

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

*MEMO is produced by the **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities** in partnership with **BEMIS - empowering Scotland's ethnic and cultural minority communities**. It provides an overview of information of interest to minority ethnic communities in Scotland, including parliamentary activity at Holyrood and Westminster, new publications, consultations, forthcoming conferences and news reports.*

Contents

Immigration and Asylum

Equality

Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Independence Referendum

Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Other UK Parliament and Government

Other News

Bills in Progress

Consultations

Job Opportunities

Events/Conferences/Training

Useful Links

Note that some weblinks, particularly of newspaper articles, are only valid for a short period of time, usually around a month, and that the Scottish and UK Parliament and Government websites been redesigned, so that links published in back issues of MEMO may no longer work. To find archive material on these websites, copy details from MEMO into the relevant search facility.

Please send information for inclusion in MEMO to MEMO@scojec.org and requests to be added to circulation to mail@bemis.org.uk

MEMO+

“Scotland’s Future: Scottish Government White Paper on Independence”

In addition to providing general information about the White Paper, this series of thirteen briefing papers summarises the Scottish Government's proposals on the topics of Culture and Communications, Defence and Security, Economy and Finance, Education and Employment, Energy and Resources, Environment and Agriculture, Equality and Human Rights, Health and Wellbeing, Immigration and Asylum, International Relations, Justice, and Third Sector and Civic Society.

<http://www.scojec.org/memo+/memo+.html>

Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Question

Trafficking legislation

Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government what review it has carried out of trafficking legislation in Scotland. (S4W-19026)

Reply from Kenny MacAskill: The Scottish Government keeps human trafficking legislation under regular review in dialogue with key stakeholders, in particular police and prosecutors. Trafficking is an international and cross border crime and a partnership approach is the most effective way to tackle it. In December 2013, the UK Government published a Draft Modern Slavery Bill and we are working with them to explore the potential for that Bill to cover Scottish interests. We have encouraged relevant Scottish organisations to consider and comment on the Bill. In addition, we have brought forward provisions for a human trafficking statutory aggravation, which are contained in the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill currently being considered by the Scottish Parliament.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-19026&ResultsPerPage=10>

UK Parliament Questions

Foreign Nationals

Lord Kilclooney: To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of persons from European Union nations resident within the United Kingdom. [HL4545]

Reply from Lord Wallace of Saltaire: The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the Authority to reply. *Letter from Glen Watson, Director General for ONS, to Lord Kilclooney, dated January 2014. ...*

The latest available estimates for the number of European Union nationals resident in households in the UK are derived from Annual Population Survey (APS) data for the 12 month period of January to December 2012. The estimated number of European Union nationals was 2,343,000, with a corresponding margin of error of +/-67,000.

The margin of error refers to the 95 per cent confidence interval and is a measure of the uncertainty associated with making inferences from a sample.

The APS is the Labour Force Survey (LFS) plus various sample boosts. It is a household survey and so does not include people living in most types of communal establishment.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140116w0001.htm#14011658005136>

Migration: EU Nationals

Mike Thornton: To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office how his Department calculates the number of EU migrants that (a) enter and (b) leave the UK annually. [181674]

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

Letter from Glen Watson, dated January 2014: ... ONS is responsible for publishing official estimates of immigration and emigration. The methodology uses data from the International Passenger Survey (IPS) to estimate Long-Term International Migration (LTIM), with adjustments made for asylum seekers, people whose intentions change with regards to their length of stay, and migration to and from Northern Ireland. LTIM estimates adhere to the UN definition of a long-term international migrant, which states that a long-term migrant is a person who

Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

changes his or her country of usual residence for a period of at least a year.

