

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The Scottish Parliament returns from recess on 16 April 2018.  
The UK Parliament returns from recess on 17 April 2018.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-11541 Fulton MacGregor (SNP): Olya Merry** – That the Parliament notes the decision by the Home Office to refuse Olya Merry, who is originally from Belarus but now lives in Coatbridge, the right to remain in the UK; further notes that Olya married her Scottish husband, Derek, in 2013 and that their daughter, Milana, was born in Wishaw in 2016; understands that, if Olya is removed from the UK, Milana will travel with her and could lose her UK citizenship, due to Belarusian laws that prevent dual-nationality, and notes the calls for the UK Government to allow the Merry family to remain at home in Coatbridge.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-11541>

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

### NHS: Migrant Workers

**Chris Bryant (Labour)** [3020] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the number of non-UK EU citizens working in the NHS in (a) Wales, (b) Northern Ireland and (c) Scotland.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Statistics on the number of people in the NHS workforce for Wales are the responsibility of the Welsh government and are published at

<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/staff-directly-employed-nhs/?lang=en>

Statistics on numbers of people directly employed in health & social care (HSC) staff in Northern Ireland is the responsibility of the Department of Health and are published at <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/staff-numbers>

Statistics on the number of people in the NHS workforce for Scotland are the responsibility of the Scottish government and are published at

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Workforce/>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-05/3020/>

## UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

### Legal Aid Scheme: Immigration

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno (Liberal Democrat)** [HL6710] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have for bringing back legal aid for family reunification cases.

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** Legal aid is not generally available for matters concerning family reunion.

Where a case is outside the scope of legal aid, exceptional funding may be available where required under ECHR or EU law.

The Lord Chancellor has confirmed that we shall conduct an evidence-based review of Part 1 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (LASPO), assessing the changes against their objectives. This review will include changes made to provision of legal aid for family reunion.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-27/HL6710/>

### UK-France Migration Committee

*The following four questions all received the same answer*

**Lord Hylton (Crossbench)** [HL6692] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the UK–France Migration Committee has met since the Sandhurst Treaty was agreed; and if so, what (1) decisions it has taken, and (2) action it has approved.

#### Immigration Controls: France

**Lord Hylton (Crossbench)** [HL6693] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether one or more British liaison officers have been appointed under Article 5 of the Sandhurst Treaty; if so, how those officers can be contacted; and whether a meeting of experts has been summoned for the application of Articles 2, 3 and 4 of that Treaty.

#### Asylum: France

**Lord Hylton (Crossbench)** [HL6694] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether Franco-British cooperation has improved since 1 February, in particular (1) concerning the implementation of the Dublin III Regulation, and (2) in cases of unaccompanied children seeking protection and asylum.

#### Refugees: France

**Lord Hylton (Crossbench)** [HL6695] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied refugee children have been transferred to the UK under Articles 2 and 3

of the Sandhurst Treaty, since 1 February.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The UK-France Migration Committee most recently met on 27 March 2018. The Committee routinely discusses ongoing co-operation on migration and border security, including how agreed funding should be spent. This meeting followed a similar pattern with a particular focus on implementing elements of the Sandhurst Treaty such as improvements to port security and infrastructure, and measures to reduce the impact of migration on Northern French ports.

The UK and France have a long-standing relationship on co-operating on unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, including transfers of eligible children under the Dublin Regulation and section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016. A constructive official-level meeting relating specifically to the asylum elements of the Sandhurst Treaty took place on 9 February. Cooperation continues on all elements of the Treaty, and the UK has appointed a Liaison Officer to France who will deploy in the coming weeks to support this work.

