

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

UK Parliament Questions

Immigration

Lord Tebbit: To ask Her Majesty's Government what increase in costs they estimate immigration which has already taken place will cause over (1) the next 10 years, and (2) the next 20 years, through extra demands for (a) schools, (b) national health services, (c) state pensions, (d) welfare benefits, (e) roads, and (f) public utilities.[HL4638]

Reply from the Commercial Secretary to the Treasury (Lord Deighton) (Con):

The government does not routinely collect data or estimate the impact on public services of immigration separately from the effects of other changes in population.

The government does, however, note the wider evidence on the economic and fiscal impacts of immigration and use this to inform policy making in this area.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140122w0001.htm#140122100000654>

Immigration

Lord Avebury: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many applications for indefinite leave to remain are in the Settlement Other (SET O) work stream; and what was the

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longest time taken for cases decided in 2013, from the date of application to the date of decision.[HL4326]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The Home Office does not currently publish data on the number of applications made using form SET (O). However, National Statistics publish detailed information about grants and refusals of settlement applications. This data can be found on the gov.uk website here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/259958/settlement-q3-2013-tabs.ods This data goes up to the end of 03/2013 and later data is due to be published at the end of February 2014.

The Home Office does not publish data for the longest time taken to process cases. However the average processing time for SET (O) applications for the period 1 January 2013-30 September 2013 from the date of application to the date of decision was 214 days.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140121w0001.htm#14012174000654>

Immigration: Appeals

David Winnick: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many prosecuting officers in immigration appeal cases were awarded bonuses or other extras in appreciation of their work in the last five years. [183402]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Home Office does not centrally record information on individuals who have received bonuses or other recognition by specific job roles. Providing this information would incur disproportionate cost.

David Winnick: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many decisions in immigration cases were decided in favour of the appellant (a) a week before the appeal date, (b) a day before the appeal date and (c) on the day of the appeal date. [183403]

Reply from Mark Harper: A decision giving rise to an appeal may, on occasion, be withdrawn prior to the appeal date. The following table provides a breakdown of in-country appeal case types withdrawn by the Home in the requested time periods. The data relates to 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013.

The main reason for withdrawal taking place on or very close to the date of the hearing is that new evidence (often served by the appellant) comes to light which means the original decision is no longer sustainable and the hearing should not proceed.

	<i>Number</i>
Appeals withdrawn by the Home Office within a week of the appeal date	713
Appeals withdrawn by the Home Office within a day of the appeal date	383
Appeals withdrawn by the Home Office on the same day as the appeal date	873

The data on which our response is based is management information which has been subject to internal quality checks. The information has been provided by and assured by the Home Office Performance Unit but has not been quality assured under national statistics protocols.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140121/text/140121w0001.htm#14012194000029>

Asylum: Appeals

Paul Blomfield: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 12 December 2013, *Official Report*, column 316W, on asylum: appeals, in how many asylum and immigration cases where the applicant has appealed to HM Courts

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and Tribunal Service the Secretary of State's decision has been withdrawn (a) prior to the scheduled hearing date and (b) on the scheduled hearing day, in the last 12 months; and how many of the cases where decisions have been withdrawn by the Secretary of State have subsequently had no further decision issued. [181159]

Reply from Mark Harper: The data relating to the Secretary of State for the Home Department decisions withdrawn in the last 12 months is set out in the following table, broken down by (a) those withdrawn prior to the scheduled hearing date, and (b) those withdrawn on the scheduled hearing date.

	<i>Volume of SSHD decisions withdrawn in the last 12 months</i>	
<i>Appeal Type</i>	<i>(a) Withdrawn prior to the scheduled hearing date</i>	<i>(b) Withdrawn on the scheduled hearing date</i>
Asylum	189	45
Deport	53	12
Temporary Migration	1,709	335
Permanent Migration	653	157
Total	2,604	549

Notes: 1. The table relates to in-country SSHD decisions. We are not able to run data on entry clearance withdrawals as a complete set of data are not held on this type of case. 2. The data on which our response is based are management information which has been subject to internal quality checks. The information has been provided by and assured by the Home Office Performance Unit but has not been quality assured under national statistics protocols.

We are unable to answer the third part of the question as we are unable to accurately link appeal withdrawals to case outcomes.