The detailed method used for calculating long-term migration to and from the UK can be found within the LTIM Methodology document published on the ONS website:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/method-quality/specific/population-and-migration/international-migration-methodology/long-term-international-migration-estimates-methodology.pdf>

The IPS is a continuous voluntary sample survey conducted by the Office for National Statistics. It covers the principal air, sea and Channel Tunnel routes between the UK and countries outside the British Isles. In total, between 700,000 and 800,000 IPS interviews are conducted each year for migration purposes. Of these, between 4,000 and 5,000 interviewees are identified as long-term international migrants. Citizenship is recorded according to the nationality of the passport held by the interviewee. For further information regarding the quality of the IPS in relation to migration, please see the following document on the ONS website:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/method-quality/specific/population-and-migration/international-migration-methodology/international-passenger-survey-quality-information-in-relation-to-migration-flows.pdf>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140113/text/140113w0001.htm#14011330000016>

Work Permits: Eastern Europe

David Hanson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many UK work permits have been (a) issued and (b) refused since May 2010 to (a) Bulgarian and (b) Romanian nationals. [177577]

Reply from Mark Harper: Under the Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006, which were in force up to 31 December 2013, Bulgarian and Romanian nationals requiring authorisation to work in the UK must apply for an accession worker card. The number of applications for accession worker cards, and the proportion of those applications which have not been approved, are published quarterly as part of the Control of Immigration statistics. The numbers for between April 2010 and June 2013 are as follows:

<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Accession worker card applications received</i>	<i>Accession worker card applications approved</i>	<i>Accession worker card applications not approved (%)</i>
Bulgaria	2,822	2,279	19
Romania	6,658	4,861	27
Total	9,480	7,140	25

For the majority of categories of employment set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations, an employer first has to obtain Home Office approval to employ a Bulgarian or Romanian national. The number of applications from employers approved and refused, between May 2010 and June 2013, is as follows:

<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Refused</i>	<i>Proportion refused (%)</i>
Bulgaria	2,589	287	10
Romania	3,318	696	17
Total	5907	983	14

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140113/text/140113w0004.htm#1401145000022>

Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

Asylum

Gareth Thomas: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of the effects of a delay in making an initial decision on the mental health of an asylum seeker who stated that they were a victim of torture in their screening interview; and if she will make a statement. [181050]

Reply from Mark Harper: We aim to take decisions as quickly as possible. In 2012-13, 78% of initial decisions were taken within six months. In fact we aim to take initial decisions more quickly than six months. In 2012-13, we took 54% within 30 days, up from 47% in 2011-12.

Sometimes cases will take longer than six months for an initial decision for reasons beyond our control, for example where we are asked to delay a decision for the benefit of the applicant to allow sufficient time to provide expert medical evidence relating to torture or where there are issues relating to national security. Those who claim to have been victims of torture are signposted to Freedom from Torture or the Helen Bamber Foundation. However, it is for the applicant or their representative to decide whether to seek an appointment with one of these organisations.

David Hanson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department when she expects to apply key performance indicators to the COMPASS contract. [182743]

Reply from Mark Harper: The suppliers' performance against key performance indicators has been measured and monitored since the beginning of the transition of services to COMPASS contracts in June 2012.

David Hanson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what clawback mechanisms are included in the COMPASS contracts; and whether she expects to exercise them. [182785]

Reply from Mark Harper: The COMPASS contracts contain a range of mechanisms for protecting public expenditure in delivery of asylum accommodation services. These are:

Application of service credits

Liquidated damages

Use of contract warranties and indemnities

We do not anticipate liquidating damages or clawing back contract warranties and indemnities unless the suppliers go into breach of contract.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140116/text/140116w0001.htm#14011679000028>

Refugee Integration and Employment Service

Dominic Raab: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) how many refugees the Refugee Integration and Employment Service helped in (a) each year it was operational and (b) total; [182212]

(2) how much it cost to fund the Refugee Integration and Employment Service in (a) each year it was operational and (b) total. [182222]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Refugee Integration and Employment Service (RIES) operated from 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2011 when, in line with the contract terms, the service ceased. The total number of refugees assisted in each of these three operational years was:

	<i>Number</i>
2008-09	5,021
2009-10	4,589
2010-11	2,854

The total number of refugees helped was 12,464.

Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

The costs for each of the four financial years in which RIES operated were:

	£
2008-09	2,742,593
2009-10	10,966,145
2010-11	9,264,978
2011-12	2,693,678

The total cost was £25,667,394.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140117/text/140117w0002.htm#14011786000087>

Immigrants: Detainees

Sarah Teather: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department in how many different prisons individuals who are detained solely under immigration powers are currently detained. [179793]

Reply from Mark Harper: Individuals detained solely under immigration powers are currently detained in 83 different England and Wales prisons, nine in Scotland and none in Northern Ireland giving a total for the UK of 92.

