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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-09502 Christina McKelvie (SNP): UN International Migrants Day – That the Parliament acknowledges that UN International Migrants Day will be marked on 18 December 2017; remembers the refugees and migrants who have tragically lost their lives while trying to reach safety; notes the continued devastating effect of armed conflict on civilian populations, leading to death, destruction and displacement in areas such as Myanmar, Yemen and Libya and, sadly, many more; understands that recent figures show that Scotland has welcomed one fifth of the Syrian refugees who have been resettled in the UK; celebrates the contribution of all refugees and migrants who have made Scotland their home and the positive contribution that they make to communities and economy; believes that the current migration system is not fit for purpose, and supports calls for a differentiated, more flexible solution, which is tailored to meet

Scotland's circumstances.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-09502>

UK Parliament Debate

Asylum Accommodation

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2017-12-14/debates/1EC24CD1-6CC4-4105-B869-31A952A486FC/AsylumAccommodation>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

British Nationality: Applications

Deidre Brock (SNP) [118551] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, (a) how many and (b) what percentage of citizenship applications her Department has refused in each of the last 10 years.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Information is published on the number and proportion of decisions to refuse British citizenship in the Home Office's Immigration Statistics, July – September 2017, Citizenship table cz_01 available from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-july-to-september-2017/list-of-tables#citizenship>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-11/118551/>

Immigration: Applications

Deidre Brock (SNP) [118555] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, (a) how many and (b) what percentage of permanent residence documents have been refused in each of the last 10 years; and what income was generated from those applications in each of the last 10 years.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Information on the number of decisions and refusals in each of the last 10 years relating to requests for documents certifying permanent residence (EEA nationals) and for permanent residence cards (non-EEA family members) is published in Home Office's Immigration Statistics, July – September 2017, EEA table ee_02 available from

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-july-to-september-2017/list-of-tables#european-economic-area-eea>

The table below shows the number and percentage of refusals.

Issue and refusal of permanent residence documentation to EEA nationals and non-EEA family members				
Year	Documents certifying permanent residence and permanent residence cards - issued	Documents certifying permanent residence and permanent residence cards - refused	Documents certifying permanent residence and permanent residence cards - invalid application	Refusals as a proportion of total issues and refusals
2007	7,641	1,455	4	16%
2008	4,080	1,095	8	21%
2009	11,441	1,809	7	14%
2010	20,306	4,116	0	17%

2011	21,159	1,999	5,222	9%
2012	15,259	2,437	9,568	14%
2013	22,479	13,204	2,393	37%
2014	19,749	6,935	3,022	26%
2015	18,064	5,984	3,223	25%
2016	65,068	19,064	7,727	23%

Source: Home Office, Migration Border Analysis.

Immigration Statistics July to September 2017, table ee_02.

Invalid applications are those rejected prior to substantive consideration.

Z – Not applicable.

Information on immigration income is published annually in The Home Office Annual Report and Accounts. Refer to links below for the last 10 years figures.

FY2016/17 - page 117:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/627853/ho_annual_report_and_accounts_2016_2017.pdf

FY2015/16 - page 134:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/539638/HO_AR_16_gov.pdf

FY2014/15 – page 126

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/441282/HO-AR15_web.pdf

FY2013/14 – page 111

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/321446/ARA_web_enabled_18_June.pdf

FY2012/13 – page 133

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/210660/Annual_Report_and_Accounts_FINAL_updated_logo.pdf

FY2011/12 – page 136

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/143619/annual-report-2011-12.pdf

FY2010/11 – page 115-116

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/120048/annual-report-201011.pdf

FY2009/10 – page 70-71

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/247694/0193.pdf

FY2008/09 – page 58-59

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/250601/0466.pdf

FY2007/08 – page 58-59

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/231192/0868.pdf

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-11/118555/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Deidre Brock (SNP) [118557] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many permanent residence requests by non-UK EU citizens have been refused in each of the last 10 years.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Information on the number decisions to refuse requests made by EU nationals in each of the last 10 years for documents certifying permanent residence is published in Home Office's Immigration Statistics, July – September 2017, EEA table ee_02 available from

Issue and refusal of permanent residence documentation to EU nationals

Year	Documents certifying permanent residence - issued	Documents certifying permanent residence - refused	Documents certifying permanent residence - invalid application
2004	5,312	1,000	Z
2005	6,692	1,447	Z
2006	5,433	877	5
2007	3,944	657	0
2008	1,758	515	2
2009	6,042	776	2
2010	9,449	1,538	0
2011	11,688	727	3,139
2012	8,534	1,061	6,206
2013	14,481	9,311	1,849
2014	9,744	3,516	1,585
2015	9,537	2,649	1,645
2016	53,150	13,228	6,190

Source: Home Office, Migration Border Analysis.
Immigration Statistics July to September 2017, table ee_02.
Invalid applications are those rejected prior to substantive consideration.
Z – Not applicable.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-11/118557/>

Immigration: Legal Aid Scheme

Carolyn Harris (Labour) [117999] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of bringing non-asylum immigration claims for children back into scope of legal aid.

