

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Written Answers

Immigration

John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government when a Scottish Minister last met the UK Visas and Immigration and what was discussed. (S5W-5917)

Reply from Alasdair Allan: I met the UK Minister of State for Immigration, Mr Robert Goodwill, on 7 December 2016 to discuss immigration issues. We discussed the potential impact of exiting the EU, post study work visas, the Tier 4 student visa pilot, and the upcoming UK Government consultation on the UK points based system. I raised the concerns relayed to me by a number of EU nationals in Scotland, and again asked for the UK Government to allay their fears, and to guarantee their rights to live and work in the UK postBrexit. I also highlighted Scotland's differential demographic needs and reiterated the very strong cross party and cross sector support for the return of a post study work route for Scotland.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-5917>

Dungavel House

Linda Fabiani: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has been informed by the UK Government of the timetable for the closure of Dungavel House immigration removal centre. (S5W-5845)

Reply from Angela Constance: The UK Government has not informed the Scottish Government of its timetable for the closure of Dungavel House Immigration Removal Centre.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-5845>

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-03401 Mark Ruskell: Devolving Immigration Powers – That the Parliament welcomes calls by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration at Westminster for greater powers over immigration to be devolved to Scotland; notes that the group has said that a commission should be set up to examine how a devolved immigration system might work, and agrees that powers over immigration should be devolved to the Scottish Parliament as soon as possible.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-03401>

UK Parliament Debate

Asylum Seekers: Right to Work

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2017-01-11/debates/66E766AD-8BD7-4EB3-BAD7-31F32F3FB4FF/AsylumSeekersRightToWork>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Pupils: Nationality

Steve McCabe [56640] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 10 November 2016 to Question 50659, what data from the National Pupil Database her Department shares with (a) the Home Office for immigration purposes, (b) media bodies and (c) other parties.

Reply from Nick Gibb: The National Pupil Database (NPD) is information the Department holds on pupils attending schools in England.

Where the police or Home Office have clear evidence that a child may be at risk or there is evidence of criminal activity, limited data including a pupil's name, address and school details may be requested from the National Pupil Database. It is right that we share this data if it helps to keep a child safe from harm or to disrupt a crime.

For this purpose the Department has a data sharing arrangement in place with the Home Office which is set out in a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Secretary of State has legal powers to share extracts of data from the NPD, under strict terms and conditions, with named bodies and third parties who, for the purpose of promoting the education or well-being of children in England, are;

- Conducting research or analysis;
- Providing statistics; or
- Providing information, advice or guidance

There is no routine sharing of NPD data with media bodies. Anyone requesting data from the NPD must comply with strict confidentiality and security rules. Details of the data held in the NPD that is available for named bodies and third parties to request, and the process and guidelines for requesting data extracts, is available on gov.uk.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-07/56640/>

The answer referred to in the question above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-27/50659/>

Pupils: Personal Records

Jim Cunningham [57723] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information the National Pupil Database holds on the (a) nationality and (b) ethnic background of pupils; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Nick Gibb: The National Pupil Database (NPD) is a powerful research database to allow accurate evaluation and assessment of 'what works' in education, by showing how pupils progress over time within the education system. Secure re-use of NPD where legislation, security and public good criteria support it enables rigorous independent evaluation and policy scrutiny to occur.

Details of the School Census and data held in the NPD that is available for named bodies and third parties to request, and the process and guidelines for requesting data extracts, is available on gov.uk.

The new data on nationality and country of origin is solely for the Department's analysts to use for research. The new data has not and will not be held within the National Pupil Database. It has not and will not be shared with any other Government Department or external organisations. The data is provided to school by parents, this is completely optional and parents are under no obligation to provide it if they do not want to.

The NPD holds data on ethnic background provided by the parents to the school, and reported by the school as part of the School Census. This data has been collected in the School Census since 2003. This data is also completely optional and parents can opt out of submitting it if they choose.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-14/57723/>

Immigration Officers: Training

Caroline Lucas [58122] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans her Department has to introduce a training programme for immigration caseworkers on medical evidence of torture.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We consider all asylum claims in a sensitive manner on an individual, objective and impartial basis ensuring that all cases are managed effectively throughout the asylum process to avoid unnecessary delay.

All members of staff who make decisions in asylum receive training on international and domestic law and safeguarding issues supplemented by a mentoring programme with an experienced caseworker that can last up to 6 months. Within the training there are specific sections that detail torture and Medico Legal Reports and how they should be used and analysed in asylum claims.

Asylum Operations recently received funding from the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund to review and redevelop its training prospectus. As part of that work, Asylum Operations is liaising with a range of external stakeholders - including migrant charities and non-governmental organisations - to ensure a robust and effective safeguarding training product.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-19/58122/>

Marriage of Convenience: Arrests

Tim Farron [57896] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many arrests have been made in relation to sham marriages since 2010.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Our published data on arrests made on enforcement visits is available at the following link (Table EVAR 01 refers):
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-enforcement-data-november-2016>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-15/57896/>

Visas

Roger Mullin [59068] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce the costs of repeat visa applications for someone domiciled and married in the UK.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Home Office has no plans to reduce the fees charged for immigration and nationality services provided to people domiciled and married in the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-09/59068/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

The following two questions both received the same answer

Tom Brake [58742] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many European citizens applying for permanent residency in the UK have had their applications rejected between 6 May 2015 and 23 June 2016.

Tom Brake [58741] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many current European citizens applying for permanent residency in the UK have had their applications rejected since 23 June 2016.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Statistics on decisions on applications for Documents Certifying Permanent Residence issued to EEA nationals are published quarterly in table ee_02_q of Immigration Statistics. These cover the period including 2015 and 2016 to September, and include data for grants, refusals and invalid applications (hence rejected). The most recent edition (European Economic Area data tables Immigration Statistics July to September 2016) is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/572387/eea-q3-2016-tables.ods

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58742/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58741/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Paul Blomfield [58952] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the level of awareness of the requirement for EU students to have comprehensive sickness insurance during their five years' lawful continuous residence in the UK in order to qualify for permanent residence.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The EU Free Movement Directive (2004/38/EC) requires that EU nationals hold comprehensive sickness insurance if they wish to study in another EU Member State. This applies across all EU Member States and is reflected in the UK's Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Home Office's published guidance.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58952/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Stephen Timms [59097] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many EU citizens applying for permanent residency in the UK have had their applications (a) accepted and (b) refused in each year since 2010.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Statistics on decisions on applications for Documents Certifying Permanent Residence issued to EEA nationals are published quarterly in table ee_02_q of Immigration Statistics. These include data for granted (hence accepted), and refused applications. The most recent edition (European Economic Area data tables Immigration Statistics July to September 2016) is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/572387/eea-q3-2016-tables.ods

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-09/59097/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

The following eight questions all received the same answer

Paul Blomfield [59341] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for permanent residency from EU nationals are outstanding.

Paul Blomfield [59343] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications from EU nationals for permanent residency have been (a) rejected and (b) successful in each of the last (i) 12 months and (ii) five quarters.

Paul Blomfield [59344] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what average time is taken for a decision on permanent residency to be made for EU nationals.

Paul Blomfield [59345] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the most common reason was for rejecting applications from EU nationals for permanent residency in the last three years.

Paul Blomfield [59346] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many EU nationals who were rejected for permanent residency were asked to leave the UK in the last 12 months.

Paul Blomfield [59447] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to change the basis on which EU nationals get permanent residency once the UK has left the EU.

Paul Blomfield [59448] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with her Cabinet colleagues on the effect of granting permanent residency to all EU nationals resident in the UK on 23 June 2016 on (a) the economy, (b) public services and (c) the UK's Brexit negotiations.

Paul Blomfield [59449] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the success rate for applications for permanent residency applications from EU nationals was in each of the last five quarters.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: At present, the UK remains in the EU. This means that EEA, Swiss and UK nationals continue to have the same rights and status that they had before the referendum.

This Government has been clear that we want to protect the status of EU nationals already living here and the only circumstances in which that would not be possible is if British citizens' rights in European member states were not protected.