Notes:

1. All figures quoted have been derived from management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change.
2. The figures have been extracted from NOMS reports which are taken from administrative IT systems which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.
3. Data generated on 9 December 2013.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140116/text/140116w0001.htm#14011679000031>

Immigrants: Detainees

Richard Fuller: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the average daily cost of detention per person in each of the last three years was at (a) Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre and (b) all immigration detention centres. [182889]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Home Office has 10 immigration removal centres, seven of which are operated by private sector suppliers under contract, and three by the National Offender Management Service under a service level agreement. The operating cost for each privately-operated immigration removal centre is commercially confidential and public disclosure would prejudice the commercial interests of the Home Office and its suppliers. Budgets are set according to anticipated expenditure set out in each of the contracts or the service level agreement.

However, details of detention and removal costs can be found in the Home Office's Annual Report and Accounts available on the Home Office website at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/annual-reports-accounts/>

The Home Office also publishes payments in excess of £25,000 on its website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/transparency/transparency-spend/>

The overall cost of operating the detention estate has fallen, a contributing factor of which is the way the Home Office has developed a healthy interest in its services from the private sector. Competition has helped to drive service improvements and reduced costs. The cost of operating the detention estate for the last three years is:

Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

	<i>Cost per night per detainee (£)</i>
2011-12	102
2012-13	102
2013-14	100

All Immigration Removal Centres operated by the private and public sector have their contract or service level agreement managed by a central commercial team. The Home Office has a team of staff based in each centre to monitor day to day service delivery and compliance. Meetings take place with the Centre Manager at an operational level on a weekly basis and on a commercial level on a quarterly basis.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140117/text/140117w0002.htm#14011786000086>

Immigration: Detention

The Earl of Sandwich: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many asylum-seekers are currently in detention in the United Kingdom, of what nationality, and in which removal centres.[HL4476]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The table which I will place in the House Library, shows the number of people detained in immigration removal centres, short term holding facilities and pre departure accommodation; as at 30 September 2013 the latest date for which published information is available; who have claimed asylum at some point.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of people detained in the United Kingdom for immigration purposes, within Immigration Statistics. The data on people in detention are readily available in the latest release, Immigration Statistics: July — September 2013, from the GOV.UK website:

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

Published figures on people detained in the United Kingdom solely under Immigration Act powers include those held in short term holding facilities, pre departure accommodation and immigration removal centres. Figures exclude those held in police cells, Prison Service establishments, short term holding rooms at ports and airports (for less than 24 hours), and those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.

To read the very lengthy tables see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140116w0001.htm#14011658005143>

Deportation: Offenders

Sadiq Khan: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) how many foreign nationals who successfully appealed against their deportation under section 32 of the UK Borders Act 2007 used Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights as part of their appeal in each year since the implementation of the Act; [178837]

(2) which articles of the European Convention on Human Rights were used as part of their appeal by those foreign nationals who successfully appealed against their deportation under section 32 of the UK Borders Act 2007 in each year since the implementation of the Act. [178838]

Reply from Mark Harper: Although we have previously answered these questions in full, we have reviewed the process by which they were answered and found that while we managed to provide a robust response, it exceeded the

Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

amount of time that we could expend.

Gaining a view on the grounds for appeal requires a manual review of all the records involved because this specific piece of information is not recorded at the outset of the appeal in a manner which we can interrogate electronically.

Any refresh of this information would require us to perform the manual review again, which would incur a disproportionate cost.

I refer to the reply given on 23 April 2013, *Official Report*, column 793W, on the number of foreign national offenders (FNOs) who successfully appealed against deportation under section 32 of the UK Borders Act 2007:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm130423/text/130423w0001.htm#130423_w0001.htm_wqn26

We are however able to provide the following table which shows the number of appeals lodged against deportation between January 2008 and September 2013. The data provided relates to all deportation appeals and not just those whose case is being pursued under section 32 of the UK Borders Act 2007.