Reply from Dominic Raab: The Government is committed to the protection of vulnerable children, especially in cases where children lack adequate parental support. Changes to the availability of legal aid for civil legal cases were made in the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (LASPO) and as such a consideration of the effects of the changes will be made as part of our Post-Implementation Review of the Act, which will report by summer recess 2018. Support for children in non-asylum immigration cases remains available through the Exceptional Case Funding Scheme (ECF) where failure to provide legal aid would breach their rights under the European Convention on Human Rights or EU law, subject to means and merits tests.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-06/117999/>

Visas: Sponsorship

Jo Stevens (Labour) [118019] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the suitability of the current visa sponsorship process for non-EU workers in small companies.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Home Office reviews the visa sponsorship process regularly to ensure that it is suitable for all types of sponsor.

Skilled Workers: Foreign Nationals

Ged Killen (Labour Co-op) [118293] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing regional variations in the salary thresholds for tier two visas for skilled non-EU migrants.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Government is committed to developing an immigration system that serves the national interest and are clear that applying different immigration rules to different parts of the UK would complicate the immigration system, harm its integrity, and cause difficulties for employers who need the flexibility to deploy their staff to other parts of the UK.

The Government commissioned the independent Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to undertake a comprehensive review of the Tier 2 route in June 2015.

The MAC concluded and has repeatedly recommended that we should not operate different salary thresholds for different regions and countries in the UK. More information about the MAC and its report on Tier 2 can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/migration-advisory-committee-mac-review-tier-2-migration>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-07/118293/>

Visas

Jo Stevens (Labour) [118020] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to have a public consultation on the functioning of the visa system for those coming to the UK to work before the publication of the Immigration Bill.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Government has commissioned the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to gather evidence on patterns of EU migration and the role of migration in the wider economy, which is underway. The MAC is due to report on this by September 2018.

We are considering the options for our future immigration system, post EU Exit, very carefully and will outline further details shortly. Any decisions on that future system will be based on evidence and will be discussed with a wide range of stakeholders before they are made.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-06/118020/>

Visas: India

Martyn Day (SNP) [118635] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will bring forward proposals to offer visitors from India an equivalent visitor visa arrangement to that already provided to Chinese visitors under the two-year multiple entry scheme to encourage trade and tourism between India and the UK.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Since January 2016 the UK has offered a two-year validity visit visa to Chinese nationals for the same price as a six-month visa. This is a pilot scheme which we are running to assess the benefits and impacts of such an approach more broadly. There are currently no plans to extend this pilot to any other countries.

The Home Office does, however, recognise that visitors from India are an important source of revenue for our tourism market and is committed to offering the most efficient and customer focused visa service in India.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-11/118635/>

Immigration

The following three questions all received the same answer

Ben Lake (Plaid Cymru) [117896] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether people who moved to the UK before the Immigration Act 1971 came into force are considered to be illegal immigrants.

Ben Lake (Plaid Cymru) [117900] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued to people who have indefinite leave to remain under the Immigration Act 1971 on their citizenship status.

Ben Lake (Plaid Cymru) [117901] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued to people who have indefinite leave to remain under the Immigration Act 1971 who have lost their documentation.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Immigration Act 1971 came into effect on 1 January 1973. Under section 1(2) of that Act, a person who was ordinarily resident in the UK on 1 January 1973, is automatically deemed to have settled status (indefinite leave to remain) on that date unless they were either exempt from immigration control or already had the right of abode in the UK. A person will continue to hold settled status unless leave has been revoked or lapsed due to absence from the UK.

A person who requires evidence of settled status or who loses their documentation, may apply for confirmation of this status by making a No Time Limit (NTL) application. NTL guidance is published on the Gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/transfer-visa/transfer-to-brp>

Information about how someone with indefinite leave to remain can become a British citizen is published on the Gov.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/becoming-a-british-citizen>.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-06/117896/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-06/117900/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-06/117901/>

EU Nationals: British Nationality

Caroline Lucas (Green) [118232] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Office of National Statistics immigration statistics, published on 17 August 2017, what proportion of applications for British citizenship from EU Nationals from Q3 2016 to Q2 2017 have been (a) rejected and (b) granted; and what proportion of applications are (i) under appeal and (ii) still awaiting a decision.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The published information on number of applications, grants and refusals of British citizenship for EU nationals is given in the table below.

Citizenship applications, grants and refusals - EU nationals			
Quarter	Applications for British citizenship	Decisions taken to grant	Decisions taken to refuse or withdraw
2016 Q3	4,130	3,637	231
2016 Q4	5,112	4,042	476
2017 Q1	9,547	5,046	492
2017 Q2	9,713	5,578	395

Source: Home Office, Migration Border Analysis.

Immigration Statistics July to September 2017, Subset of table cz_01_q.

Applications in a quarter may result in a decision in a later quarter.

The data shown include outcomes of reconsideration processes.

Information on the total number of citizenship cases awaiting a decision and performance against Service Standards is published in the Migration Transparency data at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/in-country-migration-data-november-2017>.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-07/118232/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

The following two questions both received the same answer

Alan Brown (SNP) [118481] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to paragraph 3 of the document, Technical Note: Citizens' Rights - Administrative Procedures in the UK, published on 7 November 2017, (a) how many user groups have been set up, (b) who the user groups report to, (c) what the timescale is to complete the implementation systems, (d) how much has been spent to date on the project and (e) what the total budget is for the project; and if she will make a statement.

