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# Immigration and Asylum

## UK Parliament Ministerial Statement

### **Migrant Access to the NHS**

**The Secretary of State for Health (Jeremy Hunt):** On 30 December 2013, I published a response to the recent consultation on proposed changes to the way temporary migrants and visitors access the NHS in England. The response sets out initial decisions and next steps, taking account of feedback received during the consultation as well as the results of independent research on visitor and migrant use of the NHS that we commissioned in parallel with the consultation and which we published on 22 October<sup>1</sup>.

The independent research was commissioned to provide, for the first time, a reliable estimate of visitor and migrant health care costs, in particular the costs of provision for those who should be charged, and for “health tourism” where visitors have an explicit intention of obtaining extensive health care without due payment. This research provides a compelling case for new and more robust and consistent administrative processes and systems to be introduced.

The consultation was launched on 3 July at the same time as a linked consultation, “Migrant Access to Health Services in the UK” from the Home Office. Both consultations put forward the proposal that non-EEA temporary migrants should in future contribute to the costs of their health care. The Immigration Bill includes a provision to introduce the immigration health surcharge on a UK-wide basis to allow people to make this contribution with minimal operational impact or burden on the NHS.

The consultation also sought views on whether any changes should be made to the categories of non-residents who should be exempted from charges. A proposal to provide more generous exemptions to ex-pats, many of whom should be charged for treatment provided when returning on visits, received broad support. The response proposes to confirm the principle that exemptions should be consistent with criteria applied to UK pensions and other state benefits, but further work is required to confirm specific qualifying criteria and financial impact.

The open review of current exemptions generated requests for a number of new or extended exemptions for maternity, victims of domestic and other violence as well as victims of human trafficking and children. The response commits my Department to give further thought to the exemptions for victims of domestic and other violence and of human trafficking, seeking the views of relevant agencies and advisers as appropriate.

We do not intend to establish an exemption for children or for pregnant women. In both cases we believe there is significant risk of abuse by visitors either seeking maternity care for themselves or care for their children with existing serious illnesses, and may act as a draw to illegal migrant families. We will listen to arguments about how best to cover other vulnerable children who might otherwise be unable to access treatment. All of these potential changes will be subject to further final cabinet approval following further evaluation.

The consultation also proposed extending the scope of NHS services for which charges should apply for non-exempt visitors. Charges currently can only be made for most secondary care in hospitals. In primary care, we will retain free access to GP consultations. We expect GP practices to participate actively in the administration of the new system for identifying and recording chargeable patients.

The response signals our commitment to charge visitors for treatment in hospital A&Es, but this will not be introduced until improved systems can support its effective administration, including the safe and efficient delivery of A&E services, avoiding unintended charging of legitimate residents and ensuring immediately necessary treatment is not refused. It also confirms the intention to extend charging to other services and treatment that are part of primary care, including community-based health care, prescriptions and dental services (that are already subject to charges for many residents). Officials will work with the NHS to determine how appropriate and cost-

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effective non-resident charging should be defined and administered.

Finally, the response reinforces the need to make significant improvements in how the NHS manages and administers the charging and recovery process. Sir Keith Pearson, the independent NHS advisor to the visitor and migrant NHS cost recovery programme, and the director of cost recovery are working in partnership with external NHS experts and stakeholders to design and roll out proportionate, cost-effective and operationally successful implementation.

All of these proposals apply to the NHS in England only, although my officials will continue to engage with devolved Administrations who may wish to replicate some or all of the proposed changes.

“Sustaining services, ensuring fairness; Government response to the consultation on migrant access and financial contribution to NHS provision in England” and the supporting equality analysis has been placed in the Library. Copies of the response are available to hon. Members from the Vote Office and to noble Lords from the Printed Paper office.

It is also available at: [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/migrants-and-overseas-visitors-use-of-the-nhs](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/migrants-and-overseas-visitors-use-of-the-nhs)

Note: <sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overseas-visitors-and-migrant-use-of-the-nhs-extent-and-costs>  
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/wmstext/140106m0001.htm#1401067000003>

## UK Parliament Questions

### Proof of Identity

**John Hemming:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will make it her Department's policy to return identity documents to applicants once they have been received and verified, instead of retaining those documents for the duration of an application process. [180823]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The Home Office retains identity documents for the duration of the application process so that, where a migrant is refused leave to remain in the United Kingdom and becomes liable to removal, they can be removed if they choose not to leave voluntarily. Having the means to identify a person and to confirm their nationality is a crucial tool in enforcing removal.