	<i>Year appeal lodged:</i>					
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
Total FNOs appealing against deportation	2,245	1,780	1,910	1,740	2,145	1,830
<i>Of which:</i>						
FNOs whose appeals were allowed	360	435	625	545	630	170
<i>Of which:</i>						
FNOs whose appeals were allowed on HR grounds	65	235	365	355	360	65

Notes: 1. The figures quoted have been derived from management information from the Home Office databases and are therefore provisional and subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols. 2. A foreign national offender (FNO) is defined as an individual with a criminal case (includes deportations being pursued under section 32 of the UK Borders Act 2007), on the Home Office's Case Information Database, and may include individuals with asylum cases. 3. Figures relate to main applicants only. 4. Figures relate to individuals who lodged appeals against deportation between January 2008 and September 2013. Appeal outcomes may have been decided in the same or subsequent years. Some outcomes may be awaiting decision and figures may change as outcomes are determined. 5. Appeals allowed include those determined in both the Lower and Upper Tiers, and include appeals allowed on Human Rights, asylum and non-asylum grounds. They exclude Secretary of State reconsideration and costs awarded outcomes. 6. Appeals allowed on Human Rights grounds include Article 8 and Article 3, with or without other articles. 7. Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (— = 0, * = 1 or 2) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding. 8. Data extracted on 1 October 2013.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140117/text/140117w0002.htm#14011786000085>

Asylum: Deportation

Roger Godsiff: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether her Department's policy on the removal of asylum seekers permits deportation to countries assessed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as being under a volatile threat from a number of terrorist organisations. [181427]

Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

Reply from Mark Harper: Asylum applications are considered on their individual merits in the light of up-to-date country information, including evidence of any threat to the individual from terrorist organisations. No one will be required to return to a country where they would be at real risk of serious harm. Country information comes from a number of reliable sources, including the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

For those whose asylum applications have been rejected and who have exhausted all avenues of appeal, the Home Office's first and preferred option is for those who have no legal basis to remain in the UK to leave voluntarily and we offer assistance to those who choose to do so.

Generally, there are no countries to which as a matter of immigration policy, we cannot remove those who have no legal basis to remain in the UK.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140113/text/140113w0004.htm#140114500005>

Human Trafficking

Paul Blomfield: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many identified victims of human trafficking who did not participate in criminal proceedings were granted discretionary leave to remain in (a) 2011 and (b) 2012 on the grounds of personal circumstances; and if she will make a statement. [181067]

Reply from Mark Harper: In 2011, there were 28 identified victims of human trafficking who did not participate in criminal proceedings and were granted discretionary leave (DL) on the grounds of personal circumstances. In 2012 there were 18 cases.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department, my right hon. Friend the Member for Maidenhead (Mrs May), will not make a statement.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140113/text/140113w0004.htm#140114500013>

Press Releases

New service standards for applications made in UK

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2014/january/22-service>

Free movement: Commission publishes guide on application of 'Habitual Residence Test' for social security

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-13_en.htm?locale=en

Upholding the right to free Movement and fighting cases of abuse

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-14-23_en.htm

Court of Justice of the European Union: To be regarded as a dependant of an EU citizen, a descendant who is over 21 years old and a third-country national, does not have to establish that he has tried all possible means to support himself

<http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2014-01/cp140006en.pdf>

Court of Justice of the European Union: Periods in prison cannot be taken into account for the purposes of the acquisition of a permanent residence permit or with a view to the grant of enhanced protection against expulsion

<http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2014-01/cp140004en.pdf>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **New Publications**

Practical guide - The legislation that applies to workers in the EU, the EEA and Switzerland
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=4944&langId=en>

Annual Report of the Welsh Government's Anti Human Trafficking Co-ordinator 2013
<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dsjlg/publications/commsafety/131218-human-trafficking-annual-report-2013-en.pdf>

News

EU aims to clarify migrant benefit rules with guide
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25716125>

Speak English or lose benefits: Cameron to stop payouts to immigrants who use taxpayer-funded translators
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2541892/Speak-English-lose-benefits-Cameron-stop-payouts-immigrants-use-taxpayer-funded-translators.html>

Benefits to be stripped from immigrants who cannot speak English
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/10582371/Benefits-to-be-stripped-from-immigrants-who-cannot-speak-English.html>

Eric Pickles: Immigrants who don't learn English 'can't participate in society'
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10582413/Eric-Pickles-Immigrants-who-dont-learn-English-cant-participate-in-society.html>

Atheist Afghan granted religious asylum in UK
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-25715736>