Alan Brown (SNP) [118483] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the voluntary application process set out in paragraph 4 of the document Technical Note: Citizens' Rights - Administrative Procedures in the UK published on 7 November 2017, what the proposed timescale is for the roll-out of the new process; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Home Office has established three stakeholder groups on EU Exit Immigration issues. There are two user groups comprising representatives of EU citizens from community, advice and support networks, and consular representatives from the EU27 and EFTA nations. There is also a cross-sectoral employers' representative group. This engagement is supporting the development of the operational process and system design for the new EU Exit Settlement Scheme.

We intend to launch the Scheme during the second half of 2018.

To date the Home Office has received additional funding from HM Treasury of £60m over this financial year.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-11/118481/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-11/118483/>

Emigration: EU Nationals

Gavin Newlands (SNP) [117578] To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the number of non-UK born EU citizens that have left the UK since 23 of June 2016.

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

... The Office for National Statistics (ONS) released the latest migration statistics on 30 November 2017.¹ The provisional estimate for the year ending June 2017 of the number of non-UK EU citizens who left the UK is 123,000 with a confidence interval (CI) of + / - 17,000. This is a statistically significant increase of 28,000 (29%) compared with the year ending June 2016.

¹ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/bulletins/migrationstatisticsquarterlyreport/november2017>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-05/117578/>

Refugees: English Language

Barry Sherman (Labour Co-op) [117719] To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what

funding the Government provides to support refugees to learn English.

Reply from Elizabeth Truss: The Government provides funding to support refugees to learn English in a number of ways:

- Adults with refugee status are eligible for funding for English courses from the Adult Education Budget, and the Government covers full costs if they are unemployed and looking for work.
- The Home Office and the Department for Education have created a joint fund that will allocate up to £10 million across five years for additional English language training and support for people resettled under the Vulnerable Resettlement Scheme and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme. English language tuition also forms part of the support package provided to refugees arriving in the UK under the Gateway Protection Programme.
- Refugees may access the English Language Programme funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), and money from the Controlling Migration Fund can be used to support refugees to learn English.
- For schools, local authorities currently have discretion to allocate funding within local formulas based on the number of pupils who have English as an additional language (EAL), and have recently entered the school system.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-05/117719/>

Refugees: Children

Mike Hill (Labour) [117981] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, her Department is taking to reduce the number of dangerous journeys taken by unaccompanied child refugees with family in the UK.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: As per the answer of 15 November 2017 (112550), the Government strongly supports the principle of family unity, and we have a comprehensive framework in place for refugees and their families to be safely reunited in the UK without the need for dangerous journeys.

Our family reunion policy allows children to join their refugee parents, and there are also specific provisions in the Immigration Rules that allow extended family members lawfully resident in the UK to sponsor unaccompanied children where there are serious and compelling circumstances. We have reunited over 24,000 partners and children with their families under our family reunion policy in the last five years. Further, those children recognised by UNHCR as refugees can join close family members in the UK through our Mandate resettlement scheme.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-06/117981/>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-11-13/112550/>

Asylum

David Crausby (Labour) [117940] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time was for a final decision on an asylum application in each of the last five years.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Information regarding Asylum data is published as part of the Government's Transparency agenda the latest release of which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asylum-transparency-data-november-2017>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asylum-transparency-data-november-2017>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-06/117940/>

Asylum: Scotland

Christine Jardine (Liberal Democrat) [118182] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applicants living in Scotland have been (a) granted and (b) refused permission to submit their applications to the Further Submissions Unit via post and how many people have been employed at that unit in each of the last five years.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The information requested on; number of applicants living in Scotland who have been granted and refused permission to submit their applications via post is not available in the format requested. The Home Office does not refuse or grant permission to submit further submissions. If an individual is eligible at the appointment booking stage, an in-person appointment will be offered.

The information requested on the average number of people employed on the further submission unit in the last five years is not available in the format requested.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-07/118182/>

Asylum: Sanitary Protection

The following two questions both received the same answer

Layla Moran (Liberal Democrat) [117942] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December to Question 116362 on Asylum: Sanitary Protection, if he will make a specific fund available for for asylum seekers who would otherwise be destitute to apply for an allowance to be able to pay for sanitary products.

Layla Moran (Liberal Democrat) [117943] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations her Department has received on the ability of asylum seekers to afford sanitary products.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: There are no plans to establish a specific fund to provide asylum seekers with an additional allowance to cover the costs of sanitary products. These costs are taken into account in setting the level of the weekly cash allowance provided to destitute asylum seekers to meet their essential living needs.

The level of the cash allowance is reviewed each year and the review takes account of the cost of sanitary products. Evidence and submissions were invited from relevant external stakeholders to inform the most recent review. No representations about sanitary products were received.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-06/117942/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-06/117943/>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-11-29/116362/>

Immigration Bail

Keith Vaz (Labour) [118561] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were granted immigration bail in (a) 2015, (b) 2016 and (c) to date in 2017.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Data on the number of people leaving detention in each quarter, by reason for leaving (including immigration bail), are published in table dt_06_q of the detention tables in the latest release of 'Immigration Statistics, July to September 2017', available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/662536/detention-jul-sep-2017-tables.ods

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-11/118561/>

Immigrants: Detainees

Eleanor Smith (Labour) [118473] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the maximum amount of time is that a person can be detained in an immigration removal centre.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Although there is no fixed time limit on immigration detention in the UK, case law is clear that, to be lawful, detention must last no longer than is reasonably necessary to achieve the purpose for which it was authorised, must not be unduly prolonged and, in relation to removal, there must be a realistic prospect of removal within a reasonable period of time. Published Home Office policy is clear that detention must only be used for the shortest period necessary.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offender-management>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-11/118473/>