Statistics on applications for Documents Certifying Permanent Residence issued to EEA nationals are published quarterly in table ee_02_q of the Immigration Statistics. These cover the period up to September 2016 and include data for grants, refusals and invalid applications (hence rejected). The most recent edition (European Economic Area data tables Immigration Statistics July to September 2016) is available at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/572387/eea-q3-2016-tables.ods

The Home Office does not publish data on the reasons for 'rejections' in this category or the number of permanent residence cases that remain pending. In line with Regulation 18(1) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations, a document certifying permanent residence must be issued to an EU national as soon as possible after an application and relevant documents have been submitted. The time taken to reach a decision will depend on the complexity of the case and the evidence supplied.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-10/59341/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-10/59343/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-10/59449/>

Refugees: English Language

Caroline Ansell [58368] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the additional £10 million funding for English language teaching announced in September 2016 for refugees from the Syrian Vulnerable Person's Resettlement Scheme and the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme will be made available to those groups.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The additional £10 million English language funding package for those who have been resettled under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement schemes is available to the local authorities who support adults (age 19+). This funding comes jointly from the Department for Education's Adult Education budget and from the Syrian Resettlement Programme budget and guidance on how to claim is being issued through the Strategic Migration Partnerships.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58368/>

Refugees: Sponsorship

Tom Brake [58764] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many refugees have been supported through the Community Sponsorship scheme since that scheme was launched.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The number of people who have been resettled under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme is published in the quarterly Home Office immigration statistics. Since the scheme began in January

2014 a total of 4,414 people have been resettled in the UK to the end of September 2016. The figure includes those Syrians resettled with a community sponsor during this period. The refugees that we are bringing to the United Kingdom are very vulnerable people. Our prime concern is their safety and protection as they arrive in this country. We want to protect their privacy and ensure their recovery and integration, as they rebuild their lives in safe and secure surroundings, among supportive communities in the UK. We will, therefore, not be providing a running commentary on numbers that have been resettled with a community sponsor.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58764/>

Refugees: Calais

Diane Abbott [58113] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has suspended all processing and admission of migrants formerly at Calais.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We have worked closely with the French authorities to support the clearance of the Calais camp and to transfer children eligible to come to the UK. Since 10 October, we have transferred over 750 children from France. The current phase has been concluded. More children will be transferred from across Europe under the Immigration Act in the coming months, including from France.

We will continue to meet our obligation under the Dublin Regulation to transfer unaccompanied refugee children to the UK where a family link has been established.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-19/58113/>

Refugees: Children

Caroline Ansell [58261] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to ensure that 16 to 18 year olds are eligible to benefit from the additional £10 million funding for English language teaching for resettled (a) Syrian and (b) other Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme refugees.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The additional £10 million funding package for those arriving under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement (VPR) and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement (VCR) Schemes is for adults only (age 19+). This funding is coming jointly from the Department for Education's (DfE) Adult Education budget and from the Syrian Resettlement Programme budget.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-19/58261/>

Refugees: Children

Sammy Wilson [58466] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps the Government has taken to speed up family reunification for unaccompanied refugee children in Europe.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Government has, and continues to, work closely with partners across Europe to ensure the timely and effective operation of the Dublin Regulation. We have seconded experts to France and Greece, and we have a long-standing secondee in Italy to support the work on unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in Europe, including the Dublin Regulation. The Government has transferred more than 750 children to the UK in support of the French operation to clear the Calais camp under both the family reunification provisions of the Dublin Regulation and the terms of section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016. Prior to the Calais camp clearance, between 1 January and 1 October, there were over 140 unaccompanied asylum seeking children accepted for

transfer from Europe to the UK under the Dublin Regulation.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58466/>

Refugees: Children

The following two questions both received the same answer

Michelle Donelan [58748] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many child refugees have been accepted for transfer to the UK under the (a) Dublin III Regulations and (b) Dubs amendment.

Refugees: Eritrea

Michelle Donelan [58749] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reasons Eritrean minors have been excluded from her Department's guidance for enacting the Dubs amendment in France.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: In 2016, we welcomed over 900 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children to the UK, including more than 750 from France as part of the UK's support for the Calais camp clearance - almost half of the unaccompanied children who were in the camp at the time of the clearance. Approximately 200 of these children met the criteria for section 67 of the Immigration Act

In France, we considered those aged 12 and under of any nationality, children referred to us by the French authorities as being at a high risk of sexual exploitation of any nationality, and those nationalities most likely to qualify for refugee status in the UK, aged 15 and below.

The nationality criteria were based on the reasonable likelihood of the children qualifying for refugee status and achieving long-term stability. Eritrean children over the age of 15 do not qualify because the nationality criterion is based on nationalities with a first instance asylum grant rate of 75 per cent or higher in the year to June 2016. Those nationalities are Syrian and Sudanese.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58748/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58749/>

Refugees: Children

David Davies [58822] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers who arrived in the UK claiming to be under the age of 18 and who were subsequently assessed as being over the age of 18 have since been deported in the last three years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Home Office publish the number of age dispute cases raised and resolved for asylum claimants in the Immigration Statistics release each quarter, in table 10 q:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/572377/asylum3-q3-2016-tables.ods

In addition, the number of individuals who were returned in each quarter who had previously lodged an asylum claim is published in table rt 02 q:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/572379/returns1-q3-2016-tables.ods

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58822/>

Asylum

The following two questions both received the same answer

Alison Thewliss [58422] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many claims for asylum were refused in (a) Scotland, (b) England, (c) Wales and (d)

Northern Ireland in each month since January 2016.

Alison Thewliss [58423] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many claims for asylum were granted in (a) Scotland, (b) England, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland in each month since January 2016.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: I am sorry but the data required to answer the question is not recorded in a way that can be reported on accurately. Such an answer can only be provided at disproportionate cost. The government produces regular data on asylum as part of its Migration Statistics and the latest release can be found at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/572376/asylum2-q3-2016-tables.ods

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58422/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58423/>

Asylum: Housing

The following five questions all received the same answer

Chris Stephens [58478] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what consultations took place with the National Asylum Seekers stakeholder forum and other interested parties on changing the sharing criteria in asylum accommodation contracts to allow siblings of the same sex to room-share to the age of 20; and if she will make a statement.

Chris Stephens [58479] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what consultations took place with the National Asylum Seekers stakeholder forum and other interested parties on extending the contracts on asylum accommodation.

Chris Stephens [58480] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what consultations took place with the National Asylum Seekers stakeholder forum and other interested parties on changing the sharing criteria in asylum accommodation contracts to allow siblings of opposite sex to room-share to the age of 16; and if she will make a statement.

Chris Stephens [58481] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what consultations took place with the National Asylum Seekers stakeholder forum and other interested parties on changes to the sharing criteria of asylum accommodation contracts to allow children up to the age of 16 to share with their parents; and if she will make a statement.

Chris Stephens [58482] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what consultations took place with the National Asylum Seekers stakeholder forum and other interested parties on changes to the sharing criteria in asylum accommodation contracts to allow willing mothers to use shared non-mother and baby unit accommodation; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: In considering the proposal to extend the current contracts the Home Office listened carefully to a range of interested parties, including the evidence that has been given to the Home Affairs Committee and direct feedback from non-governmental organisations' through regular engagement activity with various stakeholder groups. In extending the contracts the Home Office took the opportunity to make improvements to the contracts that address the concerns that have been raised. We will continue to work closely with a range of stakeholders to continue to improve the operation of the contracts.

No changes have been made in relation to the requirements and restrictions on room sharing and the contract continues to require our contractors to comply with national legislation and local authority rules.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58478/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58479/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58480/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58481/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58482/>

Asylum: Children

Tom Brake [58994] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans her Department has to contract fostering agencies directly to take unaccompanied asylum-seeking children arriving under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 and the Dublin regulations.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Home Office currently has no plans to contract fostering agencies directly to care for unaccompanied asylum seeking and refugee children.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58994/>

Human Trafficking: Asylum

Fiona Mactaggart [59280] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many claims for asylum on the basis of having been trafficked or being at risk of re-trafficking have been submitted since 2010.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Each asylum case is considered on its individual merits in accordance with our international obligations and protection is granted where it is needed. Information regarding the reasons that an individual has claimed asylum is not centrally recorded, and could only be obtained through a manual search of individual case files. This would only be achievable at a disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-10/59280/>

Undocumented Migrants

Stuart McDonald [57308] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many undocumented migrants (a) have been removed from the UK, (b) are the subject of legal proceedings seeking their removal, (c) have been granted status in the UK and (d) have an outstanding application for leave to remain since being identified through the right to rent scheme.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The information requested is not routinely collated in the format sought in your question. At the time of the Home Office Science Evaluation of Phase 1 of the scheme, volumes of data were low enough to allow manual analysis of individual cases. Volumes of data are now at a level which makes conducting such an exercise cost prohibitive.