In answering this question we also wish to clarify the answer given to PQ 175606, answered on 12 December 2013, *Official Report*, column 316W. In my answer of 12 December 2013, I only provided a count of those cases recorded on our system as having a decision withdrawn and did not include other cases where the appeal was treated as withdrawn. In my answer today, the data relates to cases where the Tribunal will have treated the appeal as withdrawn as a consequence of the Secretary of State withdrawing a decision subsequent to the appeal being lodged. The two events—withdrawn decision and withdrawn appeal—are recorded separately on the system and consequently figures will differ depending on which field is interrogated for information.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140122/text/140122w0001.htm#140122113000044>

Immigrants: Detainees

Richard Fuller: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) how many of those detained at (a) Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre and (b) all immigration detention centres were diagnosed with a mental illness in each of the last 12 months; and how many of those were (i) released from detention as a consequence and (ii) transferred to a hospital under the Mental Health Act 1983; [182892]

(2) how many of those detained at (a) Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre and (b) all immigration detention centres were diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder in each of the last 12 months; and how many of those were (i) released from detention as a consequence and (ii) transferred to a hospital under the Mental Health Act 1983. [182894]

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Reply from Mark Harper: It is not possible to provide the numbers of individuals released from detention as a consequence of specific illnesses without examination of individual records at disproportionate cost.

Medical records for detainees are confidential. The Home Office would only seek information from medical practitioners where it was directly relevant to the consideration of the case.

The decision on whether continuing detention is appropriate is a matter for case owners who must take a number of factors into consideration, including any reported or observed mental health issues.

Under the requirements of the Detention Centre Rules 2001, case owners are alerted to changes in a detainee's medical condition through a rule 35(1) report which advises of any detained person whose health is likely to be injuriously affected by continued detention or any conditions of detention.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140121/text/140121w0001.htm#14012194000028>

Human Trafficking

Paul Blomfield: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will publish the selection criteria for first responders to the National Referral Mechanism; and if she will make a statement. [181072]

Reply from James Brokenshire: The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is a framework for identifying victims of trafficking and enabling them to access care and support. There are no written criteria for first responders to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM).

Those applying for first responder status are asked to provide evidence of their understanding and support of the NRM process; show a sound knowledge of human trafficking and how their work routinely brings them into direct contact with individuals who could be victims of trafficking; and demonstrate how a direct referral relationship would add value to existing processes.

On 3 December, the Secretary of State for the Home Department announced a review of the NRM. The detail and terms of reference for the review are being considered at the moment.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140123/text/140123w0001.htm#14012391000040>

Human Trafficking: Victim Support Schemes

Frank Field: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice where each of the referrals to the government-funded support service for adult victims of human trafficking in England and Wales administered by the Salvation Army is now located; what contact is made with such people at the end of the 45 day reflection period; and if he will make a statement. [182091]

Reply from Damian Green: Since 1 July 2011 the Salvation Army has been contracted to provide support and assistance to adult victims of human trafficking for a minimum of 45 days or until a victim receives a 'Conclusive Grounds' decision. Under the terms of their contract with the Ministry of Justice, the Salvation Army is not required to maintain contact nor record information on the location of victims once they have exited contract services. However TSA and its sub-contractors work closely with a range of other partners to ensure that victims continue to receive support if it is needed.

If victims have a right to reside in the UK they may have access to mainstream benefits and will receive support services as needed from local authorities and other mainstream support provision. If a victim wishes to return to their home

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country, and it is safe to do so, they will be supported in their return by the appropriate authorities.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140120/text/140120w0001.htm#14012034000040>

Modern Slavery

Baroness Cox: To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to combat human trafficking and other forms of contemporary slavery.

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach) (Con): My Lords, the Government are taking decisive action to stamp out the appalling crime of modern slavery. We have published a draft Modern Slavery Bill which will consolidate and strengthen existing legislation to ensure that modern slave drivers face the full force of the law. In the spring we will also be publishing a comprehensive action plan setting out further measures to tackle this terrible crime.

Baroness Cox: I thank the Minister for his encouraging response. The Government's proposed Bill is so urgently needed given that 27 million people are suffering slavery worldwide, and in the UK last year, more than 1,000 people were referred to authorities as potential victims of trafficking. These are just the tip of an iceberg of hidden suffering. Does the Minister therefore agree that the current 45-day reflection period of support for victims of trafficking is insufficient, leaving vulnerable survivors excluded from support and unable to give testimony that might facilitate prosecutions? Could he therefore indicate the Government's proposals for improving aftercare for these victims?

Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach: My Lords, I should emphasise that potential victims of human trafficking identified through the national referral mechanism are given a minimum of 45 days tailored support, and this can be extended if the individual needs ongoing support due to the level of trauma they have experienced. Specialist support works with victims from day 1 to ensure that an appropriate reintegration strategy is in place post those 45 days. The scope of the national referral mechanism review, which is ongoing, will focus on identification of and support for victims, and is currently being finalised.

Lord Hylton: My Lords, in the final drafting of the new Bill, will the Government remember the most vulnerable groups, including domestic workers from overseas? Will they reintroduce the overseas domestic worker visa as a protection against trafficking and exploitation? Will they also study the report on trafficking in London by a Conservative Member of the GLA, Mr Andrew Boff?

Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach: I know Mr Boff, so I am grateful for that suggestion from the noble Lord. As he will know, because we have discussed this matter on occasions, we changed the rule to return the route to its original purpose: a temporary visa to allow domestic workers to accompany their existing overseas employers on a short-term visit to the UK. The previous approach allowed employers, including UK citizens, to bring domestic workers into the UK for longer periods. This potentially encouraged abuse. I have met the noble Lord, as he will confirm, but I have also met Kalayaan, which advocates change in this area, to discuss this issue, and I will continue to be ready to meet them.

Baroness Doocey: My Lords, about four out of 10 victims of trafficking are children. An operation carried out jointly by the police and the UK Border Force found that about one-third of the unaccompanied children coming into Heathrow were deemed to be at risk. When are the Government going to start collecting data on the number of unaccompanied children who come through our ports each year so that we can tackle this heinous crime?

Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach: I know of the noble Baroness's interest in

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this matter. We have data on unaccompanied young people seeking asylum. There were 1,125 who came in on that basis. We do not record data on young unaccompanied children who are not seeking asylum. Immigration officials will take action under Section 55 of the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009 to identify and protect any unaccompanied child who is at risk. That section requires them to make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

To continue reading this lengthy question and answer session see
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140122-0001.htm#14012297000943>

Press Release

Payment for visa applications will only be made online from 27 January 2014
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/visa-fees-online-payment-as-from-27-january>

New Publication

We are all Europeans
<https://www.salto-youth.net/downloads/4-17-2844/SALTO%20-%20WE%20ARE%20ALL%20EUROPEANS%20-%20FINAL%20APPROVED%20VERSION.pdf>

News

Speak English or lose out on benefits - Pickles
<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/speak-english-or-lose-out-on-benefits-pickles-1-3274472>

Housing benefit ban for jobless migrants, say ministers
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-25805474>

Government announces limits on EU migrants' benefits access
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/20/government-limits-eu-migrants-benefits-access>

Sham marriages are not being reported by registrars, says report
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/23/sham-marriages-registrars-inspector-immigration>

Sham marriages are a 'golden pass' to Britain
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article3984218.ece>

Mentally unfit refugees unfairly targeted by Home Office
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/25/mentally-unfit-refugees-home-office-charity>

Romanian and Bulgarian NHS workers feel rising tide of patient hostility
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/24/romanian-bulgarian-nhs-workers-hostility-patients-lifting-restrictions>

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45,000 backing proposed trafficking legislation

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/45000-backing-proposed-trafficking-legislation.23222303>

45,000 back human trafficking laws

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/45-000-back-human-trafficking-laws-1.180437>

Proposed laws to end human trafficking wins backing of 45,000 Scots.. 15,000 more than the independence referendum

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/human-trafficking-legislation-proposals-end-3042746>

PM's apprenticeships go to Romanian migrants

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/National/article1368043.ece

Serious concern raised over Immigration Bill proposals

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/2259_serious_concern_raised_over_immigration_bill_proposals

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UK Parliament Questions

Unemployment: Ethnic Groups

Stephen Timms: To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions what steps he is taking to reduce unemployment among black and ethnic minority young people. [184040]

Reply from Esther McVey: The Government's strategy for increasing ethnic minority employment and participation in the labour market is based around mainstreaming opportunity through locally delivered flexible provision.

The help and services we deliver in DWP, through Jobcentre Plus and through Work programme providers, are designed to allow flexibility to support each individual jobseeker, rather than treat people according to ethnic groups. Local autonomy and flexibility has replaced the one size fits all approach that has dogged previous employment schemes.