Immigrants: Detainees

Keith Vaz (Labour) [118552] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were held in immigration detention on 1 December 2017; and in which centres those people were being held.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Data on people held in immigration detention, broken down by place of detention, are published as at the last day of each quarter. Figures for 31 December 2017 will be released on 22 February 2018. The latest published figures for 30 September 2017 may be found in table dt_12_q of the detention tables in the latest release of 'Immigration Statistics, July to September 2017', available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/662536/detention-jul-sep-2017-tables.ods

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-11/118552/>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

Immigration

Lord Green of Deddington (Crossbench) [HL3611] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in each year between 2007 and 2016, how many people were granted leave to remain following (1) 10 years of legal residence as set out in paragraph 276B(i)(a) of the Immigration Rules, and (2) 20 years illegal residence in the UK as set out in paragraph 277ADE(1)(iii) of the Immigration Rules.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Paragraph 276B(i)(a) refers to the requirements for indefinite leave to remain. Accordingly this answer provides data on indefinite rather than limited leave to remain.

Grants of indefinite leave to remain on the basis of long residence are published in settlement table se_03, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-april-to-june-2016/list-of-tables#settlement>

The figures prior to July 2012 will also include grants on the basis of 14 years lawful and unlawful long residence. That provision was removed in July 2012.

The 20 year long residence rule was implemented from 9 July 2012. These grants of leave to remain are categorised as Private Life in the published statistics, available at tables ex_01 and ex_01q here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-april-to-june-2017/list-of-tables#extensions>

The 20 year qualifying period in this category can also include periods of lawful leave, as well as illegal residence.

[Private Life Grants - Table ex_01 and ex_01q](#) (Excel SpreadSheet, 17.21 KB)
[Tables se_03](#)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-11-27/HL3611/>

Immigration

Baroness Kramer (Liberal Democrat) [HL3625] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether individuals who have been granted indefinite leave to remain are obliged to apply for British citizenship; if so, why; and if not, what information such individuals are given by the UK Border Agency in this regard upon arrival in the UK.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Individuals who are settled in the UK are not obliged to apply to naturalise as British citizens. The Government believes that citizenship is a personal choice, and is a privilege and not a right, and it would not be appropriate to compel all those who settle in the UK to become British.

Entrants to the UK will normally need to remain in the UK for a period of at least five years before being eligible to settle in the UK and so it would be premature to provide them with information on citizenship at the point of their arrival. Where someone wishes to naturalise they can find relevant information on the GOV.uk website.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-11-27/HL3625/>

Immigration

Baroness Kramer (Liberal Democrat) [HL3626] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether there has been any change in the terms on which indefinite leave to remain in the UK is (1) granted, and (2) applied to those who were previously granted such leave, in the past year.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: In the past year there have been a number of policy amendments across specific ILR routes. Information relating to these amendments, and the specific ILR routes these affect, are communicated via the GOV.UK website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?departments%5B%5D=uk-visas-and-immigration>

There has been no change in terms for those persons who have been granted ILR in the past year. Individuals who hold ILR in the United Kingdom have no restriction on their right to live and work in the United Kingdom. They are able to apply for benefits in the same way as British citizens.

[Tables as_19 and as_20](#)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-11-27/HL3626/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Lord Greaves (Liberal Democrat) [HL3965] To ask Her Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to removing the requirement for a permanent residence card in the case of EU citizens wishing to apply for British citizenship.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: An EEA national applying for naturalisation must provide a permanent residence document if they wish to demonstrate that they have settled status on the basis of EEA law.

This is consistent with other applicants, who apply for citizenship following a period of residence under the Immigration Rules and have to show that they are

free of immigration time restrictions before applying.

Future arrangements for how EU citizens and their family members will be able to apply for citizenship after the UK has left the EU are being considered, though we have no current plans to amend the law at this time.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-12-07/HL3965/>

Catering: Migrant Workers

Lord Jones of Cheltenham (Liberal Democrat) [HL3974] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to review or amend the rules for issuing Tier 2 visas, in the light of reported shortages of Asian food chefs in the UK.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Government commissioned advice from the independent Migration Advisory Committee (MAC), which advises the Government on shortage occupations. The MAC has consulted widely with the restaurant industry on a number of occasions and concluded that the current criteria adequately identify the very best chefs whilst providing measures for preventing abuse of the system.

In seeking to develop an immigration system that serves the national interest, in July 2017, we commissioned the MAC to advise on the economic and social impacts of the UK's exit from the European Union and also on how the UK's immigration system should be aligned with a modern industrial strategy – which will inform our decisions on the future system. The MAC has been asked to report by September 2018.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-12-07/HL3974/>

UK Parliament Early Day Motion

Joan Ryan (Labour) (696) Immigration detention of victims of torture and other vulnerable people – That this House notes with concern the recent High Court judgment against the Government which found that the Home Office 's redefinition of torture in its flagship Adults at Risk immigration detention policy was unlawful; further notes that Mr Justice Ouseley ruled that the Home Office's decision to narrow the definition of torture lacked a rational or evidence base; understands that many victims of torture and other vulnerable people are held in UK immigration detention centres; recognises that legal judgments and medical research have provided extensive evidence that immigration detention can seriously harm the mental health of detainees, particularly those who have suffered previously from ill treatment; calls on the Home Office to ensure its review of the Adults at Risk policy includes consultation with NGO stakeholders; and urges the Government to honour the promises made after the Shaw Report to strengthen and improve the protections for identifying and securing the release of vulnerable adults at risk of harm in immigration detention, as well as requiring that those with evidence of a history of torture or severe physical, psychological or sexual violence or other ill treatment are not detained for immigration purposes except in very exceptional circumstances.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2017-19/696>