Afghan atheist to get asylum in Britain on religious grounds
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/afghan-atheist-to-get-asylum-in-britain-on-religious-grounds-9057286.html?origin=internalSearch>

Afghan atheist granted UK asylum
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/14/afghan-atheist-uk-asylum>

Immigration detainee 'died in handcuffs'
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-25749685>

84-year-old dementia patient died in handcuffs at immigration detention centre
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/84yearold-dementia-patient-died-in-handcuffs-at-immigration-detention-centre-9063548.html>

Detention centre castigated over death of elderly man
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/16/harmondsworth-elderly-man-died-handcuffs>

The UK dehumanises immigrants – no wonder tragedies happen in detention
<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jan/17/uk-dehumanises-immigrants-detention-asylum-seekers-harmondsworth>

Fall in foreign students after crackdown on immigration
<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/fall-in-foreign-students-after-crackdown-on-immigration.23198968>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

Foreign students make important contributions

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/comment/herald-view/foreign-students-make-important-contributions.23189749>

UK immigration: Fewer than 30 Romanian arrivals since border restrictions lifted, says country's ambassador to Britain

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-immigration-fewer-than-30-romanian-arrivals-since-border-restrictions-lifted-says-countrys-ambassador-to-britain-9061674.html>

Romanian and Bulgarian migrants have not flocked to Britain, says EU chief

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/romanian-and-bulgarian-migrants-have-not-flocked-to-britain-says-eu-chief-9057296.html>

MPs warn Home Office is failing on human trafficking

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/mps-warn-homeoffice-is-failing-on-human-trafficking-9069600.html>

Home Office staff rewarded with gift vouchers for fighting off asylum cases

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/14/home-office-asylum-seekers-gift-vouchers>

Annual 100,000 limit on immigration 'would send national debt spiralling'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/business/economics/article3974969.ece>

Latest influx of migrants 'will boost economy'

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/ireland/article1364663.ece>

Benefits of British citizenship not for all

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/law/reports/article3973030.ece>

[TOP](#)

Equality

Press Release

EU rules to tackle discrimination now in place in all 28 EU Member States

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-27_en.htm?locale=en

New Publications

Joint Report on the application of Council Directive 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000 implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin ('Racial Equality Directive') and of Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation ('Employment Equality Directive')

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/com_2014_2_en.pdf

Annexes to the Joint Report on the application of the Racial Equality Directive (2000/43/EC) and the Employment Equality Directive (2000/78/EC)

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/swd_2014_5_en.pdf

Equality (continued) News

Police recruiting chief says force needs positive discrimination

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/18/police-need-positive-discrimination-law-change>

Positive discrimination isn't the way to make the police force more diverse

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jan/17/positive-discrimination-police-force-diverse-black-asian-officers>

[TOP](#)

Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

UK Parliament Questions

Bullying: Cyber and Racist Bullying

Lord Ouseley: To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the reported rise in cyber and racist bullying, particularly among young people; and what plans they have to address this issue. [HL4421]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools (Lord Nash) (Con): The Department for Education does not collect data on the number of children who have been subject to racist or cyber-bullying specifically. Estimates from an evidence review carried out by the Childhood Wellbeing Centre (at the Institute of Education, University of Kent and Loughborough University) for the Department in 2011, found that between 8% and 34% of children and young people in the UK had been cyber-bullied.

A number of expert organisations, such as the Diana Award and NSPCC, have undertaken surveys to try to measure the problem of cyber-bullying. These surveys reveal a wide variation in the incidence of cyber-bullying.

The Department keeps abreast of research in these areas and is funding a series of questions about bullying and cyber-bullying in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 Crime Survey for England and Wales. This will give us a baseline estimate of prevalence and will help us to track trends over time.

The Government has made tackling all forms of bullying, including cyber-bullying and racist bullying, a top priority. All schools must have a behaviour policy with measures to prevent all forms of bullying amongst pupils. Under the current Ofsted framework school inspectors consider how well schools prevent bullying, harassment and discrimination.

In the Education Act 2011 we strengthened teachers' powers to discipline pupils for poor behaviour, including bullying. They can now issue same day detentions, confiscate banned items and search for, and if necessary delete, inappropriate images on mobile phones. Many schools choose to limit mobile phone use during the school day.