Where there are significant numbers of local claimants with a shared ethnic background and common barriers to employment, a provider or jobcentre may choose to put in place provision designed to help that group. That would be an entirely appropriate local response.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140123/text/140123w0001.htm#14012379000016>

Police: Black and Ethnic Minority Officers

Lord Ouseley: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many police officers were employed in England, Scotland and Wales at 31 December 2013; and how many of those are of (1) Asian, (2) African, and (3) Caribbean origin.[HL4620]

To ask Her Majesty's Government what was the total number of members of the Association of Chief Police Officers in the police service in England, Scotland and Wales at 31 December 2013; and what were their ethnic origins.[HL4621]

To ask Her Majesty's Government what was the total number of chief superintendents and superintendents in the police service in England, Scotland and Wales at 31

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December 2013; and what were their ethnic origins.[HL4622]

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many black and minority ethnic chief inspectors there were in post in the police service in England, Scotland and Wales at 31 December 2013; and which forces they were attached to.[HL4623]

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many black and minority ethnic police officers were in commander posts at 31 December 2013 within Basic Command Units; and to which forces they were attached.[HL4624]

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many black and minority ethnic police officers above and including the rank of chief inspector were in Partnership and Community Relations roles in England, Scotland and Wales as at 31 December 2013.[HL4625]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The available data is provided within the attached tables.

These are the most recent published figures and relate to 31 March 2013.

Figures for Scotland are a matter for the Devolved Administration.

For HL4620, breakdown of ethnicity into African and Caribbean origins are not available. Figures for "Black and Black British" are provided instead.

Figures for police officers in post on 31 March 2013 are published in the "Police Workforce, England and Wales, 31 March 2013" statistical bulletin, which can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-workforce-england-and-wales-31-march-2013>.

To read the lengthy tables see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140121w0001.htm#14012174000660>

Police: Black and Ethnic Minority Officers

Lord Ouseley: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many black and ethnic minority police officers are trained to senior investigative officer level; and at which forces they were based as at 31 December 2013. [HL4673]

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many black and ethnic minority police officers are posted to traffic departments; and at which forces they were based as at 31 December 2013.[HL4674]

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many black and ethnic minority police officers are at detective constable and detective sergeant rank; and at which forces they were based as at 31 December 2013.[HL4675]

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many black and ethnic minority police officers are posted to support groups dealing with public order; and at which forces they were based as at 31 December 2013.[HL4676]

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many black and ethnic minority police officers were posted to Counter-Terrorism Command as at 31 December 2013; and how many of those are above the rank of superintendent.[HL4677]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The available data for HL4674, HL4675 and HL4677 is provided within the following tables. These are the most recent published figures and relate to police forces in England and Wales on 31 March 2013.

For HL4675, breakdowns into detective constables and detective sergeants are not available. Overall figures for constables and sergeants are provided instead.

For HL4677, the functions categorisation does not distinguish the Counter-Terrorism Command.

Figures for Special Branch/Protection/Immigration/Nationality and ports functions are provided instead. The information requested in HL4673 and HL4676 is not collected by the Home Office.

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To read the lengthy tables see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140122w0001.htm#140122100000660>

Police: Black and Ethnic Minority Officers

Lord Ouseley: To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase the number of black and ethnic minority police officers across England, Wales and Scotland; and what contributory roles HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, the Association of Chief Police Officers and the College of Policing will play.[HL4755]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): It is important police forces reflect the communities they serve. While progress has been made to increase diversity of the workforce, the Government has said that there is still more for forces to do.

This Government's reforms have already made improvements, for example we set up the College of Policing which has embarked on a major programme looking at recruitment, retention and progression of black and minority ethnic officers. Locally Police and Crime Commissioners will ensure that the public's priorities on crime and community safety are acted upon, that victims are consulted, and that the most vulnerable groups' and individuals' needs are heard and understood.

The Home Office is actively engaged with the College and forces to ensure that this work is given appropriate priority and that learning, best practice and opportunities are identified and shared.

Recruitment in Scotland is a matter for the Devolved Administration and Police Scotland.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140123w0001.htm#14012369000251>

News

Lenny Henry urges broadcasters to employ more black and Asian people

<http://www.theguardian.com/media/2014/jan/22/lenny-henry-broadcasters-employ-more-black-asian-people>

Britain's ethnic minorities need better access to the TV and film industry

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jan/24/britain-ethnic-minorities-access-tv-film>

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UK Parliament Debate

Holocaust Memorial Day

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140123/debtext/140123-0003.htm#14012382000002>

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Bullying: Racist Bullying

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth: To ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to combat racist bullying in schools. [HL4436]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools (Lord Nash) (Con): The Government has made tackling all forms of bullying, including racist bullying, a top priority.