New Publications

Scottish Government: Our Position on EU Citizens' Rights

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00528759.pdf>

Policy Equality Statement: Policy on the processing of asylum claims in detention
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/667250/Home_Office_PES_-_Processing_asylum_claims_in_detention_-_September_2017.pdf

High Court judgement relating to EEA (European Economic Area) nationals found sleeping rough in the United Kingdom
<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2017/3298.html>

Migrants, speak up: Survey by the European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
http://enar-eu.org/IMG/pdf/enar_survey_migrants_speak_up_key_findings_final_lr.pdf

News

Brexit: Right-to-stay forms 'will only take minutes'
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-42322018>

Warning migrants eligible to stay may be forced out by document rule
http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/15768057.Warning_migrants_eligible_to_stay_may_be_forced_out_by_document_rule/

Minister outlines how EU nationals will apply for UK 'settled status'
<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/dec/12/minister-outlines-how-eu-nationals-will-apply-for-uk-settled-status-brexit>

EU nationals can settle for £72 in minutes with new online system
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/eu-nationals-can-settle-for-72-in-minutes-with-new-online-system-jq0pbvzwm>

Hundreds of thousands of EU nationals 'may not get right to stay in UK'
<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/dec/13/eu-nationals-may-not-get-right-stay-uk>

Deporting EU rough sleepers from UK unlawful, High Court rules
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-42354864>

Eastern European rough sleepers win High Court fight against deportation move
<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk-world/564399/tory-mp-earned-1970-officiating-at-camp-nou-match-while-parliament-was-sitting/>

Home Office policy of deporting homeless EU citizens is illegal, High Court rules
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/homeless-eu-citizens-deporting-illegal-policy-home-office-high-court-ruling-brexit-stop-a8110001.html>

Home Office policy to deport EU rough sleepers ruled unlawful
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/dec/14/home-office-policy-deport-eu-rough-sleepers-ruled-unlawful>

Rounding up rough sleepers for deportation is illegal, judge rules
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/rounding-up-rough-sleepers-for-deportation-is-illegal-judge-rules-q5c9nqrd>

Home Office policy of deporting EU citizens found rough sleeping is illegal, High Court rules
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/12/14/home-office-policy-deporting-eu-citizens-found-rough-sleeping/>

Home Office policy to deport EU citizens sleeping rough is ruled illegal by the High Court
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5179133/Policy-deport-EU-citizens-sleeping-rough-ruled-ILLEGAL.html>

First vulnerable child refugee arrives in UK from Greece under Dubs scheme
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/dec/15/first-vulnerable-child-refugee-arrives-uk-greece-dubs-amendment>

Voters name terms for immigrants
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/voters-name-terms-for-immigrants-85wqr5qhn>

Open letter to UK Home Secretary about new asylum accommodation contracts
http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/3277_open_letter_to_uk_home_secretary_about_new_asylum_accommodation_contracts

Roma unfairly questioned at border, charity claims
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-12-13/scotland/roma-unfairly-questioned-at-border-charity-claims-l95ws7rmx>

Pregnant Indian woman with Scottish husband denied UK Visa because her English is too good
http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15774512.Pregnant_Indian_woman_with_Scottish_husband_denied_UK_Visa_because_her_English_is_too_good/?ref=mr&lp=12

Couple's dream Christmas scuppered because Indian wife's English is too good
<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/fife/563442/couples-dream-christmas-scuppered-indian-wifes-english-good/>

Glasgow charity Refuweege launches Christmas gift appeal
<https://www.scotsman.com/giving-back/charities/glasgow-charity-refuweege-launches-christmas-gift-appeal-1-4636560>

Reuniting child refugees with their families is difficult – but you can help
<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/usman-aslam-reuniting-child-refugees-with-their-families-is-difficult-but-you-can-help-1-4639258>

Artist hangs refugees' clothing in London church to highlight crisis
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/dec/13/artist-arabella-dorman-refugees-clothing-london-church-highlight-crisis>

From Calais to London and Paris: UK writers give new life to refugees' theatre
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2017/dec/16/jungle-refugee-theatre-paris-london-calais>

Boxing champion awaits deportation after fighting for England six times
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/dec/14/boxing-champion-awaits-deportation-after-fighting-for-england-six-times>

British boxing champion chosen to represent Team GB faces deportation
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/british-boxing-champ-deportation-earmarked-team-gb-england-london-passport-olympics-home-office-a8102526.html>

Right to rent discriminates against foreign-born people and should be suspended
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-12-15/news/right-to-rent-discriminates-against-foreign-born-people-and-should-be-suspended-znxcrkj0r>

Uganda's Asians were also sinners

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/magazine/the-sunday-times-magazine/ugandas-asians-were-also-sinners-gfc98rtt6>