However our records show that between the start of the scheme and 30 September 2016, 31 individuals identified through the Right to Rent scheme have been removed from the UK.

Other cases may be being progressed to removal, or have been made subject to reporting restrictions, or have sought to regularise their stay, or have left the UK voluntarily. The Right to Rent scheme is designed to restrict access to the private rented sector for illegal migrants in order to encourage voluntary departure from

the UK and discourage illegal migration. The Home Office will always investigate information it receives about illegal migrants and take appropriate enforcement action according to the information available and the circumstances of the case. It is not always possible to attribute a return or other enforcement activity to the application of a sanction earlier in the case or to the route through which a particular individual was brought to the attention of the Home Office.

As with right to work checks, the Right to Rent scheme is predicated on checks being carried out by third parties (in this case landlords and lettings agents). This means that the majority of illegal migrant prospective tenants will be denied access to the private rented sector as a result of these checks with no intervention by enforcement officers or reference to the Home Office. The sanctions set out in the Immigration Acts 2014 and 2016 in relation to the Right to Rent scheme are there to address circumstances where the scheme is not adhered to by landlords and agents.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-13/57308/>

Undocumented Workers

Christopher Chope [58052] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it the policy of the Government that firms which employ people who have no legal right to be in the UK should be (a) named and (b) prosecuted.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Immigration Act 2016 introduced a range of further measures to deter people from working illegally in the UK and to respond robustly to rogue businesses who employ them, alongside the sanction of civil penalties. Illegal workers will face the prospect of having their earnings seized as the proceeds of crime as a consequence of illegal working being made a criminal offence. Provisions in the Act make it easier to prosecute an employer who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that the person they employ has no permission to work in the UK and this is accompanied by an increase in the maximum custodial sentence from 2 to 5 years. Rogue employers could also have their businesses closed if they continue to flout the law, and licences in the private hire vehicle and taxi sector and alcohol and late night refreshment sector will be subject to immigration checks and continuing compliance with immigration laws. It would not be a proportionate response to name and prosecute every employer who employs an illegal worker. For example, they may have accepted a forged immigration document where the forged element was not reasonably apparent or simply failed to check the right to work document correctly. We will, accordingly, continue to name employers who have not paid or are not making regular payments towards a civil penalty or have been served with a second or further penalty, and apply the civil penalty of up to £20,000 per illegal worker employed as a sanction in most routine cases involving the employment of illegal workers. However, in more serious cases, prosecution may be considered when it is the appropriate response to non compliance and in the public interest.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-16/58052/>

Undocumented Migrants: Private Rented Housing

Stuart McDonald [57110] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many referral notices were issued to landlords or agents as part of the right to rent scheme between (a) 1 December 2014 to 31 January 2016 and (b) since 1 February 2016.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The following table contains the figures from 1 December 2014 to 31 January 2016, and from 1 February 2016 to 30 November 2016. We are not able to report on part months.

The Right to Rent scheme was rolled out in parts of the West Midlands on 1

December 2014 and to the rest of England on 1 February 2016. Civil penalty referral notices are served where the Home Office finds evidence to suggest there has been a breach of the Right to Rent scheme. Not all Referral Notices result in civil penalties, as some recipients are able to demonstrate that they carried out the checks correctly, or that they are not the liable party. The scheme is not retrospective, so does not apply to tenancies which were in place before the scheme came into effect.

Table 1 - Number Referral notices issued to landlords or agents as part of the right to rent scheme between (a) 1 December 2014 to 31 January 2016 and (b) 1 February 2016 to 30 November 2016

Period	Notices issued
01/12/2014-31/01/2016	39
01/02/2016 - 30/11/2016	152

Notes:

1. This data shows the number of referral notices issued to Landlords part of the right to rent scheme between the specified period as recorded on National Operations Database (NOD).

2. These statistics have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-12/57110/>

Undocumented Workers: Detainees

Kate Osamor [59306] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is government policy to detain undocumented workers who claim that they are victims of trafficking or modern slavery as part of Operation Magnify.

Reply from Sarah Newton: Individuals who claim to be victims of modern slavery can be referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) which identifies and supports potential victims of modern slavery.

Individuals liable to immigration detention for the purposes of removal may also fall within the scope of the adults at risk in immigration detention policy, by virtue of which vulnerability issues are considered against immigration control factors in determining the appropriateness of detention.

Where a positive reasonable grounds decision is then made by the NRM (that a person is a potential victim modern slavery) and an adult potential victim of modern slavery is in immigration detention they will normally need to be released and granted a minimum of 45 days for recovery and reflection unless in the particular circumstances, their detention can be justified on grounds of public order.

There are no special conditions or policies applied to enforcement operations that are conducted as part of Operation Magnify. Where immigration offenders are identified, they are dealt with in accordance with all relevant policies including Detention policy, Identification of Potential Victims of Trafficking (PVoT) policy and Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention policy.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-10/59306/>

Dungavel House Immigration Removal Centre

The following two questions both received the same answer

Alan Brown [58903] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether projected savings arising from the closure of Dungavel immigration removal centre and its replacement with a new short-term holding facility are dependent on receipt of a capital return from the sale of Dungavel House.

Immigrants: Detainees

Alan Brown [58904] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many

detainees were held overnight in police cells as part of journeys to or from Dungavel immigration removal centre due to Dungavel's remoteness from an airport; on how many nights police cells were used; and what the cost was to the Home Office of those nights in each year from 2010.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The plans for the new short term holding facility near Glasgow airport are not dependent on a capital return from the sale of Dungavel House immigration removal centre.

I am sorry but we do not hold the information requested on the use of police cells centrally and providing it would incur disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58903/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58904/>

Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre: Females

Kate Osamor [58656] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many women have been held in isolation in Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre in the last month as a result of the recent outbreak of tuberculosis in that centre.

Nicola Blackwood: Information provided by the Public Health England health protection team in the East of England, indicates that in mid-November 2016 there was one confirmed case of pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) diagnosed in a patient at Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre. As per guidance from the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence, close contacts were identified, amongst whom four women presented with signs and symptoms which could be caused by TB. They were isolated until a fuller assessment was completed. They were not diagnosed with TB.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58656/>

Detainees: Death

The following two questions both received the same answer

Alison Thewliss [58426] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many deaths have occurred in immigration detention centres in each year since 2007.

Detainees: Suicide

Alison Thewliss [58427] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people are on suicide watch in immigration detention centres.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The number of deaths in immigration removal centres (IRCs) is a subset of published detention data (table dt_5 and dt_5_q) in the Home Office quarterly Immigration Statistics release.

A copy of the latest release, Immigration Statistics July to September 2016, is available from the Home Office website at:

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

All incidents of self harm are treated very seriously and every step is taken to prevent incidents of this nature. Staff at all centres are trained to identify those at risk of self harm so that action can be taken to minimise the risk. Notices in various languages are displayed in IRCs setting out that where a detainee is concerned about a fellow detainee this should be brought to the attention of a member of staff. Formal risk assessments on initial detention and systems for raising concerns at any subsequent point feed into established self harm procedures in every IRC. These are in turn underpinned by the Home Office Operating Standard on the prevention of self-harm and detention services order 06/2008, Assessment Care in Detention Teamwork (ACDT).

