submissions rejected as not in correct format or (f) further submissions withdrawn before any decision made in (i) 2013-14, (ii) 2014-15 and (iii) 2015-16.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Our records indicate that 27,254 further submissions decisions were made under rule 353 of the Immigration Rules from 2013 to 2015. A breakdown of decision outcomes by year has been provided in a separate attached summary document.

The data used in response to this question relates to all further submissions decisions, as data held does not identify whether the further submission decision was on international protection or other grounds.

In relation to category (e), decisions to reject further submissions as not in correct format, Home Office policy on further submissions requires that further submissions should be submitted in person unless certain exceptions apply. Data is not available for the number of submissions that are not accepted because they have not been submitted via the appropriate process.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-15/34251/>

### Asylum: Appeals

**Stuart McDonald** [34250] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many further submissions under rule 353 of the Immigration Rules were made in (a) 2013-14, (b) 2014-15 and (c) 2015-16.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Our records indicate that 22,149 1 further submissions under rule 353 of the Immigration Rules were made from 2013 to 2015. The breakdown of applications received is 8,088 during 2013, 7,206 in 2014 and 6,855 for 2015.

1 Relates to 18,143 people - due to a number of individuals making multiple further submissions.

Notes:

- The data only includes further submissions that are linked to an Asylum claim.
- The data includes main applicants only and does not include dependants.
- The data covers further submissions applications made between 01/01/2013 and 31/12/2015 (in line with data publications under the transparency agenda).

The data provided is provisional management information that is subject to change. It has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics.

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-15/34250/>

### Immigrants: Detainees

*The following three questions all received the same answer*

**Paul Blomfield** [34688] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Written Statement of 18 April 2016, on immigration detention, HCWS679, whether notice will be given to pregnant women who will be detained.

**Paul Blomfield** [34689] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Written Statement of 18 April 2016, on immigration detention, HCWS679, whether there will be independent oversight of decisions to detain pregnant women.

**Paul Blomfield** [34701] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Written Statement of 18 April 2016, HCWS679, on immigration detention, who will be eligible under these proposals to authorise the detention of a pregnant woman for the first 72 hours.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** At present, detention is authorised by an officer of at least the rank of Chief Immigration Officer (CIO) or Higher Executive Officer (HEO). As stated in the Government's Written Ministerial Statement of 14 January, the Government is developing a new approach to the case management of those detained. This is intended to replace the existing detention review process with a clear removal plan for all those in detention.

It will ensure that all detainees, including pregnant women, spend the minimum possible time in detention. Under the new policy in order for detention to be extended beyond 72 hours ministerial authorisation will be required and the maximum detention period will be one week.

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons and Independent Monitoring Boards already provide independent oversight of detention facilities and conditions of detention. Individuals, including pregnant women, are given prior notification of their liability to removal from the UK by the Home Office and they would be detained only for the purposes of identification or removal.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34688/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34689/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34701/>

### Immigrants: Detainees

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Paul Blomfield** [34690] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Written Statement of 18 April 2016, on immigration detention, HCWS679, how many pregnant women (a) are detained and (b) have been detained for immigration purposes at the border in each of the last five years.

**Paul Blomfield** [34691] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Written Statement of 18 April 2016, on immigration detention, HCWS679, how many pregnant women (a) are detained and (b) have been detained for immigration purposes in each of the last five years.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Management information for 19 April showed that two pregnant women were held at the border and there was one pregnant woman held in an IRC. Information on those held at the border and in IRCs in

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each of the last five years is not held centrally and providing it would incur disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34690/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34691/>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Paula Sherriff** [34718] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Written Statement of 18 April 2016, on immigration detention, HCWS679, in what ways the policy to end the routine detention of pregnant women differs from the current policy that pregnant women should be detained only in exceptional circumstances.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Current policy is set out in paragraph 10 of Chapter 55 of the Home Office Enforcement Instructions and Guidance, which states that certain groups of individuals, including pregnant women, are normally considered suitable for detention in only very exceptional circumstances.