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Community Relations

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-09550 Pauline McNeill (Labour): Congratulations BEMIS – That the Parliament congratulates BEMIS Scotland on 18 years of race equality work in Scotland; recognises that, within this timescale, both the demographics and challenges that face all of Scotland's ethnic and cultural minority communities, have evolved against a backdrop of austerity; believes that this disproportionality affects ethnic minorities in Scotland and too many people in its communities; supports the call from BEMIS that race equality in Scotland requires a collaborative effort across government, Parliament, local authorities, statutory bodies, service providers and communities, underpinned by the legal parameters outlined in the definition of race in both the Equality Act 2010 and Article 1 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination; considers that, since the launch of the Race Equality Framework in March 2016, BEMIS's work programme has made a positive impact on race equality in Scotland, including its themed years Inclusive National Identity Programme, involving over 70 diverse communities and 15,000 attendees across Scotland covered by the legal definition of race; notes the BEMIS Modern Apprenticeships for All Programme, European Projects and Capacity Development Support with communities, and further notes that BEMIS Scotland has called for cognisance of human rights and race equality across policy areas including procurement, housing, health, cultural recognition, employment and that, with the publication of the Race Equality Action Plan, considers that this offers a clear opportunity in Scotland to realign human rights and race equality duties within the legal parameters of existing human rights and equalities legislation.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-09550>

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Equality

Scottish Parliament Debate

Race Equality

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11263&i=102606#ScotParlOR>

Scottish Parliament Motions

S5M-09529 Angela Constance (SNP): A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality – That the Parliament believes that no one should be marginalised or discriminated against because of their race or background and that Scotland should be a place where everyone is equal; notes the publication of the report by the Independent Race Equality Adviser, Kaliani Lyle, Addressing Race Inequality in Scotland: The Way Forward, highlighting key priority areas for improvement, and acknowledges the actions being put in place through the Scottish Government's Race Equality Action Plan to tackle

racial discrimination and inequality in society; welcomes the creation of a Scottish Government ministerial working group to determine priorities for action and drive forward the changes required to improve the lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller communities; recognises that, to achieve race equality, all of society must play a role in removing barriers that stand in the way of people from an ethnic minority group reaching their full potential, and agrees that everyone must work together to create a fair and equal Scotland for all who live and work here.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-09529>

S5M-09529.1 Annie Wells (Conservative): A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality – As an amendment to motion S5M-09529 in the name of Angela Constance (A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality), insert at end “, and notes the need to respond to calls from racial equality charities to continually improve the data available for protected characteristics and fill evidence gaps.”

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-09529.1>

S5M-09529.2 John Finnie (Green): A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality – As an amendment to motion S5M-09529 in the name of Angela Constance (A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality), after first "society" insert "; recognises the failure of successive administrations to eradicate long-standing and deep-seated prejudice against Gypsy/Travellers”.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-09529.2>

S5M-09529.3 Pauline McNeill (Labour): A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality – As an amendment to motion S5M-09529 in the name of Angela Constance (A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to a system that is able to establish what has and what has not been effective, identify barriers to progress, update the action plan with any new approach determined and monitor and evaluate the impact of the Race Equality Action Plan at regular intervals, preferably at least every three years, including through involving key race equality bodies in the work of the ministerial working group.”

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-09529.3>

S5M-09580: Andy Wightman (Green): The Scotland Declaration on Human Rights –

That the Parliament welcomes the publication of The Scotland Declaration on Human Rights, which was jointly produced by the Human Rights Consortium Scotland and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations with support from the Scottish Human Rights Commission and the Equality and Human Rights Commission; understands that this was developed in consultation with stakeholders to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”; recognises that human rights and equalities exist regardless of sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion, age, gender or belief; regrets what it sees as the shared concerns about the potential loss of equality and rights protections as a consequence of the UK leaving the European Union and about the persistent negative rhetoric around the protection and promotion of rights in the UK; identifies the key principles of The Scotland Declaration including participation, progression and transparency, and welcomes the opportunity provided by the organisers to encourage any organisation from the public, private or third sectors to register their public support for the Declaration to ensure that the protection and implementation of human rights are at the heart of Scottish society.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-09580>

Scottish Parliament Equalities and Human Rights Committee

Human Rights Day 2017

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11255&i=102507#ScotParlOR>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Football: Ethnic Groups

Jo Stevens (Labour) [118403] To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps are being taken to ensure that BAME coaches experience adequate opportunities in sports that operate under the UK Sports umbrella.

Reply from Tracey Crouch: Government's sport strategy 'Sporting Future', published in December 2015, noted that just 5.5% of elite coaches were from Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds, demonstrating that high performance coaching was not drawing its talent from the widest pool available. It commissioned UK Sport to review what steps could be taken to remove barriers to minority groups (and women) progressing into high performance coaching roles with a view to diversifying the talent pool and ultimately improving overall performance.

UK Sport has since put a number of activities and processes in place to help increase the number of high quality opportunities for BAME coaches. For example their Elite Coaching Team works with role models to encourage other coaches to apply for relevant roles, and they work with Sporting Equals on data relating to BAME people, which forms part of the Sporting Equals' Leaderboard National Steering Group. One of the aims of this group is to develop and share toolkits that sports can use to help diversify their recruitment, and in particular recruit more BAME staff. UK Sport also use results from the sport-wide Culture Health Check to analyse emerging trends around equality and diversity issues, and they work closely with the Sports Councils' Equity Group with Home Country Sports Councils to develop consistent approaches to equality and opportunities with national governing bodies.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-08/118403/>

Press Release

Race Equality Action Plan

<https://news.gov.scot/news/race-equality-action-plan>

New Publications

A Fairer Scotland for All: Race Equality Action Plan 2017-2021 and Highlight Report

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00528746.pdf>

Addressing Race Inequality in Scotland: The Way Forward

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00528756.pdf>

News

Angela Constance unveils blueprint to tackle racial inequality

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/561847/angela-constance-unveils-blueprint-to-tackle-racial-inequality/>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Bullying: Ethnic Groups

Chris Elmore (Labour) [117109] To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the level of in-person bullying against BAME people.