Management information shows that on 21 December 2016 there were 78

detainees in the immigration detention estate being monitored in line with ACDT procedures. This is provisional management information that is subject to change. It has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58426/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-20/58427/>

Asylum: Deportation

Diane Abbot [58115] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many failed asylum seekers under the age of 18 were deported in December in each year since 2010.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The number of enforced returns by age is published in table rt_03 (returns data tables) in 'Immigration Statistics, July - September 2016', available from the Home Office website at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/572380/returns2-q3-2016-tables.ods

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-19/58115/>

Deportation: EU Nationals

Stephen Timms [59452] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her most recent assessment is of the success and value for money of Operation Adoze; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Operation Adoze enabled Immigration Enforcement to remove those abusing their free movement rights – working closely with partners as appropriate. As this approach was effective, the approach has been rolled out nationally, and the published guidance was updated accordingly in May 2016.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-10/59452/>

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Immigration: EU Nationals

Lord Jones of Cheltenham [HL4076] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assurances they intend to give to UK citizens' spouses and civil partners who were born in another EU member state that they will be able to remain in the UK indefinitely.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Prime Minister has been clear that she wants to protect the status of EU nationals already living in the UK, and the only circumstances in which that wouldn't be possible is if British citizens' rights in other EU Member States were not protected in return.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-13/HL4076/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Lord Lester of Herne Hill [HL4131] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many EU nationals in the United Kingdom have obtained the right to permanent residency; and how many applications for permanent residency are pending.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: EU nationals who have lived continuously and lawfully in the UK for at least 5 years automatically acquire a permanent right to reside under EU law. They can if they wish apply for documentation to confirm this right but there is no obligation nor requirement to do

so. Statistics on grants of Documents Certifying Permanent Residence issued to EEA nationals are published quarterly in table ee_02_q of Immigration Statistics, which has been attached to this response.

[EEA Statistics](#)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-14/HL4131/>

Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

The following two questions both received the same answer

Lord Harris of Haringey [HL4023] To ask Her Majesty's Government how much an international student applying for a visa to study in the UK would need to have available in order to demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to cover their living expenses if they were applying to study in (1) England, (2) Scotland, (3) Wales, and (4) Northern Ireland.

Lord Harris of Haringey [HL4024] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 11 November (HL2633), whether the amount that an international student applying for a visa to study in the UK would need to have available in order to demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to cover living expenses has changed since the replacement of maintenance grants with loans for UK home students.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: An international student studying in the UK must demonstrate that they have:

- £1,265 per month for living costs if they are studying in London for the majority of their study (more than 50% of study time);
- £1,015 per month for living costs if they are studying outside London, or anywhere else in the UK, for the majority of their study (more than 50% of study time).

In most cases, an international student will need to show that they have money for their living costs for each month of their course, up to a maximum of nine months. The amount of funds that international students must demonstrate for living costs were raised in November 2015 in line with the combined maximum maintenance loan and grant available to English students living away from home starting courses in September 2015.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-12/HL4023/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-12/HL4024/>

The answer referred to in the second question above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-10-25/HL2633/>

Refugees: Syria

Lord Alton of Liverpool [HL4101] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many people have been resettled under the Syrian vulnerable persons resettlement programme; and how many, as a number and as a percentage, came from the Christian or Yazidi communities.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Home Office is committed to publishing data in an orderly way as part of the regular quarterly Immigration Statistics, in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Latest statistics published on 01 December confirmed that a total of 4,414 Syrians have been resettled under the scheme since it began, 4,162 of these arriving in the 12 months to the end of September 2016.

Religious affiliation of those resettled under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement (VPR) scheme is monitored, but not routinely reported.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-13/HL4101/>

Refugees: Children

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL4045] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to publish immediately a report outlining the care received in France by those under the age of 18 who are applying for admission to the UK.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The UK supported the French authorities in the operation to clear the Calais camp and safely move the minors from the camp to specialist alternative accommodation across France. However the provision of care to migrants in France is the responsibility of the French Government.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-12/HL4045/>

Refugees: Children

The following two questions both received the same answer

Lord Hylton [HL4174] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to publish responses to the reports by (1) Help Refugees, *Life for the Children of the Calais Jungle Post Eviction—An Uncertain Future*, published on 15 December, and (2) the Oasis Foundation, *A Moral Imperative: The UK's Response to Unaccompanied Child Refugees*.

Lord Hylton [HL4175] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many of the 10,000 missing unaccompanied child refugees in Europe, as estimated by Europol in January, have since been identified; and what assessment they have made of the extent to which those identified were then given appropriate care.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Government values the work of NGOs and the volunteers, who have played a crucial role in Calais supporting children. The primary responsibility for unaccompanied children in Europe lies with the State in which they are present. There are no easy answers but our humanitarian and resettlement efforts will continue, as will our work with European and international partners to reach a political resolution so that those who have been displaced by conflict can eventually return to their homes and livelihoods in peace. The Government has established a £10 million Refugee Children Fund for Europe to support the needs of vulnerable refugee and migrant children arriving in Europe. The UK is the largest bilateral contributor to the humanitarian response to the crisis in Europe and the Balkans with a total allocation of £70 million.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-15/HL4174/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-15/HL4175/>

The reports referred to in the first question above can be read at

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/mc1qtfz8h2wx561/AAAof4FQGk50uEF9p6labj3Ha?dl=0&preview=Uncertain+Future+Report.pdf>

and

<https://oasis.foundation/sites/foundation.dd/files/Oasis%20Foundation%20Child%20Refugees%20Report%20%28003%29.pdf>

Refugees: Children

Lord Beecham [HL4198] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many registered child refugees in France have been refused admission into the United Kingdom; and how many of those have been provided with written explanations for the decision.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The UK has been working closely with the French authorities to transfer eligible children to the UK under the Dublin Regulation and section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016.

Since 10 October, we have transferred over 750 asylum seeking children from France. All unaccompanied asylum seeking children with close family in the UK will continue to be considered for transfer under the criteria set out in the Dublin Regulation, and the Government has committed to further transfers under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016.

We have been working closely with the French Government to communicate with the children. All remaining children should claim asylum in France.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-19/HL4198/>

Refugees: Children

The following two questions both received the same answer

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL4287] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children had been brought to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 by 20 December.

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL4288] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 is still available to unaccompanied children in Europe who meet the defined criteria, on which guidance was published on 8 November.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Government has transferred more than 750 children to the UK in support of the French operation to clear the Calais camp under both the family reunification provisions of the Dublin Regulation and the terms of section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016.

More eligible children will be transferred from Europe, in line with the terms of the Immigration Act, in the coming months and we will continue to meet our obligations under the Dublin Regulation.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-20/HL4287/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-20/HL4288/>

Refugees: Children

Baroness Sheehan [HL4357] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of their commitment to resettle 3,000 unaccompanied minors from the Middle East and North Africa, how many have been resettled in the UK to date.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Vulnerable Childrens Resettlement (VCR) scheme has been designed with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to resettle 'vulnerable children' and their families from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

The Government has committed to resettling several hundred individuals in the first year with a view to resettling up to 3,000 individuals over the lifetime of this Parliament. Children who are identified as at risk will be resettled with their family members or carers where appropriate. The Home Office is committed to publishing data in an orderly way as part of the regular quarterly Immigration Statistics, in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. The figures for the VCR scheme will be published in the usual way, and will feature in future releases of the Home Office's immigration quarterly statistics. We will not be providing a running commentary.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-21/HL4357/>

Refugees: Children

The following five questions all received the same answer

Baroness Massey of Darwen [HL4344] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children have been brought to the UK in 2016 under section 67 of the Immigration Act

2016 from (1) France, (2) Greece, and (3) Italy.

Baroness Massey of Darwen [HL4347] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Home Office staff are working on resettlement under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 in (1) France, (2) Greece, and (3) Italy.

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Baroness Massey of Darwen [HL4345] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children have been brought to the UK in 2016 under the family reunion provisions of the Dublin Regulation from (1) France, (2) Greece, and (3) Italy.

Baroness Massey of Darwen [HL4348] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Home Office staff are working on resettlement under the family reunion provisions of the Dublin Regulation in (1) France, (2) Greece, and (3) Italy.

Refugees: Children in Care

Baroness Massey of Darwen [HL4346] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the capacity of local authorities to resettle child refugees; and what steps they are taking to secure that capacity.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Government has transferred more than 900 unaccompanied children to the UK this year under both the family reunification provisions of the Dublin Regulation and the terms of section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016. This includes more than 750 children from France as part of the UK's support for the Calais camp clearance almost half of the unaccompanied children who were in the camp at the time of the clearance.

We have consulted local authorities on their capacity to care for unaccompanied asylum seeking and refugee children and will publish the total number of children to be transferred under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 in due course.