We are also providing £4 million of funding over 2 years from spring 2013 to four organisations: Beatbullying, The Diana Award, Kidscape and the NCB to develop effective initiatives to prevent and tackle bullying. These organisations have in place separate evaluations, which will report on the effectiveness of their initiatives.

The Government has pressed for progress through the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) and works to protect children online, including from the risk of cyber-bullying. UKCCIS brings together the most important internet organisations, such as Facebook and Microsoft, and is chaired by Government

Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

UK Parliament Questions (continued)

Ministers, including Edward Timpson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families.

From September 2014 pupils in all four key stages will be taught about e-safety as part of the new curriculum. This will empower young people to tackle cyber-bullying through responsible, respectful and secure use of technology. The new curriculum offers other opportunities to address bullying; for example the new citizenship programme of study sets out a requirement for pupils to be taught about the diverse national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the United Kingdom and the need for mutual respect and understanding.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140115w0001.htm#14011587000231>

Stop and Search: Ethnic Groups

Charles Walker: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what measures she is taking to address concerns in the African/Caribbean community about the use of stop and search; and if she will make a statement. [181690]

Reply from Damian Green: When stop and search powers are used effectively and fairly, they are a vital tool for the police in the fight against crime. The Government launched a public consultation in the summer of 2013 to seek the views of the public on various themes, including the fair use of the powers. The consultation closed in September and the Government is analysing the many responses to the consultation and will publish its conclusions in due course.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140114/text/140114w0001.htm#14011410000026>

New Publication

Religious Hostilities Reach Six-Year High

Report <http://www.pewforum.org/files/2014/01/RestrictionsV-full-report.pdf>

Results by Country <http://www.pewforum.org/files/2014/01/RestrictionsV-results-by-country.pdf>

News

Home Office pledges to tackle UK border discrimination

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-25714613>

Campaigners call for crackdown on bigots who post sectarian hatred online

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/campaigners-call-crackdown-bigots-who-3020459>

Survey reveals that four out of five believe the way the media portrays ethnic minorities promotes racism

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/553/272/Survey-reveals-that-four-out-of-five-believe-the-way-the-media-portrays-ethnic-minorities-promotes-racism.html>

Race hate - a crime the police will not solve

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/exclusive-race-hate--a-crime-the-police-will-not-solve-9054695.html>

[TOP](#)

Scottish Independence Referendum

UK Government Publication

Scotland analysis: EU and international issues

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/271794/2901475_HMG_Scotland_EUandInternational_acc2.pdf

UK Government Press Releases

Independence referendum: the positive case for the UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/independence-referendum-the-positive-case-for-the-uk>

Scottish Referendum 2014: Scotland's choice

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/scottish-referendum-2014-scotlands-choice>

Scotland analysis papers - informing the referendum debate

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/scotland-analysis-papers-informing-the-referendum-debate>

[TOP](#)

Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Press Release

Can the Scottish Government bring forward its own legislation on forced marriage asks Justice Committee?

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/71868.aspx>

New Publications

Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting Document

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0044/00441949.pdf>

Justice Committee Report: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill LCM(S4) 22.2

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_JusticeCommittee/Reports/juR-14-02w.pdf

[TOP](#)

Other UK Parliament and Government

Debate

Animal Welfare: Methods of Slaughter

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140116-gc0001.htm#14011665000550>

[TOP](#)

Other News

Chief police inspector's comments on ethnic vigilantism condemned by justice experts

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/chief-police-inspectors-comments-on-ethnic-vigilantism-condemned-by-justice-experts-9069312.html>

The lost girls: Pressure mounts on Government to curb use of ultrasound scans to show gender of unborn babies

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/the-lost-girls-pressure-mounts-on-government-to-curb-use-of-ultrasound-scans-to-show-gender-of-unborn-babies-9065321.html>

The lost girls: 'If you have a girl, you feel you've let your husband down'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/the-lost-girls-if-you-have-a-girl-you-feel-youve-let-your-husband-down-9059570.html?origin=internalSearch>

It would be racist not to intervene and prevent gender-selective abortions

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/it-would-be-racist-not-to-intervene-and-prevent-genderselective-abortions-9062577.html?origin=internalSearch>