Some local authorities already offer a checking service on behalf of the Home Office for citizenship and settlement applications where documents are verified, copied and returned to applicants. The Home Office has also successfully implemented a process to return documents on tier 2 intra company transfer (ICT) applications where the risk of individuals being refused and absconding is low. We will continue to consider ways in which we can build on this to improve the system for customers, including reducing the documentation we retain in this manner.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140109/text/140109w0002.htm#14010977000073>

### Health Services: Foreign Nationals

**Paul Burstow:** To ask the Secretary of State for Health if he will make an assessment of the potential effect of the Government's proposed immigration health surcharge on the NHS as an employer. [181229]

**Reply from Jane Ellison:** Under proposals in the current Immigration Bill, non-European economic area nationals subject to immigration control who are coming to the United Kingdom for more than six months would pay a health surcharge as

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a contribution to the costs of their healthcare, including those who are coming to work in the national health service.

Although in the past the NHS relied quite heavily on recruiting staff overseas, efforts to recruit, train and retain staff in this country have had a positive impact in recent years. For example data from the Nursing and Midwifery Council show a 92% decline in registrations of overseas nurses from 2004 to 2013.

We do not believe that the surcharge, which is proposed to be set at £200 a year for workers, will have a significant impact on the NHS as an employer, but we will assess this if the surcharge comes into force.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140109/text/140109w0001.htm#14010977000040>

### Immigration: Business

**Stephen Barclay:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department with reference to her Department's overarching impact assessment of the Immigration Bill, published on 14 October 2013, if she will publish a breakdown of the £4.71 million estimated as the net annual cost to business. [180599]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The Immigration Bill's overarching impact assessment includes a breakdown of the £4.71 million equivalent annual net cost to business in table one. The principal cost to business comes from tackling illegal immigration in privately rented accommodation. Housing is a key enabler of illegal migration. The policy is intended to reduce the availability of accommodation for those intending to stay illegally in the UK, and tackle the exploitation of migrants by rogue landlords. Further detailed analysis of the cost to business that results from the measures in the Bill concerning residential tenancies can be found in the separate impact assessment, "Tackling illegal immigration in privately rented accommodation", available on Parliament's website at:

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

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w0002.htm#14010623000040>

### Overseas Students

**Nicholas Soames:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to make a comprehensive estimate of the number of non-EU international students who leave the UK at the end of their studies. [180558]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The Office for National Statistics long-term international migration data now include estimates of the numbers of students leaving the UK. The ONS has recently improved its methodology to make it easier to identify students in the emigration flows to give a more accurate measure of the contribution of students to overall net migration. These statistics, available for the first time in August 2013, showed an estimated 49,000 non-EU students left the UK in 2012 compared with 139,000 who arrived during the same year. Further analysis of these statistics will make it possible, in due course, to determine with greater certainty how many students leave the UK and how many stay for longer periods.

The Home Office has undertaken research using administrative data to improve our understanding of migrants coming to the UK, their countries of origin, their purpose for migrating and how long they stay. The research examines cohorts of migrants arriving in the UK and tracks their immigration status over the following five years. The Migrant Journey Third Report (2013)<sup>1</sup> reported that around one in five (18%) of migrants issued student visas in 2006 have legally remained in the immigration system or settled in the UK after five years. In terms of settlement,

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those coming to the UK to study in 2006 contributed 13% of settlement grants in 2009, and 16% of grants in 2010 and 2011. The figures of course do not capture any students that may have remained unlawfully.

1 Home Office (2013) The Migrant Journey Third Report, available at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/143930/horr69-report.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/143930/horr69-report.pdf)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w0002.htm#14010623000053>

### Immigration

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord Taylor of Holbeach on 6 December (WA 970–2) stating that a total of 57,179 enquiries were made to the Home Office employer checking service in the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, that 26,998 responses were an affirmation of the right to work based on an outstanding application with the Home Office or a positive validation of a certificate of application or Application Registration Card, and a further 15,451 responses advised that the Home Office was unable to confirm an individual's right to work, and in the light of the Minister's statement that "the Home Office Employer Checking Service answers enquiries either confirming an individual's right to work or advising that it is unable to give such a confirmation", what response was given to the other 14,730 queries during that period.[HL4108]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** The response to the 'other' 14,730 queries for Employer Checking Service check requests during the period one April 2012 and 31 March 2013 would be a combination of the following:

'Not Appropriate' — the request was 'not appropriate' for a number of reasons such as:- The migrant already has documentation to prove their right to work, and there is no outstanding application or appeal with the Home Office; or- The migrant has been employed by the employer prior to the introduction of the civil penalties legislation (February 2008), and therefore any positive response would not afford the employer with a statutory excuse against a civil penalty; or- The employer has submitted a duplicate check.

This list is not exhaustive.