In July, the Home Office increased the funding provided to local authorities by up to 33 percent for the care and support of unaccompanied asylum seeking and refugee children. The recent operation to transfer children from Calais involved over 300 officials at home and abroad and the Government continues to work closely with partners across Europe to ensure the timely and effective operation of the Dublin Regulation. We have seconded experts to France and Greece, and we have a long standing secondee in Italy to support the work on unaccompanied asylum seeking children in Europe, including the Dublin Regulation.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-21/HL4344/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-21/HL4347/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-21/HL4348/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-21/HL4346/>

Asylum: Children

Lord Smith of Hindhead [HL4242] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied children under 16 years of age have been granted asylum in the UK in the past (1) six months, and (2) 12 months.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Home Office publishes the number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children granted asylum in each quarter, by age at initial decision, in table as_09q in volume 3 of the Immigration Statistics asylum data tables. These have been published online on the

government website and attached to this answer.

Table as_09q from Volume 3 Immigration Statistics

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-19/HL4242/>

Asylum: Children

Baroness Sheehan [HL4358] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied minors from the Calais camp known as the Jungle have been transferred to the UK since 2 November (1) through the Dublin III family reunification route; and (2) through provision made under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: We have been working closely with the French authorities to bring eligible children eligible to the UK under the Dublin Regulation and the wider criteria of the Immigration Act. Since 10 October, more than 750 children have arrived.

This is in line with the commitments made by the Home Secretary to Parliament on 24 October. We will publish a total number of transfers as a result of the operation in France in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-21/HL4358/>

Asylum: LGBT People

Lord Scriven [HL4355] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 21 December (HL4183) concerning the publication of information on the number of people claiming asylum on the basis of sexual orientation, what reporting standards they have adopted; whether they have assessed that any aspects of those standards are not currently being met; and if any are not, which aspects, and why not.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Code of Practice for Official Statistics, which can be found at

<https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publication/code-of-practice/>, sets out eight principles to be followed in publishing official statistics, including 'sound methods and quality assured'.

Home Office officials continue to review the quality of the information on the number of people claiming asylum on the basis of sexual orientation, which is manually captured by caseworkers through a "special conditions flag" on the Home Office Case Information Database.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-21/HL4355/>

Private Rented Housing: Undocumented Migrants

The following four questions all received the same answer

Baroness Lister of Burtersett [HL3406] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many tenants and landlords have been investigated by enforcement officers under the right to rent checks scheme in the last year for which figures are available.

Baroness Lister of Burtersett [HL3407] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many landlords have been fined for housing a tenant who does not have the right to rent in the UK in the last year for which figures are available.

Baroness Lister of Burtersett [HL3408] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many illegal immigrants have been identified as a result of the right to rent checks scheme since its inception.

Baroness Lister of Burtersett [HL3409] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many illegal immigrants found to be residing in private rented housing have been deported since the start of the right to rent checks scheme.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: From 1 November 2015 to 31 October 2016 75 initial civil penalties were issued to individual landlords of

tenants who do not have the right to rent in the UK.

As with right to work checks, the Right to Rent scheme is predicated on checks being carried out by third parties (in this case landlords and lettings agents). This means that the majority of illegal migrant prospective tenants will be denied access to the private rented sector as a result of these checks with no intervention by enforcement officers and no reference to the Home Office. The sanctions set out in the Immigration Acts 2014 and 2016 in relation to the Right to Rent scheme are there to address circumstances where the scheme is not adhered to by landlords and agents.

The Home Office does not hold information about the overall numbers of illegal migrants found in private rented accommodation. However our records show that between the start of the scheme and 30 September 2016, 654 individuals were either named on a Civil Penalty Referral Notice served on a landlord, or encountered on an enforcement visit during which such a Notice was served, or encountered as a result of information provided through the Landlords Checking Service, or encountered as a result of other intelligence provided about property let to illegal migrants.

Of these individuals, 31 were removed from the UK over the same period. Other cases may be being progressed to removal, or have been made subject to reporting restrictions, or have sought to regularise their stay, or have left the UK voluntarily. The Right to Rent scheme is designed to restrict access to the private rented sector for illegal migrants in order to encourage voluntary departure from the UK and discourage illegal migration. The Home Office will always investigate information it receives about illegal migrants and take appropriate enforcement action according to the information available and the circumstances of the case. It is not always possible to attribute a return or other enforcement activity to the application of a sanction earlier in the case or to the route through which a particular individual was brought to the attention of the Home Office.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-11-22/HL3406/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-11-22/HL3407/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-11-22/HL3408/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-11-22/HL3409/>

Immigrants: Detainees

Lord Ramsbotham [HL4081] To ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made in introducing individual removals plans as outlined in their response to the independent review into the welfare in detention of vulnerable persons, published on 14 January.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Since the publication of the Government's response to Stephen Shaw's Report into the welfare in detention of vulnerable persons on 14 January, work has been ongoing to design a more effective case management process to replace the existing method of reviewing detention.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-13/HL4081/>

The Government response referred to in the answer above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/492227/go_v_paper_2.pdf

The Shaw Report can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/490782/52_Shaw_Review_Accessible.pdf

Immigrants: Detainees

Lord Ramsbotham [HL4082] To ask Her Majesty's Government when they intend to bring into force paragraph 11 of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016 regarding bail hearings for individuals in immigration detention.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: We are currently working with the Ministry of Justice, Her Majesty's Court Service and the First-tier Tribunal to implement the Secretary of State's duty to arrange consideration of bail, as set out in paragraph 11 of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016. This is just one part of a large number of changes necessary to implement the wider immigration bail provisions in Schedule 10 and will be commenced alongside those other provisions in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-13/HL4082/>

Schedule 10 of the Immigration Act 2016 can be read at

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2016/19/schedule/10>

Immigrants: Detainees

Lord Smith of Hindhead [HL4243] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children under 16 years of age are currently being held in detention centres; and, of those, how many have been detained for periods of (1) less than six months, (2) six to 12 months, and (3) more than 12 months.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The United Kingdom ended the routine detention of children under the age of 18 years in immigration removal centres in 2010. However, unaccompanied children under the age of 18 may still be detained in limited, very exceptional circumstances, including at the border pending collection by parents or other relatives, or by local authority Children's Services. Under paragraph 18B of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 an unaccompanied child detained for the purpose of removal may not be detained for more than 24 hours and may not be held in an immigration removal centre.

Published Home Office data, including age, on individuals entering, leaving or in detention, solely under Immigration Act powers, at immigration removal centres, short-term holding facilities and pre-departure accommodation can be found in the table attached.

The most recent published statistics (Table Dt 13 q) shows that, as at the end of quarter 2 of 2016, there were no children in immigration detention.

[Detention Statistics](#)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-19/HL4243/>

Asylum: Detainees

Lord Smith of Hindhead [HL4244] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied child asylum seekers under 16 years of age are currently being held in detention centres; and, of those, how many have been detained for periods of (1) less than six months, (2) six to 12 months, and (3) more than 12 months.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The United Kingdom ended the routine detention of children under the age of 18 years in immigration removal centres in 2010. However, unaccompanied children under the age of 18 may still be detained in limited, very exceptional circumstances, including at the border pending collection by parents or other relatives, or by local authority Children's Services. Under paragraph 18B of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 an unaccompanied child detained for the purpose of removal may not be detained for

more than 24 hours and may not be held in an immigration removal centre. Published Home Office data, including age, on individuals entering, leaving or in detention, solely under Immigration Act powers, at immigration removal centres, short-term holding facilities and pre-departure accommodation can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/546763/detention-q2-2016-tabs.ods The most recent published statistics (Table Dt 13 q) shows that, as at the end of quarter 2 of 2016, there were no children in immigration detention.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-19/HL4244/>

Press Release

Refugee crisis: 'The scenes of 2015 must not be repeated'

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/20170109STO57507/refugee-crisis-'the-scenes-of-2015-must-not-be-repeated'>

New Publications

The Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement programme

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmpublic/768/768.pdf>

Review of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner

http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2017-0030/Triennial_Review_of_the_Office_of_the_Immigration_Services.pdf