The Government announced in a Written Ministerial Statement on 14 January that it was introducing a new “adult at risk” concept into decision making on immigration detention, with a clear presumption that people who are at risk should not be detained, building on the existing legal framework. The Government has made a commitment to publish its “adult at risk” policy in May.

The new process announced in the Written Ministerial Statement on 18 April, will, if agreed by Parliament, provide an additional safeguard. It will provide absolute clarity that no woman who is known to be pregnant can be detained for longer than 72 hours, or, with Ministerial authorisation a maximum of a week. This puts in place the same safeguards as introduced in 2014 when the government put in place its policy to end the routine detention of children for immigration purposes.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34718/>

### Asylum: Detainees

**Daniel Zeichner** [34524] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to (a) end the indefinite detention of asylum-seekers in the UK and (b) introduce a limit on such detention in line with other European countries.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** We do not detain asylum seekers indefinitely using immigration powers. The decision on whether detention is necessary is made on a case by case basis taking account of all the circumstances of the individual case. Detention must comply with the European Convention on Human Rights. Coupled with this, domestic case law is clear that, where detention is for the purpose of removal, the detention power can only be exercised if there is a realistic prospect of removal within a reasonable timeframe, which is highly case-specific.

Some other European countries have in place a time limit on immigration detention because of the inquisitorial nature of their systems and because the actions of their Executives are not scrutinised by their courts in the same way in which courts in the UK scrutinise the Executive. The UK is not a signatory to the EU Returns Directive, which establishes time limits across Europe.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34524/>

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### Deportation

**Stephen Timms** [35126] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what protocols her Department has on removing from the UK people who have been refused leave to remain and who require (a) 16 hours and (b) 24 hours of oxygen per day for medical reasons.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** There are no protocols in place for enforced removals in such circumstances. Any such case would be assessed by our medical escorting contractor on the basis of the individual's need.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-22/35126/>

### Slavery

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Sarah Champion** [35052] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether it is the Government's policy to provide legal aid to enable victims of modern slavery and trafficking to bring compensation claims against their traffickers.

**Sarah Champion** [35053] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the (a) terms of reference, (b) timetable, (c) methodology, (d) consultees and (e) identity of the reviewer is for his Department's urgent review of legal aid for victims of modern slavery and trafficking who want to bring claims against their traffickers.

**Reply from Shailesh Vara:** There is specific legal aid provision for victims of modern slavery and human trafficking for immigration advice and representation, and in relation to damages and employment claims arising from their treatment, subject to means and merits.

The Ministry of Justice and Legal Aid Agency are carrying out a review of existing arrangements for providing legal aid for advice and assistance (known as Legal Help) in respect of Trafficking and Modern Slavery Compensation Claims (TMSCCs).

The review will involve research into :

(a) Potential numbers of individuals entitled and eligible to seek Legal Help in relation to TMSCC and their geographical location.

(b) Ability, preparedness and willingness of legal aid providers to carry out this work, and any factors which may limit this.

The review will be completed in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-21/35052/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-21/35053/>

## New Publications

**Marriage and Migration: facilitating the integration of migrant spouses**

[http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/news/Briefing\\_25\\_Marriage\\_and\\_migration\\_V5.pdf](http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/news/Briefing_25_Marriage_and_migration_V5.pdf)

**National Insurance Numbers and Immigration figures for Eastern Europeans**

<http://www.migrationwatchuk.org/press-release/444>

**Animation: Explained: EU Migration to the UK**

<https://vimeo.com/163686248>

## **Immigration and Asylum** (continued) **News: migration statistics**

**Net migration from eastern Europe to UK could have been undercounted by tens of thousands, says report**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14453662.Net\\_migration\\_from\\_eastern\\_Europe\\_to\\_UK\\_could\\_have\\_been\\_undercounted\\_by\\_tens\\_of\\_thousands\\_says\\_report/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14453662.Net_migration_from_eastern_Europe_to_UK_could_have_been_undercounted_by_tens_of_thousands_says_report/)