The Government will transfer 480 unaccompanied children from Europe to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016. Over 220 children are already here and transfers are ongoing. We will not provide a running commentary on numbers. On 22 February 2018, the Home Office published data on the number of transfers into the UK from other Dublin states. The relevant statistics can be found at as\_22\_q, asylum volume 5 at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2017-data-tables>. 2018 Dublin data will be published in February 2019.  
[asylum5-oct-dec-2017-tables](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2017-data-tables)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-27/HL6692/>

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### **Human Trafficking: Children**

*The following three questions all received the same answer*

**Baroness Doocey (Liberal Democrat)** [HL6623] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Independent Child Trafficking Advocates have been recruited.

**Baroness Doocey (Liberal Democrat)** [HL6624] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the timetable for the roll-out of Independent Child Trafficking Advocates across England and Wales.

**Baroness Doocey (Liberal Democrat)** [HL6625] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children have been allocated an Independent Child Trafficking Advocate in the last 12 months.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** In advance of national roll out, the Government introduced Independent Child Trafficking Advocates in three early adopter sites (Greater Manchester, Hampshire and nationally in Wales). The service will run in these sites from January 2017 until January 2019. Eight Independent Child Trafficking Advocates have been recruited across the three Early Adopter Sites – three in Wales; two in Greater Manchester; and three in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. From the 30 January 2017 until the end of January 2018, 215 children have been allocated an Independent Child Trafficking Advocate.

An Independent Expert Advisory Panel will assess the effectiveness of the model in the early adopter sites. The result of the assessment will inform any necessary improvements to the service before it is rolled out nationally so that this incredibly vulnerable group of children are given the best possible support.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-26/HL6623/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-26/HL6624/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-26/HL6625/>

### **Slavery: Court Orders**

**Baroness Doocey (Liberal Democrat)** [HL6627] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Slavery and Trafficking Prevention and Risk Orders have been granted (1) on application, and (2) on sentencing.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The latest data made available to the Home Office is for the period July 2015 to March 2017 where 56 Orders were issued in total, consisting of 37 Prevention Orders on conviction, and 19 Risk Orders on application. These figures were published in the 2017 UK annual report on Modern Slavery;

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/652366/2017\\_uk\\_annual\\_report\\_on\\_modern\\_slavery.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/652366/2017_uk_annual_report_on_modern_slavery.pdf)  
[2017 UK Annual report on modern slavery](#)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-26/HL6627/>

### **Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders**

**Baroness Doocey (Liberal Democrat)** [HL6752] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders have been (1) applied for, and (2) granted, since the introduction of those orders.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The latest data for Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders, made available to the Home Office, is for the period July 2015 to September 2017 and covers applications made in Magistrates' Courts. During this time 33 applications were made for Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders, of which 26 were granted, 5 were refused and 2 were withdrawn.

This data has been run specifically to answer this question and is not verified to the same standard as Official Statistics.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-28/HL6752/>

## **Press Releases**

### **Merry family case raised**

<https://news.gov.scot/news/merry-family-case-raised>

**Where an EU citizen returns to his Member State of origin, that Member State must facilitate the entry and residence of the citizen's non-EU partner with whom he has created or strengthened family ties in another Member State**

<https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2018-04/cp180038en.pdf>

### **Children in Migration - one year on**

[http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item\\_id=621841](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item_id=621841)

## **Results of special Eurobarometer on integration of immigrants in the European Union**

[https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/results-special-eurobarometer-integration-immigrants-european-union\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/results-special-eurobarometer-integration-immigrants-european-union_en)

## **An unaccompanied minor who attains the age of majority during the asylum procedure retains their right to family unification**

<https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2018-04/cp180040en.pdf>

## **New Publications**

### **Integration of immigrants in the European Union**

<http://ec.europa.eu/commfrontoffice/publicopinion/index.cfm/ResultDoc/download/DocumentKy/82537>

### **How Europeans perceive immigration from outside the EU**

<http://ec.europa.eu/commfrontoffice/publicopinion/index.cfm/ResultDoc/download/DocumentKy/82595>

## **News**

### **Thousands of EU nationals may become illegal residents**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16152985.thousands-of-eu-nationals-may-become-illegal-residents/?ref=mr&lp=15>