Reply from Nick Gibb: We welcome the publication of the Race Disparity Audit (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/650723/RDAweb.pdf), by the Cabinet office in October 2017. Officials from the Government Equalities Office and Cabinet Office are discussing a number of issues highlighted by the audit, including any implications that it might have for the Equality Act 2010 which prohibits harassment on grounds of race in employment and the provision of goods, services and public functions.

The Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) records the number of calls they receive about harassment and victimisation of BAME people and have reported that, between October 2016 and 31 October 2017 there were 89 calls from BAME people about harassment or victimisation, out of a total of 2,235 race-related calls.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-04/117109/>

Press Release

Joint-statement by First Vice-President Timmermans and Commissioner Jourová on the recent Antisemitic attacks and demonstrations

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-17-5207_en.htm

News

Britain First deputy leader is bailed over anti-Islam posts

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/britain-first-deputy-leader-is-bailed-over-anti-islam-posts-2rdqzxhq8>

Roma arriving in Scotland being 'targeted unfairly'

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15715277.Roma_arriving_in_Scotland_being_targeted_unfairly/

Gypsy Travellers: Scotland's human rights shame

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15712520.Gypsy_travellers_Scotland_39_s_hum_an_rights_shame/?ref=mr&lp=15

Tech firms could be held liable for extremism and abuse

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-42323696>

Bookmaker refuses to apologise after posting picture of blacked-up darts fan dressed as Diane Abbott

<http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/general/darts-diane-abbott-tweet-blackface-alexandra-palace-pdc-world-championship-labour-a8114276.html>

Antisemitic outbursts of prominent Grenfell aid organiser

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-12-11/news/antisemitic-outbursts-of-prominent-aid-organiser-9qpjd0jl7>

Butlin's faces legal action over dodgems hijab ban

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/dec/14/butlins-faces-legal-action-over-dodgems-hijab-ban>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Press Release

The First Minister lit the Giant Menorah in St Andrew Square in Edinburgh as part of the 10th annual Scottish National Hanukkah celebration

<https://firstminister.gov.scot/hanukkah-celebrations/>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Press Releases

Prime Minister's Chanukah message: 12 December 2017

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pms-chanukah-message-12-december-2017>

Foreign Secretary's Chanukkah message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretarys-chanukkah-message>

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Other News

Ofsted chief inspector Amanda Spielman received 'venomous' abuse after questioning faith schools

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/ofsted-latest-amanda-spielman-chief-inspector-venomous-abuse-questioning-faith-schools-a8114036.html>

Private faith schools are 'spreading beliefs that clash with British values and equalities law', Ofsted warns

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/faith-schools-illegal-ofsted-powers-lawstrojan-horse-islamic-jewish-christian-a8107631.html>

Ofsted chief received 'venomous' threats after raising concerns about faith schools

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/12/16/ofsted-chief-received-venomous-threats-raising-concerns-faith/>

Inspectors need new powers to tackle faith schools where teachings 'clash with British values', major Ofsted report to find

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/12/13/inspectors-need-new-powers-tackle-faith-schools-teachings-clash/>

Extremists target Ofsted over faith schools ruling

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-12-16/news/extremists-target-ofsted-over-faith-schools-ruling-2z25f00kh>

Amanda Spielman interview: 'There are children in this country for whom British values are meaningless'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-12-16/news/amanda-spielman-interview-there-are-children-in-this-country-for-whom-british-values-are-meaningless-7m9hz2z8g>

Some faith schools not teaching English, says Ofsted chief

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/some-faith-schools-not-teaching-english-says-ofsted-chief-8q5zs0nrr>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

**** Domestic Abuse Bill**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/103883.aspx>

Justice Committee, Stage 2 consideration of amendments

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11261&i=102552#ScotParlOR>

Bill as amended at Stage 2

<http://www.parliament.scot/Domestic%20Abuse%20Scotland%20Bill/SPBill08AS052017.pdf>

**** Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) Bill**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/105269.aspx>

Justice Committee: Stage 1 evidence sessions

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11244&i=102422#ScotParlOR>

and

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11261&i=102553#ScotParlOR>

UK Parliament

Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/immigrationcontrolgrosshumanrightsabuses.html>

Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/childrenact1989amendmentfemalegenitalmutilation.html>

EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/eeanationalsindefiniteleavetoremain.html>

**** European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/europeanunionwithdrawal.html>

Report Stage, House of Commons

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2017-12-12/debates/02642351-76CA-4700-BE34-28D22EB175B4/EuropeanUnion\(Withdrawal\)Bill#debate-354808](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2017-12-12/debates/02642351-76CA-4700-BE34-28D22EB175B4/EuropeanUnion(Withdrawal)Bill#debate-354808)

Notice of amendments

https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2017-2019/0005/amend/euwithdrawal_daily_cwh_1212.1-7.html