**True scale of migration may be 50,000 a year higher than official figures**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/26/true-scale-of-migration-may-be-50000-a-year-higher-than-official/>

**Migration estimate is out by 250,000, claims think-tank**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-04-27/news/migration-estimate-is-out-by-250-000-claims-think-tank-9bzrsn2zd>

**The 250,000 EU migrants 'that weren't counted': Explosive report says official figures are underestimating number by 50,000 a year meaning migration from inside Europe is now higher than the rest of the world combined**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3560430/The-250-000-EU-migrants-weren-t-counted-Explosive-report-says-official-figures-underestimating-number-50-000-year-meaning-migration-inside-Europe-higher-rest-world-combined.html>

## **News: child refugees**

**David Cameron branded a disgrace over claim that thousands of child refugees are safe in Europe**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/david-cameron-branded-disgrace-over-7871344#Roo0OEZf2yGwycy1.97>

**Government avoids defeat over lone child refugees call**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36134837>

**Lords on collision course with MPs over 3,000 unaccompanied child refugees**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/lords-collision-course-mps-over-7843175#pyPOKhgZskw4Y5PV.97>

**Government defeated again in Lords over child refugees**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36146116>

**Rejecting child refugees 'puts the UK to shame'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/rejecting-child-refugees-puts-the-uk-to-shame-ghxbbqpw>

**Lords force rethink on Britain taking in 3,000 child refugees**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-04-29/news/lords-force-rethink-on-britain-taking-in-3-000-child-refugees-9ssvv62p6>

**David Cameron accused of bringing 'shame' on Britain after rejecting calls to take in more refugee children**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/27/david-cameron-accused-of-bringing-shame-on-britain-after-rejecti/>

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**My grandfather's life was saved by the Kindertransport - as a child refugee, he would have been turned away today**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/my-grandfathers-life-was-saved-by-the-kindertransport-but-as-child-refugees-they-would-have-been-a7003161.html>

**The Government's approach to the refugee crisis is unsympathetic, unimaginative and narrow**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/editorials/the-governments-approach-to-the-refugee-crisis-is-unsympathetic-unimaginative-and-narrow-a7002236.html>

**Immigration Bill: MPs vote against child refugee amendment**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/immigration-bill-mps-vote-against-child-refugee-amendment-a7000901.html>

**If we have the resources to bomb Syria, we surely have the resources to help 3,000 refugee children**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/if-we-have-the-resources-to-bomb-syria-we-surely-have-the-resources-to-help-3000-refugee-children-a7001601.html>

**Ministers urged to let in 3,000 unaccompanied child refugees**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/apr/25/ministers-urged-to-let-in-3000-unaccompanied-child-refugees>

**Labour says 'fight will go on' after Tories vote down child refugee plan**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/25/tories-vote-against-accepting-3000-child-refugees>

**Child refugee fight has caught public's imagination, says peer**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/26/child-refugee-fight-caught-publics-imagination-lord-dubs>

**Fresh proposal to help child refugees stranded in Europe tabled**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/26/fresh-proposal-to-help-child-refugees-stranded-in-europe-tabled>

**Lords try again to overturn Tory refusal to help child refugees in Europe**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/26/lords-tries-again-to-overturn-tory-refusal-to-help-child-refugees-in-europe>

**These refugees are children, cold, alone and at risk. That's why I voted to help them**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/apr/27/refugees-children-at-risk-voted-tory-whip-stephen-phillips>

**David Cameron rejects peers' call to admit more refugee children**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/27/david-cameron-rejects-peers-call-to-admit-more-refugee-children>

**Tory who rebelled over child refugees bill urges MPs to back new proposal**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/27/tory-rebel-over-child-refugees-bill-urges-mps-to-back-new-proposal>



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### News: child refugees (continued)

**Pressure on PM to save child refugees: No 10 defeated in Lords vote on whether Britain should accept its fair share of vulnerable youths**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3560450/Pressure-PM-save-child-refugees-No-10-defeated-Lords-vote-Britain-accept-fair-share-vulnerable-youth.html>