### **Vulnerable EU citizens risk failing to secure right to remain in UK**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/apr/12/vulnerable-eu-citizens-risk-failing-to-secure-right-to-remain-in-uk>

### **More migrant workers needed to offset ageing population, says IMF**

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2018/apr/09/get-more-migrant-workers-to-offset-strain-of-ageing-population-warns-imf>

### **Schools 'to drop gathering nationality data'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-43698074>

### **Schools no longer have to collect data on pupils' nationality and country of birth**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/school-census-pupils-nationality-country-birth-dropped-children-immigration-education-a8297501.html>

### **DfE set to axe pupil data-sharing deal with Home Office**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/apr/09/dfe-set-to-axe-pupil-data-sharing-deal-with-home-office>

### **Schools can stop listing nationalities of pupils**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-04-10/news/schools-can-stop-listing-nationalities-of-pupils-wpd3np8v9>

### **Fiona Hyslop writes to Home Secretary over mother deportation case**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/16150754.Fiona\\_Hyslop\\_writes\\_to\\_Home\\_Secretary\\_over\\_mother\\_deportation\\_case/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/16150754.Fiona_Hyslop_writes_to_Home_Secretary_over_mother_deportation_case/)

### **Deportation case against Coatbridge mother halted**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-43725786>

**Lifeline for mother told to leave country**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/lifeline-for-mother-told-to-leave-country-dft37d7c7>

**Anger as 'Windrush generation' face deportation threat**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-43726976>

**Caribbean immigrants who came to UK decades ago 'criminalised' due to 'hostile' government policy**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/immigrants-uk-caribbean-immigration-hostile-environment-a8300236.html>

**Caribbean nations demand solution to 'illegal immigrants' anomaly**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/apr/12/caribbean-nations-demand-solution-to-illegal-immigrants-anomaly>

**The children of Windrush: 'I'm here legally, but they're asking me to prove I'm British'**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/apr/15/why-the-children-of-windrush-demand-an-immigration-amnesty>

**C of E bishops want immigration amnesty for 'Windrush generation'**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/apr/13/bishops-immigration-amnesty-windrush-generation-caribbean>

**Migrant communities have proved Enoch, the prophet of doom, wrong**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/migrant-communities-have-proved-enoch-the-prophet-of-doom-wrong-bfpl86zrk>

**Hundreds posing as child refugees shown to be adults**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-04-10/news/hundreds-of-refugees-pretended-to-be-children-to-win-asylum-n5bzhfcq9>

**Husband of woman who died after deportation attempt gets apology**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/apr/12/husband-of-woman-who-died-after-deportation-attempt-gets-apology>

**Woman accused of faking illness to avoid UK deportation died five days later**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/apr/11/woman-accused-of-faking-illness-to-avoid-uk-deportation-died-five-days-later>

**Majority of young Syrian refugees are in work or studying, research shows**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/syria-refugees-crisis-uk-immigration-work-studying-research-latest-updates-a8299256.html>

**Man living in UK for 56 years loses job over immigration papers**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/apr/09/special-needs-teacher-uk-50-years-loses-job-immigration-status>

**I've been an NHS doctor for five years. The Home Office wants to deport me**

<https://www.theguardian.com/healthcare-network/2018/apr/13/ive-been-an-nhs-doctor-for-five-years-the-home-office-wants-to-deport-me>

**Doctor faces deportation over late visa**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-04-10/news/doctor-faces-deportation-over-late-visa-x5q9nhxbf>

**NHS could not tell refugee mother how to feed baby**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-04-14/news/nhs-could-not-tell-refugee-mother-how-to-feed-baby-fvhfdbpqq>

**The Home Office asylum system is so bad it drove me to attempt suicide**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/apr/13/home-office-asylum-system-suicide-uk-mental-health>

**'I couldn't hold my newborn son': the families split by visa laws**

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2018/apr/14/couldnt-hold-newborn-son-families-split-visa-laws>