Briefing: The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: clauses 9, 8 and 17

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-8170/CBP-8170.pdf>

Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

**** Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

Second Reading, House of Lords

[http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-12-15/debates/8D71782F-BB98-4BCA-A30C-4C905A4FAABF/ImmigrationControl\(GrossHumanRightsAbuses\)Bill\(HL\)](http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-12-15/debates/8D71782F-BB98-4BCA-A30C-4C905A4FAABF/ImmigrationControl(GrossHumanRightsAbuses)Bill(HL))

Briefing

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/LLN-2017-0096/LLN-2017-0096.pdf>

Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaveryvictimsupport.html>

**** Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionbill.html>

Second Reading, House of Lords

[http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-12-15/debates/B90C7204-C90C-471D-830F-AB8B7BC45F67/Refugees\(FamilyReunion\)Bill\(HL\)](http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-12-15/debates/B90C7204-C90C-471D-830F-AB8B7BC45F67/Refugees(FamilyReunion)Bill(HL))

Briefing

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/LLN-2017-0097/LLN-2017-0097.pdf>

Refugees (Family Reunion) (No. 2) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionno2.html>

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (Legal Advice and Appeals) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/unaccompaniedasylumseekingchildrenlegaladviceandappeals.html>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

**** closes this week!**

Enabling Gypsies, Roma and Travellers [Welsh Government consultation]

(closing date 21 December 2017)

<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/enabling-gypsies-roma-and-travellers>

International students: economic and social impacts (closing date 26 January 2018)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/international-students-economic-and-social-impacts>

Empowering Schools (closing date 7 January 2018)
<https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/education-scotland-bill/>

Modernising the EU's common visa policy (closing date 2 February 2018)
https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/modernising-eus-common-visa-policy_en

Charitable giving by Muslims (no closing date given)
https://cardiffunipsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZRSLmNhpyNY63j

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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Events, Conferences, and Training

** new or updated this week

**** Back to Work - Women's Returner Workshops**

January 18-20 2018 in Edinburgh

Adopt an intern workshops in partnership with Radiant & Brighter offering support to minority ethnic women looking to refresh their careers. Including guidance on what employers are looking for in the current job market, applying skills and qualifications in the workplace, improving communication skills and becoming more effective in a work context. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/ycoj7fxq>

Self-Creative Writing to explore and celebrate integration

12 January 2018 in Glasgow (2.00-3.30)

Creative writing workshops organised by the UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration Through Language and Art at Glasgow University. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y77alnbx> or contact Aimee Ottroh ottroh@icloud.com

New Scots: Refugees and the Asylum Process

23 January 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

1 March 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

17 May 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

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. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Holocaust Memorial Day 2018

24 January 2018 at Glasgow Caledonian University

Details will be available in due course. For information contact the Scottish Interfaith Council admin@interfaithscotland.org / 0141 558 0778.

Discrimination Law in 2018: The authoritative review of the most dynamic area of employment law

29 January 2018 in Edinburgh (9.00-4.00)

Equality and Human Rights Commission conference to provide an update on discrimination

in relation to employment law. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y6vxwcbb> or contact Ross Mathers 0141 228 5919 / equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com

Working with Interpreters

31 January 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

8 March 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

22 May 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

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. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zy436qr> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Hate Crime and 3rd party reporting advisory panel

1 February 2018 in Glasgow (10.30-12.30)

West of Scotland Regional Equality Council are setting up an advisory panel to challenge issues and barriers around under-reporting of hate crime, and 3rd party reporting. For information see https://scojec.org/memo/files/17-18_wsrec.pdf or contact Rabeea rqureshi@wsrec.co.uk / 0141 337 6626.

New Scots: Refugees and VPRS Resettlement

6 February 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

19 April 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlight the challenges and opportunities they face as they build new lives in Scotland. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Unaccompanied Refugee Children

8 February 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

2 May 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course to better understand where unaccompanied refugee children are, and how you can help them in their journey. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y7mz5uuu> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Age Assessment Awareness

21 February 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

The Age assessment process is used to establish the approximate age of an unaccompanied young person who may have been trafficked or otherwise separated from their families, so that their Rights and entitlements can be fulfilled. This Scottish Refugee Council course provides social workers and other relevant staff with an awareness of the components that are used to build a picture of a person's age. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y8f2z7p4> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Refugee Rights to Housing

21 March 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course to identify the different groups of asylum seekers and refugees most likely to seek housing in Scotland, learn how to identify their legal rights, and the duties and obligations on local authorities and other housing organisations towards them. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information

see <http://tinyurl.com/y9pvpl5r> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Engaging Hard to Reach Groups

28 March 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course looking at the various approaches, tools and techniques we can adopt to reach out to people who are seldom heard. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y8tg2x4k> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

First World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, and Health

17-19 May 2018 in Edinburgh

(closing date abstracts for posters, presentations and workshops: 6 October 2017)

The aims of the Congress include improved research, population health and health care for migrants and other discriminated-against populations, and considering the health effects of social, environmental and demographic change associated with population migration, and the effects on diseases and their causes. For information see <http://www.merhcongress.com/> or contact merh@in-conference.org.uk / 0131 336 4203.

Refugee Community Sponsorship

24 May 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

Scottish Refugee Council course. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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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/>

Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel <https://www.goodfundraising.scot/>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services

Disclosure Scotland <https://www.mygov.scot/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/>

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

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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/>



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