All schools must have a behaviour policy with measures to prevent all forms of bullying amongst pupils. They are also required to comply with the Equality Act 2010, which requires all public bodies to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation. Under the current Ofsted framework school inspectors consider how well schools prevent bullying and tackle harassment and discrimination as outlined in the Act.

The Department for Education has 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 two years from spring 2013 to four organisations to develop effective initiatives to prevent and tackle bullying: Beatbullying, The Diana Award, Kidscape and the National Children's Bureau. While these initiatives are not specifically targeted at racism, they can and do address racist bullying.

The best schools gather intelligence about issues between pupils which might provoke conflict and develop strategies to prevent bullying from happening in the first place. This might involve talking to pupils about issues of difference, perhaps in lessons, through dedicated events or projects, or through assemblies.

The new curriculum, which comes into force in September 2014, offers opportunities to address some of the underlying causes of bullying, including racist 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.

As part of a broad and balanced history curriculum, pupils should learn about different cultures and about how different groups have contributed to the development of Britain. Other subject areas such as geography and art are sufficiently flexible to incorporate teaching about different cultural traditions.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140122w0001.htm#140122100000636>

Press Release

FRA speaks in European Parliament on hate crime in the European Union

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2014/fra-speaks-european-parliament-hate-crime-european-union>

News

Scottish Ukip chair slammed for sectarian remarks

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/scottish-ukip-chair-slammed-for-sectarian-remarks-1-3276315>

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Hope Not Hate call for Jobbik leader Gabor Vona to be banned from the UK

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/hope-not-hate-call-for-jobbik-leader-gabor-vona-to-be-banned-from-the-uk-9080894.html>

Protest at far-right politician's UK visit

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/protest-at-far-right-politicians-uk-visit.23268369>

Racist groups at work in the suburbs

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/racist-groups-at-work-in-the-suburbs.23268279>

Reaction to Nicholas Anelka's 'quenelle' and Twitter trolls is true reflection of our society – and that is one built around hope rather than hate

<http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/general/others/ashling-oconnor-reaction-to-nicholas-anelkas-quenelle-and-twitter-trolls-is-true-reflection-of-our-society--and-that-is-one-built-around-hope-rather-than-hate-9084414.html?origin=internalSearch>

We must bridge the gap between black people and the establishment

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jan/23/black-people-deaths-in-custody-charles-walker>

Three Spurs fans charged for saying 'jid' at a match

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2014/jan/22/spurs-fans-charged-yid-tottenham-hotspur>

'White power' bands target Bathgate

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/white-power-bands-target-bathgate.23269511>

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Scottish Independence Referendum

UK Government Publication

Scotland analysis: borders and citizenship

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/274477/scotland_analysis_borders_citizenship.pdf

UK Government Press Release

Independence referendum: Scotland decides

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/independence-referendum-scotland-decides>

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Press Release

Forced marriage

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Forced-marriage-889.aspx>

New Publication

Scottish Parliament Information Centre Briefing: Cowdenbeath by-election

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_14-09.pdf

News

Cowdenbeath by-election: Alex Rowley holds seat for Labour

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-25850599>

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Other News

Gypsies and Irish Travellers are more likely to live in a house than a caravan, data shows

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/gypsies-and-irish-travellers-are-more-likely-to-live-in-a-house-than-a-caravan-data-shows-9075670.html>

'I was so shocked. This has to stop'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article3985708.ece>

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Bills in Progress

** new or updated this week

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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/b27s4-stage2-m14.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b27s4-stage2-m14.pdf)

Education and Culture Committee: Stage 2 consideration of amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8815&mode=pdf>

Bill as amended at Stage 2

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b27as4-stage2-amend-rev.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b27as4-stage2-amend-rev.pdf)

Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/CYP_SDPM.pdf

Bills in Progress

Scottish Parliament (continued)

Criminal Justice Bill

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

**** Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill**

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

Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/MCP_SDPM_.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>

Proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2013-2014/0128/amend/pbc1282201a.1567-1573.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2013-2014/0128/amend/immigrationaddednames.pdf>

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>

Bills in Progress

UK Parliament (continued)

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>

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Consultations

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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

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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

**** Scottish independence: constitutional implications for the rest of the UK** (28 February 2014)

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/constitution/Scottish%20independence/Call-for-evidence-Scottish-Independence-inquiry.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>

Consultations (continued)

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>

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Events/Conferences/Training

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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>

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>

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

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

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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

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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/>

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>

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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

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



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

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