**Woman told she is not British by the Home Office despite living in UK all her life**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/woman-home-office-uk-visa-british-citizenship-passport-deport-immigration-a8302551.html>

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## Community Relations

### News

**Multiculturalism has failed, believe substantial minority of Britons**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/apr/14/multiculturalism-failed-substantial-minority-britons-integration-rivers-blood-enoch-powell>

**Irvine woman's perfect response to 'Punish a Muslim Day'**

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/irvine-womans-perfect-response-punish-12344293>

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## Equality

### UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

#### Apprentices: Travellers

**Baroness Whitaker (Labour) [HL6783]** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Viscount Younger of Leckie on 20 February (HL Deb, col 14), what assessment they have made of how the partnership with five major cities to drive up apprenticeships among under-represented groups will affect the Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities; and what support will be given to those whose literacy needs improvement to help them to take advantage of apprenticeship opportunities.

**Reply from Lord Agnew of Oulton:** We will work with partners on the Five Cities project to identify any under-represented groups that can be supported into apprenticeships, so that more people can benefit from the increased wage and employment prospects that apprenticeships offer. We have not, however, made a direct assessment of how the Five Cities project will affect the Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities.

Legislation that we introduced allows the minimum English and maths requirements for apprenticeships to be adjusted for entry level 3. This applies to any applicant who currently has, or has previously been issued, an education health and care plan or statement of special needs or learning difficulty

assessment and who, as a result of their learning difficulties and/or disability, cannot meet the regular English and maths requirements but could otherwise meet the occupational requirements of the apprenticeship.

Adults who want to improve their literacy skills prior to starting an apprenticeship and do not already hold a level 2 qualification are entitled to full funding for specified qualifications in English and maths up to level 2. 16-19 year olds who do not already hold a level 2 in English and maths are required to continue to study these subjects as part of their study programme.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-28/HL6783/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2018-02-20/debates/84AD6507-63ED-4A17-9F4B-9C848DBDAF15/Apprenticeships>

### **Apprentices: Travellers**

**Baroness Whitaker (Labour)** [HL6784] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Agnew of Oulton on 5 February (HL4901), how many Gypsies and Travellers were not in employment, education or training (1) 3 months, (2) 6 months, and (3) 12 months, after having completed an apprenticeship, in each academic year from 2011.

**Reply from Lord Agnew of Oulton:** The information requested is not held centrally. It is difficult to provide reliable estimates for small groups using the sources available.

The department publishes destinations data for pupils across the different phases of education, including those participating in apprenticeships, other further education, and higher education. However, the latest published data incorporating apprenticeships does not include breakdowns for Gypsy/Roma or travellers of Irish heritage as the sample sizes were too small to form a reliable estimate. For the same reason, this information cannot be produced from datasets held on young people not in employment, education or training.

The department will continue to review data from these sources.

The latest published destinations data for students in key stages 4 and 5 shows that of the 1005 pupils recorded as Gypsy/Roma as at the end of key stage 4 in 2014/15, 65% were in a sustained education or employment/training destination in 2015/16. In the same period, 130 students were recorded as travellers of Irish heritage, and 68% of them were in a sustained education or employment/training destination. In both cases, 4% were found to be participating in an apprenticeship in 2015/16.

Of the 105 pupils recorded as Gypsy/Roma as at the end of key stage 5 in 2014/15, 78% were in a sustained education or employment/training destination in 2015/16. In the same period, 20 students were recorded as travellers of Irish heritage, and 65% of them were in a sustained education or employment/training destination. 8% and 0% of these groups, respectively, were in apprenticeships in 2015/16.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-28/HL6784/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-01-18/HL4901/>

## **New Publications**

**Scottish Surveys Core Questions 2016: Equality Findings Report**

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00534021.pdf>



## News

### **Catholics, Muslims and Polish people more likely to experience deprivation**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/catholics-muslims-and-polish-people-more-likely-to-experience-deprivation-1-4721858>