Rejected requests — these would consist of Employer Checking Service requests where some of the information required on the request form is not provided or incomplete.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140107w0002.htm#14010768001275>

### Immigration Controls

**Henry Bellingham:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of the potential costs and benefits of extending transitional controls on EU accession states; and if she will make a statement. [177670]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** In June 2005, the previous Government signed the accession treaty with Romania and Bulgaria. In doing so, they granted all Romanians and Bulgarians the right to come to Britain. The treaty came into effect in 2007, and as a result the seven-year transitional controls relating to free movement will end this year.

From 1 January 2014, Romanians and Bulgarians will have the right to free movement across Europe on the same terms as other EU nationals.

We are focusing on cutting out the abuse of free movement between EU member states and addressing the factors that drive European immigration to Britain.

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Across Government, we are working to ensure that our controls on accessing benefits and services, including the NHS and social housing are among the tightest in Europe to protect the UK from abuse. On 27 November 2013 the Prime Minister announced a number of measures to put this principle into effect.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w002.htm#14010623000037>

### Immigration

**David Hanson:** To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office what estimate she has made of the number of (a) Romanian and (b) Bulgarian passport holders in the UK on 19 December 2013. [181831]

**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 Joe Grice:* ... The latest estimates that are available for the number of Romanian and Bulgarian nationals resident in the UK are derived from the Annual Population Survey for the 12 month period of January to December 2012. The estimated number of Romanian nationals was 102,000, with a corresponding margin of error of +/-14,000. The estimated number of Bulgarian nationals was 53,000 with a corresponding margin of error of +/-10,000.

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.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w001.htm#14010618000008>

### Migrant Workers: Romanians and Bulgarians

**Lord Moonie:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many workers from each of Bulgaria and Romania have been legally admitted to the United Kingdom in each of the last three years.[HL4111]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** Bulgarian and Romanian nationals enjoy rights of free movement and do not require permission to enter the United Kingdom in order to seek or take work. Under the Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006, Bulgarian and Romanian nationals requiring authorisation to work in the UK must either obtain an accession worker card in respect of a specific offer of employment or be in possession of a work card, valid for up to six months, issued under the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme before they commence employment in the United Kingdom. The number of such documents issued to nationals of Bulgaria and Romania in each of the last three calendar years is as follows:

	Accession worker card applications approved	Work cards issued under the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme
Bulgaria		
2010	805	11,861
2011	876	11,627
2012	526	11,955
Romania		
2010	1,815	7,937
2011	1,764	8,408
2012	1,276	8,866

There are, however, circumstances in which Bulgarian and Romanian workers will

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be exempt from the requirement to obtain prior work authorisation before commencing employment in the United Kingdom.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140108w0001.htm#14010861000092>

### Immigration

**Lord Balfe:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what preliminary assessment they have made of the recent lifting of restrictions on citizens coming to the United Kingdom from Romania and Bulgaria.

**Reply from Earl Attlee:** My Lords, it is too early to provide such an assessment. We have taken the advice of the independent Migration Advisory Committee, which concluded that it would not be sensible or helpful to policymakers to make predictions about likely volumes. The Government are doing everything they can to ensure that people who come to the UK from the EU do so for the right reasons—to work hard and to contribute to our economy and society.

**Lord Balfe:** I thank my noble friend for his reply. Does he accept that migrants from these countries, many of them highly skilled, come to Britain because the expanding, vibrant and welcoming economy gives many opportunities for self-advancement? Secondly, has he sympathy with Romanian Ministers who have pointed out that, with 866,000 persons in the UK being registered unemployed for more than a year, the UK Government might be well employed in reviewing benefit levels for the UK unemployed to a level at which they might be encouraged to apply for some of the vacancies currently being filled by the migrants?

**Reply from Earl Attlee:** My Lords, on my noble friend's first question: yes, this is one of the benefits of the free movement of labour around the community, so if one country is doing better than another we can get a flow of labour to equalise things. On the second point, on benefit levels, it is not my responsibility to answer for the Home Office on migration issues.

**Lord Davies of Stamford:** My Lords, amid all the unpleasantness in parts of the media over the past few weeks about Romanians and Bulgarians, has the noble Earl had the time to see the study recently published by a team from University College London, which shows that immigrants from the EU over the past 10 years have contributed far more in taxes and national insurance contributions than they have consumed in public services and in benefits, unlike the position of the native population? In other words, they have supplied us with a substantial financial and fiscal surplus, to the benefit of every taxpayer in this country. Is there not every probability that hard-working Romanians and Bulgarians will follow in the same footsteps?