**Closing Our Hearts and Minds to Refugee Children Are Not the Actions of a World-Leading Moral Country**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/rabbi-harry-jacobi/child-refugees-kindertransport\\_b\\_9784112.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/rabbi-harry-jacobi/child-refugees-kindertransport_b_9784112.html)

**Voting Against the Government on Child Refugees Was Both the Easiest and the Hardest Decision of My Career**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/stephen-phillips/child-refugee-crisis-vote\\_b\\_9778786.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/stephen-phillips/child-refugee-crisis-vote_b_9778786.html)

**'Westminster turning its back on refugee children shames Britain'**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/14464100.Westminster\\_turning\\_its\\_back\\_on\\_refugee\\_children\\_shames\\_Britain/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/14464100.Westminster_turning_its_back_on_refugee_children_shames_Britain/)

**Lone children beached in the Jungle**

[http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/world\\_news/article1691210.ece](http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/world_news/article1691210.ece)

## News: other immigration and asylum

**One third of migrants go to London**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-04-29/news/one-third-of-migrants-go-to-london-prgnhk058>

**Europe's failure on refugees echoes the moral collapse of the 1930s**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/commentisfree/2016/apr/26/europe-stance-refugees-ethical-failure-historic-proportions>

**Syrian refugees: 14 families and 20 children arrive in Northern Ireland**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-36154540>

**How four women in Greenwich led one of the biggest community efforts to help Syrian refugees**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/how-four-women-led-one-of-the-biggest-community-efforts-to-help-syrian-refugees-a7007401.html>

**Syrian refugee reveals her lost childhood in harrowing journey to find Scottish haven**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/syrian-refugee-reveals-lost-childhood-7824053#3VPMAET3DeWyi5QR.97>

**Transgender woman facing military service as a man can stay in UK**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/apr/27/transgender-woman-facing-military-service-as-man-stay-uk-singapore>

**MP steps in to help family fleeing Saudi persecution**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14463423.MP\\_steps\\_in\\_to\\_help\\_family\\_fleeing\\_Saudi\\_persecution/](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14463423.MP_steps_in_to_help_family_fleeing_Saudi_persecution/)

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**Student wins first battle against deportation after Home Office U-turn**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14462124.Student\\_wins\\_first\\_battle\\_against\\_deportation\\_after\\_Home\\_Office\\_U\\_turn/](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14462124.Student_wins_first_battle_against_deportation_after_Home_Office_U_turn/)

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## Community Relations

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**Let us Not Forget That There is Much That Binds Muslims and Jews**

<http://faith-matters.org/2016/04/30/let-us-not-forget-that-there-is-much-that-binds-muslims-and-jews/>

**Residents of more ethnically diverse neighbourhoods actually reported higher levels of social cohesion**

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/are-neighbourhoods-with-ethnically-diverse-populations-more-likely-to-suffer-from-low-levels-of-perceived-social-cohesion-a-new-study-suggests-not/>

**Where are Leicester City's Asian fans?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/apr/29/where-are-asians-leicester-city-stadium>

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## Equality

### Press Release

**Equality and Human Rights Commission welcomes appointment of new Chair and Scotland Commissioner**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/commission-welcomes-appointment-new-chair-and-scotland-commissioner>

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**Equality and Human Rights Commission comments on BBC's new recruitment diversity targets**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/commission-comments-bbc%E2%80%99s-new-recruitment-diversity-targets>

**Civil service is overwhelmingly white and male on David Cameron's watch, report claims**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/27/civil-service-is-overwhelmingly-white-and-male-on-david-camerons/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission comments on gender segregation at school in Luton**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/commission-comments-gender-segregation-school-luton>

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**Luton Muslim school uses dividing screen across room to separate men and women**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2016/04/27/school-inspector-warns-of-segregation-in-independent-faith-school/>

**Islamic faith school is failed by Ofsted inspectors for undermining British values because it segregates male and female staff**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3561914/Islamic-faith-school-failed-Ofsted-inspectors-undermining-British-values.html>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### UK Parliament Point of Order

#### Anti-Semitism

**Naz Shah:** ... May I seek your advice on how I can express my deep sorrow about something to which the Prime Minister referred earlier?