Immigration Removal Centres in England: A mental health needs analysis

<https://www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=5dae67a1-03a4-4687-936e-495b14708296>

Proving Torture Demanding the impossible Home Office mistreatment of expert medical evidence

https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/sites/default/files/documents/proving_torture_a4_final.pdf

News

Home Office to extend asylum seeker dispersal scheme to central belt

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15024415.Home_Office_to_extend_asylum_seeker_dispersal_scheme_to_central_belt/?ref=mr&lp=9

UK government 'should listen' to Wales' immigration needs

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-politics-38612730>

Councils warn they do not have enough money to take in Syrian refugees

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/01/13/councils-warn-do-not-have-enough-money-to-take-syrian-refugees/>

Bid to give asylum seekers the right to work

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/bid-to-give-asylum-seekers-the-right-to-work>

Letting asylum seekers work would benefit us all

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/letting-asylum-seekers-work-would-benefit-us-all-lcnf2dqz8>

Syrian torture survivors are 'not supported' after arriving in the UK

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/syrian-torture-survivors-are-not-supported-after-arriving-in-the-uk-1-4338398>

Wendy Alexander: UK Government officials are being encouraged to reject asylum seeker applications

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15024411.Wendy_Alexander_UK_Government_officials_are_being_encouraged_to_reject_asylum_seeker_applications/

Brexit lays bare the brutal reality for the UK's immigrants

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jan/11/brexit-uk-immigrants-eu-nationals-home-office>

Investigation after third death in UK immigration detention centre

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/jan/13/investigation-after-third-death-in-uk-immigration-detention-centre>

Migrants should be told 'when to put rubbish out and when to queue'

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/jan/09/migrants-should-be-told-when-to-put-rubbish-out-and-when-to-queue>

Forget bins, immigrants need to know the difference between tea and supper

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jan/10/forget-bins-immigrants-need-to-know-the-difference-between-tea-and-supper>

Teach migrants in modern Britain the importance of queuing and being 'nice' says government integration tsar

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/01/09/migrants-should-taught-importance-queuing-modern-britain-dame/>

East European migrants 'need lessons in queueing'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-01-10/news/east-european-migrants-need-lessons-in-queueing-pn7fgc7nc>

Teach migrants to put bins out, how to queue, and to be nice, says integration tsar as she says UK needs to be 'less shy' in setting out rules for arrivals

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4104124/Teach-migrants-bins-queue-nice-says-integration-tsar-says-UK-needs-shy-setting-rules-arrivals.html>

Charity appeals for bikes for refugees in Ayrshire

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/charity-appeals-for-bikes-for-refugees-in-ayrshire-1-4338094>

Deportation row boy Lawand Hamadamin gets reprieve

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-derbyshire-38622451>

Deaf boy, 6, who fled Iraq after Isis threatened to kill disabled youngsters, given last minute reprieve to remain in UK

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/01/14/deaf-boy-6-fled-iraq-isis-threatened-kill-disabled-youngsters/>

Threat to deport deaf Iraqi boy lifted

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/threat-to-deport-deaf-iraqi-boy-lifted-5d2bgmdvd>

Second person dies within a month at Morton Hall immigration removal centre
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/second-immigrant-death-month-morton-hall-detention-centre-suicide-a7526421.html>

Traffickers bring child sex slaves from Africa to Scotland
<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/traffickers-bring-child-sex-slaves-from-africa-to-scotland-1-4337312>

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Community Relations

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-03308 Anas Sarwar: Welcoming the University of Edinburgh Report, Scottish Muslims in Numbers – That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the University of Edinburgh report, Scottish Muslims in Numbers: Understanding Scotland's Muslim population through the 2011 Census; believes that the report highlights important features of Scotland's Muslim population; considers that Muslims make a positive contribution to the nation's civic life, particularly in the areas of education and the economy; believes that policies should aim to develop broader and more inclusive educational experiences in schools that reflect Scotland's growing religious and cultural diversity, and considers that action should be taken to address high rates of self-reported bad health among older Muslims and other ethnic minority women.
<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-03308>

Press Release

First Minister meets Scotland's Church Leaders
<https://firstminister.gov.scot/first-minister-meets-scotlands-church-leaders/>

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Equality

Scottish Parliament Oral Answers

Gypsy Travellers (Unauthorised Camping)

Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions Police Scotland has had with local authorities regarding the management of unauthorised camping by Gypsy Travellers. (S5O-00520)

Reply from the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing): The policing of unauthorised camping by Gypsy Travellers is a matter for Police Scotland, as are any discussions between Police Scotland and local authorities regarding that issue. When issues arise that concern the wider policy and legislative framework that ministers are responsible for, the Scottish Government will give due consideration to those issues.

Peter Chapman: I have raised the issue previously in Parliament and I will continue to do so until Scottish National Party ministers address the problems, rather than dodging the questions. The police and local authorities have made it abundantly clear that they do not have the powers to deal with unauthorised encampments. Will the minister commit to

giving the police the powers and giving local authorities the resources to deal with those sites that cause much distress to settled communities?

Reply from Annabelle Ewing: As regards management issues, the lead responsibility lies with local authorities. As far as policing issues are concerned, it is the case that—further to Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service guidance—there is a presumption against prosecution for unauthorised camping. However, the member should be aware that that presumption can be overridden by public interest considerations, such as, for example, on grounds of road safety or a public health hazard. At the same time, the police will investigate any allegations of criminal offences or antisocial behaviour. That is the position as it stands.

The member might also be aware that draft guidance on managing unauthorised camping has been worked up and the draft is currently with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities for its final consideration. I am sure that the member will be interested to see the guidance when it comes out—I think that that is expected quite soon.

The Gypsy Traveller communities are varied and diverse. They have a long and proud history, and a right to exercise their traditional way of life. That right must be exercised with regard to others, just as for any other citizens.

John Mason: Given that Gypsy Travellers are one of the most discriminated-against groups in our society, can the minister give us any guidance as to whether local authorities, especially in the north-east, have done anything to provide additional recognised sites, which has long been a recommendation?

Reply from Annabelle Ewing: Local authorities are required by law to prepare a local housing strategy, which must reflect accommodation needs, including those of Gypsy Travellers, in the relevant local authority area. The decision on whether to provide a particular site is a matter for the local authorities, but I will ensure that the member's comments are passed to my colleagues in the equalities and local government teams.

Mary Fee: Does the minister agree that, instead of prosecution and persecution of the Gypsy Travelling community, we need a much more collaborative approach across all portfolio areas with local authorities and with local communities to ensure not only better site provision for Gypsy Travellers, but a better understanding of their culture and lifestyle, which would help in turn to eradicate the discrimination that they face?

Reply from Annabelle Ewing: I know that the member has had a very long-standing and honourable involvement in this matter during many years in the Parliament. Many of the issues that she raises fall within the equalities portfolio, but I will ensure that her comments are addressed and passed to my equalities colleagues. Hopefully, the draft guidance that is shortly to be published will answer at least some of the concerns that the member has raised.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10724&i=98406#ScotParlOR>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Employment Schemes: Travellers

Kate Green [58986] To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will amend the Operational Guidance issued to local enterprise partnerships in September 2014 on the allocation of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), to indicate that ESIF and resources should be used to support greater access to adult education, skills training and the labour market for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups.

Reply from Damian Hinds: There are separate ESIF Operational Programmes in place for the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF) in England and the emphasis for both programmes for the 2014-2020 programme is to ensure funds support local growth. Funds are

allocated to Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas to increase impact of other local public and private investments, such as the Local Growth Fund.

The ESF Operational Programme issued in September 2015, deliberately does not refer to the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community as a specific target group. ESF operates on a principle of equality and inclusion and it is not considered appropriate to set aside allocations for specific groups on the grounds of ethnic origin, religion, gender or disability.

LEPs have put forward plans/approaches to deliver against the themes of the ESF Operational Programme. Members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community could benefit from support across the different priorities, and Investment Priority 1.4 in particular includes the facility to support marginalised individuals and people with complex barriers.