### **Equity calls for count of black actors**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/equity-calls-for-count-of-black-actors-n3qsxhgkm>

### **Leo Wringer: And why shouldn't I play a country squire?**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/leo-wringer-and-why-shouldnt-i-play-a-country-squire-n05vlpk2w>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

#### **Bullying**

**Chris Elmore (Labour)** [117111] To ask the Secretary of State for Women and Equalities, what comparative assessment she has made of the difference in the reported level of in-person bullying against BAME people and the reported level against non-BAME people.

**Reply from Victoria Atkins:** The Equality Act 2010 prohibits certain forms of conduct – including harassment – in employment and the provision of goods, services and public functions. Harassment is defined as unwanted conduct related to someone's protected characteristics and which has the purpose or effect of violating their dignity or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment for them. However, "bullying" is not a term used in the Act, and incidents of "bullying" are not recorded.

The Equality Advisory and Support Service, a Government-sponsored helpline that offers free advice and support to people who feel that they have been victims of unlawful discrimination, records and makes available statistics on all the customer contacts that it receives.

Between 1 October 2016 - when the current service provider took over running the contract - and 28 February 2018, the Service recorded 1443 customer contacts concerning harassment across all the protected characteristics covered by the Act, 310 (21%) of which were related to race.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-12-04/117111/>

## News

### **Nicola Sturgeon launches war on racist internet trolls**

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/nicola-sturgeon-launches-war-racist-12328752>

### **Man charged over 'racist' letter to MSP**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-43704779>

**Man arrested after Anas Sarwar receives 'racially abusive' letter**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/16147468.Man\\_arrested\\_after\\_Anas\\_Sarwar\\_receives\\_racially\\_abusive\\_letter/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/16147468.Man_arrested_after_Anas_Sarwar_receives_racially_abusive_letter/)

**Pensioner charged over allegedly sending racist abuse to Labour MSP Anas Sarwar**

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/68-year-old-charged-allegedly-12333100>

**SNP MSP James Dornan calls for funding cuts to bodies failing to tackle sectarianism under fresh plans to battle bigotry**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16160150.Call\\_to\\_slash\\_funding\\_for\\_bodies\\_who\\_fail\\_to\\_tackle\\_sectarianism/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16160150.Call_to_slash_funding_for_bodies_who_fail_to_tackle_sectarianism/)

**Anti-Muslim campaigners denied entry to UK at border**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/apr/14/anti-muslim-campaigners-denied-entry-uk-far-right-martin-sellner-abel-bodi>

**Banff man Connor Ward jailed for terrorism offences**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-43725367>

**Scots neo-nazi jailed for life for terror plans against mosques**

<https://www.scotsman.com/regions/aberdeen-north-east/scots-neo-nazi-jailed-for-life-for-terror-plans-against-mosques-1-4722752>

**Neo-Nazi Connor Ward caged for life after planning terror attacks against Muslims in Scotland**

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/neo-nazi-connor-ward-caged-12349910>

**Young Eastern Europeans report racism after EU vote**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/general-election/young-eastern-europeans-report-racism-after-eu-vote-1-4721882>

**Traditional antisemitism is back, global study finds**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/apr/11/traditional-antisemitism-is-back-global-study-finds>

**Open racism and slurs are fine to post on Reddit, says CEO**

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/apr/12/racism-slurs-reddit-post-ceo-steve-huffman>

**Woman told to 'speak English' in racial assault on Tube**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-43766985>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Press Release

**Global campaign takes Scotland to the world**

<https://news.gov.scot/news/global-campaign-takes-scotland-to-the-world>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

#### Ritual Slaughter

*The following three questions all received the same answer*

**Kerry McCarthy (Labour)** [133445] To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what percentage of animals killed for (a) the halal market and (b) the kosher market were pre-stunned in each year since 2010.