As you know, Mr Speaker, if Ministers make a mistake, they can correct the record. I hope you will allow me to say that I fully acknowledge that I have made a mistake, and I wholeheartedly apologise to the House for the words that I used before I became a Member of Parliament. I accept and understand that the words that I used caused upset and hurt to the Jewish community, and I deeply regret that. Anti-Semitism is racism, full stop. As a Member of Parliament, I will do everything in my power to build relations between Muslims, Jews, and people of different faiths and none.

I am grateful, and very thankful, for the support and advice that I have received from many Jewish friends and colleagues, advice on which I intend to act. I truly regret what I did, and I hope—I sincerely hope—that the House will accept my profound apology.

**Mr Speaker:** The hon. Lady has found an opportunity to apologise. I thank her for what she has said, and it will have been noted by the House.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-04-27/debates/1604275900001/PointsOfOrder#contribution-16042759000125>

### Press Release

**European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights presents guidance from across the EU on combating hate crime**

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/press-release/2016/fra-presents-guidance-across-eu-combating-hate-crime>

### New Publications

**Ensuring justice for hate crime victims: professional perspectives**

[http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\\_uploads/fra-2016-justice-hate\\_crime-victims\\_en.pdf](http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2016-justice-hate_crime-victims_en.pdf)

**European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights compendium of good practices**

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/theme/hate-crime/compendium-practices>

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**Jeremy Corbyn launches an investigation after racism claims**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/jeremy-corbyn-launches-an-investigation-after-racism-claims-1-4115419>

**Jeremy Corbyn launches independent review into racism after Livingstone row**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14462950.Jeremy\\_Corbyn\\_launches\\_independent\\_review\\_into\\_racism\\_after\\_Livingstone\\_row/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14462950.Jeremy_Corbyn_launches_independent_review_into_racism_after_Livingstone_row/)

**Jeremy Corbyn announces review into racism within Labour as anti-Semitism row deepens**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/jeremy-corbyn-announces-review-racism-7865241#C5AZPHwiHRqAKic.97>

**Jeremy Corbyn launches independent inquiry into Labour antisemitism claims**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/jeremy-corbyn-launches-independent-inquiry-to-tackle-antisemitism-in-the-labour-party-a7007701.html>

**Labour pledges zero tolerance policy on antisemitism**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-04-29/news/labour-pledges-zero-tolerance-policy-on-antisemitism-x75hkszh6>

**Jeremy Corbyn: 'I am totally, completely and absolutely against antisemitism'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/apr/29/jeremy-corbyn-i-am-totally-completely-and-absolutely-against-antisemitism>

**Jeremy Corbyn sets up inquiry into Labour antisemitism claims**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/apr/29/jeremy-corbyn-sets-up-inquiry-into-labour-antisemitism-claims>

**Jeremy Corbyn launches independent review into racism after Livingstone row**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3564724/Labour-anti-Semitism-row-piles-pressure-Jeremy-Corbyn-action.html>

**Pressure grows on Jeremy Corbyn as dossier of anti-Semitism in Labour Party is revealed**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/30/pressure-grows-on-jeremy-corbyn-as-dossier-of-anti-semitism-in-l/>

**Labour has 'serious anti-Semitism problem', peers warn**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36157027>

**Peers accuse Labour of failing to root out antisemitism**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/apr/28/naz-shah-row-peers-accuse-labour-of-failing-to-root-out-antisemitism>

**Senior MPs join calls for Jeremy Corbyn to stamp out Labour's 'problem with antisemitism'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/anti-semitism-ken-livingstone-naz-shah-jeremy-corbyn-labour-party-a7005866.html>