Illegal abortion of female foetuses by some ethnic groups who favour sons has reduced female population

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/10572870/Illegal-abortion-of-female-foetuses-by-some-ethnic-groups-who-favour-sons-has-reduced-female-population.html>

[TOP](#)

Bills in Progress

** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Assisted Suicide Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/69604.aspx>

**** Children and Young People Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/62233.aspx>

Proposed amendments

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/websiteamendments17.01.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20(Scotland)%20Bill/websiteamendments17.01.pdf)

**** Criminal Justice Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/65155.aspx>

Justice Committee: Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8790&mode=pdf>

**** Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/64983.aspx>

Proposed amendments

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b36s4-stage2-ml2.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b36s4-stage2-ml2.pdf)

Equal Opportunities Committee Stage 2 consideration of amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8796&mode=pdf>

Bills in Progress

UK Parliament (continued)

Bill as amended at Stage 2

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b36as4-stage2-amend.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b36as4-stage2-amend.pdf)

Bills in Progress

UK Parliament

Asylum Seekers (Return to Nearest Safe Country) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/asylumseekersreturntonearestsafecountry.html>

Asylum (Time Limit) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/asylumtimelimit.html>

Charitable Status for Religious Institutions Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/charitablestatusforreligiousinstitutions.html>

Collection of Nationality Data Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/collectionofnationalitydata.html>

Face Coverings (Prohibition) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/facecoveringsprohibition.html>

Foreign Nationals (Access to Public Services) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/foreignnationalsaccesstopublicservices.html>

Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/illegalimmigrantscriminalsanctions.html>

Immigration Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/immigration.html>

Immigration Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/immigrationact1971amendment.html>

Lobbyists (Registration of Code of Conduct) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/lobbyistsregistrationofcodeofconduct.html>

Modern Slavery Bill (draft)

Draft Bill as published

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/266165/Draft_Modern_Slavery_Bill.pdf

Romanian and Bulgarian Accession (Labour Restriction) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/romanianandbulgarianaccessionlabourrestriction.html>

[TOP](#)

Consultations

** new or updated this week

Proposed Bill: Promoting greater accountability and transparency in local government (closing date 27 January 2013)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/LG_consultation_final.pdf

Inquiry into Scotland's Economic Future Post-2014 (closing date 31 January 2014)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EconomyEnergyandTourismCommittee/Inquiries/Economic_Future_Inquiry_-_Remit_and_Call_for_Evidence.pdf

Draft Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill (closing date 7 February 2014)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0043/00438109.pdf>

Female Genital Mutilation (closing date 12 February 2014)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2010/female-genital-mutilation/>

Water and Sewerage Charges – Exemption Scheme for Small Third Sector Organisations (closing date 14 February 2014)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0043/00437855.pdf>

The Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill (closing date 19 February 2014)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_FinanceCommittee/Revenue_Scotland_and_Tax_Powers_Bill_call_for_evidence.pdf

Inquiry into the procedures for considering legislation (closing date 21 March 2014)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/70605.aspx>

In our own words: undocumented migrants and their supporters (closing date 30 March 2014)

<http://picum.org/en/our-work/undocumented-migrants/terminology/-in-our-own-words-call-for-submissions-from-undocumented-migrants-and-their-supporters>

Scottish Football Association Equality Survey (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VKJQQ95>

Experiences of Race and Religion-Related Hate Speech in the UK (no closing date given)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HR7RBZ3>

Faith and Belief Scotland (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/faithandbeliefscotland>

[TOP](#)

Job Opportunities

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

[TOP](#)

**** this week!**

Discrimination Law in 2014

20 January 2014 in Edinburgh (9.55 – 4.15)

Equality and Human rights Commission conference to summarise the practical implications of new legislation and key judgments over the past year. For information see

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/Scotland/Legal/discrimination_law_2014_edinburgh_publicity.doc or contact Angela Barclay 0141 228 5951 / equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com

**** this week!**

Ethnic Minority 3rd Sector Network Consultation on Scottish Government White Paper on Independence

20 January 2014 in Glasgow (12.30 – 4.00)

4 February 2014 in Inverness (12.30 – 4.00)

6 February 2014 in Kirkcaldy (12.30 – 4.00)

BEMIS in partnership with CEMVO events to enable ethnic minority communities to engage with the Scottish Government White Paper on Independence. For information contact

Tanveer Parnez tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk or Fiaz Khan fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk

**** this week!**

Human Experiments and the Holocaust: A Victim-Based Analysis

21 January 2014 (5.30)

Holocaust Memorial Day lecture. For information contact daoevents@glasgow.ac.uk / 0141 330 3593 or see <http://www.gla.ac.uk/events/lectures/?action=details&id=6607>.