**Kerry McCarthy (Labour)** [133447] To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what percentage of non-stun meat produced in the UK is exported, and which countries is it exported to.

#### Poultry: Slaughterhouses

**Kerry McCarthy (Labour)** [133449] To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many poultry were slaughtered by parameters not listed in EU legislation in each year since 2010.

**Reply from George Eustice:** The Department does not hold data on animals killed by different slaughter methods each year. In terms of the Kosher market, all animals are slaughtered without prior stunning.

Religious slaughter may only be carried out by Jews or Muslims for the food of Jews or Muslims. The Department does not hold data on what percentage of meat from non-stun religious slaughter is exported.

The data we hold on the Halal market is based on surveys carried out by the Food Standards Agency (FSA). Previous FSA surveys were carried in 2011 and 2013 and 2015. An FSA survey was carried out earlier this year but we have not yet received the results. The data from the 2015 survey carried out during a 4 week period between 16 November and 13 December 2015, showed a total of 9,463,845 birds were stunned by parameters not listed in the EU Regulation. The 2015 survey only captured the number of birds stunned by parameters not listed in the EU Regulation, it did not capture data on all animals stunned prior slaughter for the Halal market. The 2013 survey was the last survey which recorded both non stun and stunned data for the Halal market. In that survey 75% of cattle, 63% of sheep and goats and 72% of poultry were stunned prior to slaughter for the Halal Market.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-03-20/133445/>

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<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-03-20/133447/>

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### UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer

#### Forced Marriage

**The Lord Bishop of St Albans** [HL6776] To ask Her Majesty's Government in how many cases during 2017 the Forced Marriage Unit provided advice or support related to possible forced marriage to (1) a person aged 15 or under, and (2) a person aged 16 or 17.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The UK is a world-leader in the fight to stamp out the brutal practice of forced marriage, with our joint Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) which leads efforts to combat it both at home and abroad. We made forced marriage a criminal

offence in 2014 to better protect victims and send a clear message that this abhorrent practice is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated in the UK. The FMU publishes statistics annually. The most recent statistics, published on 8 March 2017, show that the FMU gave advice or support related to a possible forced marriage in 1,428 cases. A breakdown shows that the FMU gave advice and support to 220 people between the ages of 1-15 and 151 people aged 16-17. Statistics for 2017 will be published in due course.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-03-28/HL6776/>

## New Publication

**Guidance: Devolution of powers to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/devolution-of-powers-to-scotland-wales-and-northern-ireland>

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## Bills in Progress

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### 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>

**Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/holocaustreturnofculturalobjectsamendment.html>

**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>

**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>

## 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

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**A Connected Scotland: Tackling social isolation and loneliness and building stronger communities** (closing date 27 April 2018)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00530204.pdf>

**Police and Fire Reform Act** (closing date 24 May 2018)

[http://www.parliament.scot/2012\\_Act\\_call\\_for\\_evidence.pdf](http://www.parliament.scot/2012_Act_call_for_evidence.pdf)

**Integrated Communities Strategy green paper** (closing date 5 June 2018)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/integrated-communities-strategy-green-paper>

**Welsh Government: Nation of Sanctuary – Refugee and asylum seeker plan**  
(closing date 25 June 2018)

<https://beta.gov.wales/nation-sanctuary-refugee-and-asylum-seeker-plan>

**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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## Job Opportunities

[Click here](#) to find out about job opportunities.