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups have been encouraged to engage with LEPs with a view to ensuring they are included in local partnerships and have the opportunity to influence local calls and we are also in the process of writing to LEPs to encourage them to work closely with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller representatives.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-06/58986/>

Metropolitan Police: Ethnic Groups

Harriet Harman [59445] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of (a) police officers and (b) staff employed by the Metropolitan Police Service are of black and ethnic minority backgrounds.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Home Office collects and publishes data on the ethnicity of the police workforce on an annual basis. The latest data show that as at 31 March 2016, 12.6% of police officers and 25.7% of police staff in the Metropolitan Police Service were from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) backgrounds.

The latest available data are published in the “Police Workforce, England and Wales, 31 March 2016” statistical bulletin:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-workforce-england-and-wales-31-march-2016>

The data can also be found on the police.uk website:

<https://www.police.uk/metropolitan/E05000614/performance/diversity/>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-01-10/59445/>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

Apprentices: Travellers

Baroness Whitaker [HL4110] To ask Her Majesty’s Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Nash on 12 December (HL3767), how they are encouraging young people from the Gypsy and Traveller communities into apprenticeships through the Get In Go Far campaign and by other means.

Reply from Lord Nash: We are committed to ensuring that apprenticeships are as accessible as possible to all people from all backgrounds, including young people from Gypsy and Traveller communities. Apprenticeships give young people the chance to build a better future by taking their first step on the employment ladder and they give those already in work the opportunity to progress further. We are encouraging a wide range of people from all backgrounds into apprenticeships through our ‘Get In Go Far’ campaign which is aimed at 14-24 year-olds, their parents, teachers and employers. We are increasing numbers of traineeships to further support young people into

apprenticeships and further work.

In the apprenticeship funding policy published in October, we announced extra payments for 16-18 year olds and 19-24 year olds formerly in care or with an Education, Health and Care Plan. Employers and providers will receive a payment of £1,000 to support additional costs associated with these apprentices.

We want to ensure we overcome barriers so all can access apprenticeships and support those from disadvantaged areas with over £60m of funding. Providers will receive an additional £600 for training an apprentice who lives in one of the top 10% of deprived areas (as per the Index of Multiple Deprivation), £300 for any apprentice who lives in the next 10% of deprived areas (the 11-20% range), and £200 for those in the next 7% (the 21-27% range). This will be in place for one year whilst we review our approach to supporting disadvantaged apprentices; ensuring apprenticeships provide equal opportunity to all, regardless of their circumstances.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-13/HL4110/>

The answer referred to in the question above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-12-01/HL3767/>

Press Release

European Court of Human Rights: By refusing to exempt two Muslim pupils from compulsory mixed swimming lessons, the Swiss authorities had given precedence to the children's obligation to follow the full school curriculum and had not infringed the right to freedom of religion

<http://tinyurl.com/hagcurn>

News

Old white dons 'unable to teach black students'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/old-white-dons-unable-to-teach-black-students-320hl9ff>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Anti-Semitism

Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent decision by the UK Government to do so, whether it will adopt the definition of anti-Semitism that has been designated by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. (S5W-5829)

Reply from Angela Constance: There is no excuse for any form of hate crime; it is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. The definition of anti-Semitism designated by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance will be considered by the Scottish Government. Officials will also meet with the Scottish Council for Jewish Communities in early 2017 to discuss the definition.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-5829>

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-03330 Angus MacDonald: Braes High School Pupils and Holocaust Memorial Day – That the Parliament commends Braes High School pupils, Jessica Reid and Callum Docherty, for taking part in the Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz project; understands that the project has been running since 1999 and has seen over 30,000 students and teachers take part; acknowledges that the project includes hearing at first-hand from a Holocaust survivor, visiting Auschwitz 1 and Birkenau, and seminars before and after visiting in order to provide knowledge about the Holocaust and what can happen if prejudice, racism and intolerance become acceptable; recognises the importance of Holocaust Memorial Day, which falls on 27 January 2017, in helping to remember why everyone should continue to tackle racism and intolerance; anticipates Time for Reflection in the Parliament on 24 January, which will be led by Jessica and Callum in preparation for Holocaust Memorial Day, and sends its best wishes to them for the day and for their future.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-03330>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Hate Crime

Jack Dromey [58073] To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, with reference to the evidence from his Department to the Home Affairs Select Committee, on hate crime and its violent consequences, where the £60 million funding for communities to come together has been spent by region.

Marcus Jones: We have spent over £60 million under the integration programme since 2010/11 to support projects that help create the conditions for people to live successfully alongside each other. Since April 2014, we have funded over 30 projects which reached over 644,000 people, providing 14,997 volunteering opportunities and hosting more than 17,900 events, groups and classes. We do not hold figures on the allocation of funding by region.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-16/58073/>

The evidence referred to above can be read at

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/hate-crime-and-its-violent-consequences/written/44074.pdf>

UK Parliament Home Affairs Committee Inquiry into Hate Crime and its Violent Consequences

Evidence session: GMB, East European Resource Centre, Polish Social and Cultural Association, Federation of Poles in Great Britain; Quilliam, Centre for Fascist, Anti-Fascist and Post-fascist Studies, and Senior Visiting Fellow at Chatham House and Professor of Politics, University of Kent.

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/hate-crime-and-its-violent-consequences/oral/45063.html>

UK Parliament Early Day Motion

Bob Blackman (840) Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 – That this House notes that on 27 January 2017 the UK will observe Holocaust Memorial Day on the anniversary of the

liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where an estimated 1.1 million people were murdered; commemorates the six million victims of the Holocaust, groups subjected to Nazi persecution and the victims of subsequent genocides; further notes that the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 is How can life go on?; pays tribute to the commitment of Holocaust survivors who share their experiences with young people across the country; acknowledges the importance of the Holocaust Educational Trust's work in schools across the UK and in particular the Lessons from Auschwitz project, which has so far given over 30,000 students and teachers the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; recognises our shared commitment to challenging Holocaust denial, distortion and denigration; further pays tribute to the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for organising this year's Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations; notes that the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment will be placed in the corridor between the Members' Cloakroom and Members' Staircase between the hours of 2pm and 4pm from 16 to 18 January and 23 to 26 January; and urges all right hon. and hon. Members to sign the Book and observe the day, so that the appalling events of the Holocaust are always understood by future generations.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2016-17/840>

News

Police treat home secretary speech as 'hate incident'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-38597714>

Amber Rudd speech on foreign workers recorded as hate incident

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/jan/12/amber-rudd-speech-on-foreign-workers-recorded-as-hate-incident>

Amber Rudd's speech on foreign workers treated as 'hate incident' while professor who complained to police admits he had not heard it

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/01/12/amber-rudds-conservative-party-speech-treated-hate-incident/>

"Hate crime" reporting risks becoming a tool for censorship

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/2017/01/12/hate-crime-reporting-risks-becoming-tool-censorship/>

Rudd speech on foreign workers recorded as a hate incident

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/rudd-speech-recorded-as-a-hate-incident-5ccq8gq99>

Justice system is racist, says the black judge criticised for misconduct

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-01-09/news/justice-system-is-racist-says-the-black-judge-criticised-for-misconduct-5zj6kvzbc>

Oxford University accused of failing to deal with admissions racism

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/jan/14/oxford-university-accused-of-failing-to-deal-with-admissions-racism-david-lammy>

Poles in UK fear spike in hate crimes when Brexit process begins

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/jan/10/poles-in-uk-fear-spike-in-hate-crimes-when-brexit-process-begins>

Banks biased against black fraud victims

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/banks-biased-against-black-fraud-victims-237z7rxvm>

Minorities are victims of ignorance

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/minorities-are-victims-of-ignorance-d9zwlqq7>

Muslim woman wearing a hijab says she was spat at and racially abused during a business trip to London

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4119764/Muslim-woman-wearing-hijab-says-spat-racially-abused-business-trip-London.html>

Exposed racist vlogger flees home and faces police probe

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15024409.Exposed_racist_vlogger_flees_home_and_faces_police_probe/?ref=mr&lp=5

Meet the vile vlogger whose racist rants have made him a global internet sensation

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/meet-vile-vlogger-whose-racist-9586908>

Abuse probe over black face-paint Morris dancers

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-38571150>

Morris dancers forced to abandon performance after being accused of racism over traditional black face paint, witnesses say

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/01/08/morris-dancers-forced-abandon-performance-accused-racism-threatened/>