The lecture is free, but please register in advance at <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/14th-holocaust-memorial-lecture-2014-tickets-8367688983>

**** this week!**

Scotland in a Japanese perspective

22 January 2014 in Glasgow (2.30 – 4.00)

Film "[Our Scotland: a Japanese perspective](#)", which considers issues such as inclusion, multiculturalism, and what is meant by sharing other cultures. For information contact Strathclyde University Equality and Diversity Office equalopportunities@strath.ac.uk / 0141 548 2811. (This event is one of a series. For information about the other events see http://www.strath.ac.uk/events/campuscalendar/event_title_611373_en.html)

**** this week!**

Scottish Refugee Council Education Conference

25 January 2014 in Glasgow

Conference in association with the Scottish Refugee Policy for asylum seekers and refugees to find out their rights and options, share experiences and raise issues about education. For information see

<http://tinyurl.com/ktevalr> or contact 07734 030760 / communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Holocaust Memorial Day event

27 January 2014 in Falkirk (1.00 – 5.00)

Opportunity for local communities, such as gypsy / traveller, LGBT, religious groups and young people, to share using the mediums of poetry, prose, and interactive and photographic exhibitions the Holocaust experiences of different groups. For information contact

Celia Sweeney 01324 506028 / celia.sweeney@falkirk.gov.uk or see <http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/falkirk-town-hall-holocaust-memorial-day-commemorative-event-2014>

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Holocaust Memorial Day event: Film: “Hidden Sorrows”

27 January 2014 in Stornoway (7.30 – 9.00)

Gypsy Holocaust survivors to share their unknown story about loss, survival and perseverance. For information see <http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/documentary-hidden-sorrows-stornoway> or contact Ken MacLennan 07967 941 436.

Faith Matters e-activist youth ambassador training

Information day in late January, and training in February 2014

E-Activism and Combating Xenophobia course providing a greater insight into hate crime work and some of the issues affecting this area of work such as the growth in social media participation on-line. For information contact Joanne joanne@faith-matters.org / 0207 935 5573 or see

<http://faith-matters.org/component/content/article/44-news/325-become-an-e-activist-youth-ambassador-with-us>

Migration and the Referendum Debate

7 February 2014 in Edinburgh (9.00 – 4.00)

Conference to enable politicians from Local, Scottish and UK Government, senior officers from across the public sector, academic experts, representatives from the third sector and the migrant community to engage in dialogue on migration in Scotland. For information contact Kirsty Anderson kirsty.anderson@cosla.gov.uk or see <http://www.migrationscotland.org.uk/news/2013/11/cosla-conference-migration-and-referendum-debate>

GRAMNet Film Series

12 February 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

12 March 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

14 May 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

18 June 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

Film Series is organised in partnership between GRAMNet (Glasgow Refugee and Asylum Network), BEMIS, and The Iona Community, showcasing films and documentaries with a theme of Homecoming and Hospitality. Following each film, invited local organisations and community groups will suggest positive actions that can be undertaken locally to address one or more of the issues raised in each film. For information see http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_292556_en.pdf

Scottish Refugee Council Health Conference

22 February 2014 in Glasgow

Conference in association with the Scottish Refugee Policy for asylum seekers and refugees to find out their rights and options, share experiences and raise issues about health. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ktevalr> or contact 07734 030760 / communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

[TOP](#)

Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/home.htm>

Scottish Government <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

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

Useful Links (continued)

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

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

One Scotland Many Cultures <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

Scottish Refugee Council <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

Interfaith Scotland <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>

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

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

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

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

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

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

BBC Democracy Live http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm

[TOP](#)



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



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



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.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

The copyright of each article belongs to the publisher on whose website it appears, and it may only be copied or reproduced in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions. Full details of these, and the publisher's contact information, are available on each website.