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## Funding Opportunities

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**\*\* Volunteering Support Fund**

**closing date for applications: 4 May 2018**

Scottish Government grants between £7,500 and £10,000 per annum for organisations, who will be expected to recruit at least 15 additional volunteers, including, 10 who

experience disadvantage or would traditionally experience barriers to volunteering; and provide opportunities for both current and new volunteers to benefit from a meaningful volunteering experience, eg through training, learning new skills, and increased participation in their local community. For information and to apply for a grant see <https://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/volunteering-development-grants/>

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## Events, Conferences, and Training

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### **Scottish Apprenticeships, Careers & Volunteering Event 2018**

16 April 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-2.30)

BEMIS careers event about the Scottish Apprenticeship family which now includes Foundation and Graduate Apprenticeships complementing Modern Apprenticeships. This is your opportunity to informally chat to over 40 employers, training providers and support agencies to gain knowledge and information in accessing your future career. For information see <https://mainfo2018.eventbrite.co.uk>

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### **New Scots: Refugees and VPRS Resettlement**

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](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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### **Home Choices: Where do you want to go now?**

19 April 2018 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)

Scottish Refugee Council housing group session bringing together groups of refugees looking for a safe, secure place to live and giving important information on housing rights. For information see <http://documents.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/housingflyer.pdf> or contact 077 3403 0765 / [housing@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:housing@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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### **BME women's rights**

19 April 2018 online webinar (6.00-7.30)

Engender webinar to discuss barriers to equality, as well as hearing about their work on the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). For information and details on how to join the webinar see <https://tinyurl.com/ya7y8unk>

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### **Equalities & Human Rights Focus Groups**

20 April 2018 in Inverness (12.30-2.30)

11 May 2018 in Clydebank (12.30-2.30)

14 May 2018 in Galashiels (12.30-2.30)

Scottish Parliament Equalities and Human Rights Committee focus groups to explore what more the Scottish Parliament can do to promote and protect human rights. For information contact 0131 348 6040 / [Equalities.HumanRights@parliament.scot](mailto:Equalities.HumanRights@parliament.scot)

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### **Interfaith Youth Conference: “Radicalisation and Reconciliation”**

21 April 2018 in St Andrews (10.45-4.30)

Interfaith Scotland conference in partnership with the Coexistence Initiative University of St Andrews to bring young people of different backgrounds together for dialogue. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y9yslyqy>

### **BME Women’s Experiences of Gender Based Violence**

27 April 2018 in Edinburgh (10.00-4.00)

Scottish Women’s aid training to raise awareness and broaden understanding of the varied issues for black and minority ethnic (BME) women experiencing domestic abuse, forced marriage and other types of gender based violence. For information contact 0131 226 6606 or see <http://womensaid.scot/training-event/bme-womens-experiences-of-gender-based-violence/>

### **‘Engaging with LGBT and Migrant Equalities’ toolkits: Dissemination and discussion**

30 April 2018 in Glasgow (12.30-4.15)

Glasgow University event to share ideas and experiences of how to use the resource, and to discuss good practice in engaging with equality and diversity. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8vgzzxs>

### **Unaccompanied Refugee Children**

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](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Tackling Hate Speech in a Youth Setting**

8 May 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

21 June 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

17 July 2018 in Edinburgh (9.30-4.30)

Interfaith Scotland training to equip those working in a youth setting with appropriate tools for tackling hate speech, explore issues relating to cultural and religious diversity, learn how to recognise hate speech, and how to manage the situation when it occurs. For information contact Jamie Spurway [Jamie@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:Jamie@interfaithscotland.org) / 07921 439 952

### **Culture - Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Training**

15-16 May 2018 in Glasgow (9.00-4.30)

12-13 September 2018 in Glasgow (9.00-4.30)

Two day training to address diversity and discrimination issues related to religion and belief and increase skills in order to help create a more inclusive diverse environment For information contact Farkhanda Chaudhry 0141 577 8454 / 07950 008 859 / [Farkhanda.Chaudhry@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:Farkhanda.Chaudhry@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk)

### **New Scots: Refugees and the Asylum Process**

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](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **First World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, and Health**

17-19 May 2018 in Edinburgh

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/> (full programme now available on the conference website) or contact [merh@in-conference.org.uk](mailto:merh@in-conference.org.uk) / 0131 336 4203.

### **Working with Interpreters**

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/zy436gr> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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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://www.gov.scot/>

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