**Labour Party suspend Ken Livingstone amid anti-Semitism row**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/labour-party-suspend-ken-livingstone-amid-antisemitism-row-1-4113977>

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### **Ken Livingstone suspended by Labour over Hitler comments**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14458979.Video\\_Ken\\_Livingstone\\_suspended\\_by\\_Labour\\_over\\_Hitler\\_comments/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14458979.Video_Ken_Livingstone_suspended_by_Labour_over_Hitler_comments/)

### **Jeremy Corbyn faces anti-Semitism turmoil**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/27/jeremy-corbyn-at-odds-live-on-bbc-with-his-shadow-cabinet-minist/>

### **Anti-Semitism row escalates as defiant Livingstone vows to fight suspension**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14462837.Anti\\_Semitism\\_row\\_escalates\\_as\\_defiant\\_Livingstone\\_vows\\_to\\_fight\\_suspension/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14462837.Anti_Semitism_row_escalates_as_defiant_Livingstone_vows_to_fight_suspension/)

### **The anti-Semitic comments that got Ken Livingstone suspended**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/28/listen-the-anti-semitic-comments-that-got-ken-livingstone-suspen/>

### **Ken Livingstone suspended by Labour as party's antisemitism row intensifies**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/ken-livingstone-suspended-labour-party-hitler-supported-zionism-antisemitism-comments-a7005121.html>

### **Livingstone suspended in antisemitism row**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-04-28/news/livingstone-suspended-in-antisemitism-row-6dplmq8w0>

### **Livingstone defends Hitler comments with Corbyn in the crosshairs**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-04-30/news/corbyn-in-the-crosshairs-amid-party-mutiny-over-antisemitism-jgm2h8jcr>

### **MP Naz Shah suspended from Labour**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36148704>

### **Labour embroiled in anti-Semitism row as MP Shah suspended**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/labour-embroiled-in-anti-semitism-row-as-mp-shah-suspended-1-4113031>

### **Labour faces anti-semitism storm as MP Naz Shah suspended**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14456270.Labour\\_faces\\_anti\\_semitism\\_storm\\_as\\_MP\\_Naz\\_Shah\\_suspended/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14456270.Labour_faces_anti_semitism_storm_as_MP_Naz_Shah_suspended/)

### **Labour MP Naz Shah suspended by her party pending a probe into anti-Semitic social media posts**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/labour-mp-naz-shah-suspended-7847350#14trvbdKvoVbdwtf.97>

### **Bradford MP Naz Shah quits as McDonnell's PPS after antisemitic posts**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/apr/26/bradford-labour-mp-naz-shah-quits-john-mcdonnells-pps-antisemitic-facebook-posts>

### **Naz Shah suspended by Labour party amid antisemitism row**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/apr/27/naz-shah-suspended-labour-party-antisemitism-row>

## **Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination** (continued) **News: Labour Party and antisemitism**

**Labour MP Naz Shah apologises to Commons amid antisemitism row**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/apr/27/shadow-minister-calls-for-suspension-of-naz-shah-over-israel-posts>

**Jeremy Corbyn faces anti-Semitism turmoil**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/27/jeremy-corbyn-at-odds-live-on-bbc-with-his-shadow-cabinet-minist/>

**Labour MP Naz Shah apologises for anti-semitic remarks**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/27/labour-mp--naz-shah-apologises-for-anti-semitic-remarks/>

**Labour MP Naz Shah suspended by party over antisemitic Facebook posts**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/naz-shah-suspended-from-the-labour-party-following-over-israel-posts-a7003806.html>

**Corbyn faces a backlash for 'dithering' over anti-Semitism after he was forced into a U-turn on suspending his MP and Labour supporters demand he 'stop the rot'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3563083/Corbyn-faces-backlash-dithering-anti-Semitism-forced-U-turn-suspending-MP-Labour-supporters-demand-stop-rot.html>

**Labour donor urges party to 'stop the rot' amid anti-Semitism row**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3561458/David-Cameron-adds-calls-suspension-Naz-Shah-Israel-comments.html>