Brummies stick it to blacked-up morris men

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-01-09/news/brummies-stick-it-to-blacked-up-morris-men-nbrjzhn23>

Great thinkers too male and pale, students declare

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-01-09/news/great-thinkers-too-male-and-pale-students-declare-scq98txld>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

New Publication

Human Rights in Scotland

http://www.parliament.scot/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S5/SB_17-01_Human_Rights_in_Scotland.pdf

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Press Release

The shared society: article by Theresa May

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-shared-society-article-by-theresa-may>

New Publication

A Democracy that Works for Everyone: A Clear and Secure Democracy – Government response to Sir Eric Pickles' review of electoral fraud

[http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2017-0017/2017-01-09 -
Govt Response to Pickles Review of Electoral Fraud.pdf](http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2017-0017/2017-01-09-_Govt_Response_to_Pickles_Review_of_Electoral_Fraud.pdf)

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Other News

Statement regarding the Koran reading in St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow

<http://www.scotland.anglican.org/statement-regarding-koran-reading-st-marys-cathedral-glasgow/>

Church 'deeply distressed' by Koran offence, says primus

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-38628338>

Church targeted by online trolls after Koran reading during service

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime_courts/15022451.Church_targeted_by_online_trolls_after_Koran_reading_during_service/

Bishop 'distressed' by row following Qur'an reading at cathedral

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/jan/15/st-marys-cathedral-glasgow-quran-reading-david-chillingworth>

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Bills in Progress

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UK Parliament

Ethnicity Pay Gap Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/ethnicitypaygap.html>

EU Citizens Resident in the United Kingdom (Right to Stay)

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/eucitizensresidentintheunitedkingdomrighttostay.html>

Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

Student Support (Non-Interest-Bearing Finance) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/studentssupportnoninterestbearingfinance.html>

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Consultations

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Immigration (closing date 20 January 2017)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/news-parliament-2015/161208-new-inquiry-immigration/>

Tackling inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities [England and Wales] (closing date 27 January 2017)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/women-and-equalities-committee/news-parliament-2015/gypsy-roma-and-traveller-communities-inquiry-launch-16-17/>

**** Racism at work** (closing date 27 February 2017)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RacismAtWork>

Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation: increasing numbers of successful donations (closing date 14 March 2017)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00511160.pdf>

**** Draft Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 17 March 2017)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/equality-unit/draft-gender-representation-on-public-boards/>

Hate Crime and Prejudice Scotland Mapping Exercise (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPT5PL>

**** Police Scotland: Your view counts** (open all year)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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Funding Opportunities

** new or updated this week

Europe of Diversities

closing date for applications: 28 February 2016

European Union funding for projects to promote unity in diversity, support sharing of good practices in fighting discrimination and promoting diversity at local and regional level, and help to identify and target discriminatory practices at local and regional level and build understanding between majority and minority societies. For information see

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rppi-eudi-ag-2016.html>

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Rights and entitlements of EEA nationals

17 January 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training on issues related to EEA nationals' access to services and important changes in regulations. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

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Rights of refugees and asylum seekers

17 January 2017 in Glasgow (1.15-4.15)

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (1.15-4.15)

PAiH course to explore how the asylum system operates, and barriers faced by refugees and asylum seekers. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

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'Combined by our Humanity – Enhanced by our Diversity' – Why an Inclusive National Identity Matters

22 January 2017 in Glasgow (4.30)

BEMIS/Celtic Connections exploration of the unique local expressions of Scottish cultural heritage and their global connections. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z4uxttp>

Discrimination Law in 2017

23 January 2017 in Glasgow (9.00-4.00)

Equality and Human Rights Commission Conference to review recent changes in employment law. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/17i_ehrc.pdf or contact Kyle Mulholland equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com / 0141 228 5925.

**** Hate Crime and Islamophobia**

25 January 2017 in Dundee (10.00-2.00)

Amina roadshow to share views on hate crime and islamophobia. For information see <https://twitter.com/AminaMWRC/status/819167661615710208> or contact 0141 212 8420 / info@mwrc.org.uk

BEMIS celebrates BURNS: A Toast Tae the Lassies

25 January 2017 in Glasgow (8.00)

BEMIS celebration of Rabbe Burns' iconically internationalist outlook and egalitarian spirit. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zv86ylz>

Meet the Funders/Capacity Building

26 January 2017 in Glasgow (9.15am and 4pm)

Glasgow City Council event for Third Sector organisations throughout Glasgow to engage with funders, fundraisers, and capacity building and support organisations. For information contact Karen Latta 0141 276 9906 / karen.latta@glasgow.gov.uk

National Holocaust Memorial Day

26 January 2017 in Bishopbriggs (6.00 – 8.30)

The theme of this year's memorial event is "How can life go on?" For information please contact Maureen Sier maureen@interfaithscotland.org

Rape Crisis Scotland volunteer information evening

27 January 2017 in Glasgow (6.30-8.30)

Rape Crisis Scotland is looking for women, particularly disabled, BME, older and trans

women, to volunteer to volunteer on the national helpline supporting survivors of sexual violence. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hz2vfv9>

Cultural Competence

31 January 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

25 April 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course focusing on how culture affects all our lives, and examines the extent to which culture influences and governs our beliefs, attitudes, behaviours and decision-making. It explores our own practice and attitudes to cultural differences, and examines different worldviews, so that participants can confidently work with people no matter where they come from. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jdfkkz2> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

**** Zero Tolerance to FGM**

4 February 2017 in Edinburgh (9.30-3.30)

African Women in Scotland against FGM conference to highlight that 'FGM is more than Cutting' and that leaders have a significant role in combating Harmful Traditional Practices'. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hysoho8>

Scottish Health and Ethnicity Linkage Study

8 February 2017 in Edinburgh (1.00-3.30)

The Scottish Health and Ethnicity Linkage Study used the 2001 census findings and various health datasets to compare the health of ethnic groups in Scotland. For information see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shels-dissemination-seminar-2-tickets-29978191578> or contact Theresa Kirkpatrick Theresa.kirkpatrick@ed.ac.uk

Separated Children

9 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

11 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about supporting separated child refugees. For information contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

**** Evaluating Anti-Prejudice Projects**

16 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.3—3.30)

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights capacity building session on evaluating anti-prejudice projects. The session will focus on developing effective, proportionate approaches to evaluating anti-prejudice projects or interventions, and will be especially useful for organisations with more limited experience of evaluation. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zlr3tot>

**** Area Partnerships: Engaging BME Communities**

17 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-1.30)

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights workshop to explore why minority ethnic community groups are still under-represented in accessing Area Partnership funding, and how to engage better, and encourage participation and representation. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zr6fsdc>

New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

22 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

8 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK and what opportunities they have for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Working with Interpreters

1 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

31 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the process of using an interpreter, where the responsibility lies for the success of the interpreted session, examines the pitfalls and their consequences, and sets out best practice for using interpreters. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Integration and Working with Syrian Families

2 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

1 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlights the challenges and opportunities for them as they build a new life here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zy436qr> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Engaging hard to reach groups

8 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about engaging with hard to reach groups. For information please contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Honour-Based Violence: Who is Doing What to Whom, and Why?

14 March 2017 in Edinburgh (10.00-1.00)

Scottish Women's Aid workshop to discuss the meaning of Honour in the context of Honour-based violence, the influence of family, community, faith, tradition, migration and gender in victims/survivors' experiences, links to domestic abuse and gender-based violence, the long term impact and consequences of Honour-based violence on minority ethnic women children and young people, and appropriate service responses to supporting survivors. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hzeo96f>

Talking to Young People about Equality

23 March 2017 in Fife (venue tbc) (6.00-9.00)

Youth 1st workshop to help Youth Workers to begin a dialogue about equality with young people and to understand that good knowledge of equality and inclusion will improve their employability. For information contact Gayle Brown 01592 645 355 / gayle@youth1st.co.uk or see <https://www.fivevoluntaryaction.org.uk/news.asp?id=8004>

Refugee Rights to Housing

30 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course about refugee housing rights. For information contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.parliament.scot/>

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

UK Parliament <http://www.parliament.uk/>

GovUK (links to UK Government Departments) <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

UK Government Honours system <https://www.gov.uk/honours/overview>

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 <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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/>

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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. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <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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