**How the parties let the poison of racism seep back into our politics**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/may/01/parties-let-poison-of-racism-back-into-politics>

**The elephant in the room in Labour's antisemitism row**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/apr/28/labour-antisemitism-row>

**My plea to the left: treat Jews the same way you'd treat any other minority**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/apr/29/left-jews-labour-antisemitism-jewish-identity>

## **News: other racism, religious hatred, and discrimination**

**Police seize anti-Ahmadi poster from Glasgow shop amid 'hate preaching' concerns**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime\\_courts/14450274.Police\\_seize\\_anti\\_Ahmadi\\_poster\\_from\\_Glasgow\\_shop\\_amid\\_hate\\_preaching\\_concerns/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime_courts/14450274.Police_seize_anti_Ahmadi_poster_from_Glasgow_shop_amid_hate_preaching_concerns/)

**Muslim sect calls for crackdown on hate preachers**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/muslim-sect-calls-for-crackdown-on-hate-preachers-zdqhgbygh>

**The Muslim Council of Britain is failing Ahmadis like Asad Shah**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/apr/25/muslim-council-of-britain-ahmadi-asad-shah>

## **Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination** (continued) **News: other racism, religious hatred, and discrimination**

**Whatever they do, Muslims can't win in our society**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/apr/28/muslims-society-london-mayoral-election-islam>

**Jewish Labour MP speaks out over the vile anti-semitic abuse she is subjected to by online bullies**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3566667/Jewish-Labour-MP-speaks-vile-anti-semitic-abuse-subjected-online-bullies.html>

**I want my children to move away**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-04-30/news/case-study-i-want-my-children-to-move-away-their-future-is-not-here-n3nmj2dlp>

**What actually is antisemitism?**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/what-actually-is-anti-semitism-a7006346.html>

**What's the difference between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism?**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-36160928>

**'Nazi dog' man reveals he was sacked from job after viral video**

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/uncategorised/163510/nazi-dog-man-reveals-he-was-sacked-from-job-after-video/>

**'Nazi dog' owner reveals he's been sacked over the offensive video ... and claims his new boss doesn't care**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/nazi-dog-owner-reveals-hes-7856231#LJhyS94hFQG7U1F6.97>

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## **Scottish Parliament Elections**

### **New Publications**

**Labour Party Manifesto**

<http://www.scottishlabour.org.uk/page/-/images/Manifesto%202016/Scottish%20Labour%20Manifesto%202016.pdf>

**MEMO+ Scottish Parliament Elections 2016: The Voting System**

[http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2016/16iv\\_sp\\_elections\\_voting.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2016/16iv_sp_elections_voting.pdf)

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## **Other UK Parliament and Government**

### **Parliamentary Questions**

#### **Forced Marriage**

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Greg Mulholland** [34278] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how

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many unwilling parties to a forced marriage have twice been prevented from such a marriage by the Forced Marriage Unit since it was set up.

**Greg Mulholland** [34279] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Forced Marriage Unit takes to monitor the safety of UK residents rescued from forced marriages abroad who return to the UK.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** We made forced marriage a criminal offence in 2014 to better protect victims and send a clear message that this abhorrent practice is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated in the UK. In addition, Forced Marriage Protection Orders (FMPOs) are available to protect those at risk and may include forbidding a person to be taken overseas, or ordering that they be returned to the UK. The jointly led Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) leads the Government's forced marriage policy, outreach and casework. In 2015 the FMU provided to people in the UK and abroad advice or support related to a possible forced marriage in 1,220 cases. This includes direct support to victims and advice to agencies on supporting victims of forced marriage, including help received by forced marriage victims abroad who return to the UK.

Figures on the number of cases reported to the FMU are published annually and are available on GOV.UK. Information on repeat cases is not collated centrally.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-18/34278/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-18/34279/>

### Forced Marriage

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Greg Mulholland** [34529] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many interventions by the Forced Marriages Unit led to criminal prosecutions of people perpetrating forced marriages.

### Forced Marriage: Children

**Greg Mulholland** [34530] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of victims rescued by the Forced Marriages Unit in each year since 2005 have been under 18 years old.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** The jointly led Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) leads on the Government's forced marriage policy, outreach and casework. Figures on the number of cases reported to the FMU via its public helpline and email inbox are published annually and are available on GOV.uk. The figures include a breakdown of cases by age range. The FMU acts in an advisory capacity, and information on the number of cases which resulted in prosecutions is therefore not collated centrally.

We made forced marriage a criminal offence in 2014 to send a clear message that this brutal practice will not be tolerated in the UK. We are encouraged by the first conviction in June 2015, and the Crown Prosecution Service's (CPS) most recent report shows that the volume of referrals from the police to the CPS has risen from 67 in 2013-14 to 82 in 2014-15. But there is still work to be done, and we will continue to work with partners to lead efforts to tackle this abhorrent crime.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34529/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34530/>



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### Forced Marriage Protection Orders

**Greg Mulholland** [34531] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people (a) are protected and (b) have previously been protected but no longer are by a Forced Marriage Protection Order.

**Reply from Caroline Dinenage:** Statistics on Forced Marriage Protection Orders are published by the Ministry of Justice and are available as part of the Family Courts Statistics Quarterly series at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/family-court-statistics-quarterly>. Under this series, the document "Family court tables" provides statistics on the number of applications and orders made in each quarter since 2009 (currently at Table 13). The latest statistics were published on 31 March 2016, providing data up to the end of December 2015.

However, information on the number of people protected by an order is not held centrally.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-04-19/34531/>

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## Other News

**Forced marriage still happens in the UK because police are scared of being called racist for fighting honour abuse**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/forced-marriage-happens-in-the-uk-because-police-are-scared-of-being-labelled-racist-a6998296.html>

**'This is what it's like to pee after female genital mutilation'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-36101342>

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## **Bills in Progress** \*\* new or updated this week

### 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>

House of Commons consideration of House of Lords amendments

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-04-25/debates/16042535000002/ImmigrationBill>

## Bills in Progress

### UK Parliament (continued)

Bill returned to the House of Lords

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-04-25/debates/1604262000048/ImmigrationBill>

House of Commons Reasons and Amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2015-2016/0118/16118.pdf>

Proposed amendments

[http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2015-2016/0118/amend/ml118-l\(Rev\).pdf](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2015-2016/0118/amend/ml118-l(Rev).pdf)

House of Lords consideration of House of Commons Reasons and Amendments

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-04-26/debates/16042643000867/ImmigrationBill>

Lords Insistence, Reason, Non-Insistence and Amendments in Lieu

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2015-2016/0169/16169.pdf>

### Scotland Act 1998 (Amendment) Bill

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

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## Consultations

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**Proposals to amend Immigration and Asylum Chamber fees** (closing date 3 June 2016)

<https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/first-tier-tribunal-and-upper-tribunal-fees>

\*\* **Draft Code of Practice for Stop and Search** (closing date 15 July 2016)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/organised-crime-and-police-powers-unit/stop-and-search>

\*\* **Police Powers to Search Children and Young People for Alcohol** (closing date 15 July 2016)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/organised-crime-and-police-powers-unit/under18search>

**Police Scotland: local policing** (consultation open during the whole year)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX>

**The rise of anti-Semitism** (closing date not yet announced)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/inquiry2/>

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

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](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

### **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](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951.

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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/>

**Equality Advisory Support Service** <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com>

**Scottish Human Rights Commission** <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

**ACAS** [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

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

**Volunteer Development Scotland** [www.vds.org.uk](http://www.vds.org.uk)

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

**Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS)** [www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services](http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services)

**Disclosure Scotland** <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

**BBC News** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

**BBC Democracy Live** [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc\\_parliament/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm)

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>



**BEMIS** is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/>



The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://onescotland.org/>

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