**Reply from Earl Attlee:** My Lords, the answer to the noble Lord's last question is yes. On his first question, I handled business on that particular report. I cannot remember the precise details, but I broadly agree with the noble Lord's thrust.

**To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140107-0001.htm#14010750000889>

### Illegal Immigrants

**David Hanson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will publish and place in the Library her Department's evaluation of the advertising campaign using the phrase 'go home or face arrest'. [173120]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The evaluation of this pilot campaign has been published and placed in the House Library. It can be accessed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/operation-vaken-evaluation-report>

**Christopher Chope:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 2 December 2013, *Official Report*, column 531W, on immigration offences,

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how many people have been (a) arrested and (b) prosecuted for each of those immigration offences in the last year for which figures are available. [178249]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The information cannot be obtained without incurring disproportionate costs.

**Stephen Barclay:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many named individuals are currently listed in the Home Office immigration database for illegal migrants. [178316]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The Home Office does not have a specific database for illegal migrants.

**Stephen Barclay:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people who were in the UK illegally have (a) been subject to enforced departure from the UK and (b) left the UK voluntarily in each of the last three years. [180835]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The following table provides the total number of persons removed or departed voluntarily from the UK in each of the last three years.

<i>Removals and voluntary departures, 2010 to 2012</i>			
	2010	2011	2012
Total enforced removals	14,854	15,063	14,647
Total refused entry at port and subsequently departed	18,276	15,700	13,789
<i>Total voluntary departures</i>	27,114	26,419	29,663
Assisted voluntary returns	4,541	3,120	3,706
Notified voluntary departures	5,996	7,587	6,749
Other confirmed voluntary departures	16,577	15,712	19,208
1 Removals are recorded on the system as at the dates on which the data extracts were taken. 2 Provisional figures.			

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of persons removed or departed voluntarily from the UK within Immigration Statistics. The data on removals and voluntary departures are readily available in the latest release, Immigration Statistics: July to September 2013, from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/series/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release> Data for 2013 will be available from 27 February 2014.

**David Hanson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many illegal entrants have been detained at ports of entry to the UK on more than one occasion through the use of sniffer dogs in each of the last three years for which figures are available. [180949]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Border Force does not record statistical information for illegal entrants detained on more than one occasion through the use of sniffer dogs.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w001.htm#14010623000032>

### Immigration

**Matthew Offord:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people have been listed as an immigration or asylum absconder in each of the last five years. [179759]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The number of people listed as an immigration or asylum absconder in each of the last six years can be found in the following table.



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<i>Breach year</i>	<i>Total</i>
2008	11,567
2009	11,430
2010	9,783
2011	9,585
2012	5,240
2013	3,192
Grand total	50,797

*Notes:* 1. The data relates to the number of people whom absconded by calendar year. 2. Many of these people have subsequently been encountered and are no longer absconders. 3. People may have absconded more than once. 4. An asylum/non-asylum breakdown is not possible within this time frame. 5. The figures provided are sourced from a Home Office management information system which is not quality assured under National Statistics protocols and is subject to change due to internal data quality checking. Figures provided from this source do not constitute part of National Statistics and should be treated as provisional.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w0002.htm#14010623000036>

### Immigration: Appeals

**Stephen Barclay:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people have received an immigration decision and reached appeal rights exhausted stage in each of the last three years. [180787]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The 'Appeals Rights Exhausted' (ARE) category applies to appeals lodged by in-country applicants within the United Kingdom. It is relevant because an individual's immigration status may change once this stage is reached. The number of cases reaching ARE for the past three years is as follows:

<i>Calendar years</i>	<i>In-country appeals</i>
2010	32,790
2011	28,448
2012	22,159

*Notes:* 1. All figures quoted have been derived from management information (CID) and are therefore provisional and subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols. 2. Data refers to those cases that lodge an appeal and have become ARE figure based solely on those events.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w0002.htm#14010623000039>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Sarah Teather:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether the length of time an individual has been held in prison solely under immigration powers is used to decide which time-served foreign national prisoners will be transferred from the prison estate to immigration removal centres. [181104]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** When a time served foreign national offender has been risk assessed for their suitability to move from a prison to an IRC, every practical effort is made to ensure that they are moved in chronological order of the time served date.

In addition, the Home Office work hard to balance this need with the need to

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arrange value for money moves. This involves grouping moves that are both geographically and operationally advantageous to minimise the cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w0002.htm#14010623000035>

### Asylum Seekers

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Taylor of Holbeach on 28 November (WA 288–9), how many former unaccompanied asylum-seeking children who were in the United Kingdom under discretionary leave remained in the country after reaching the age of 18 (1) on an extension of discretionary leave, (2) by gaining citizenship, and (3) through non-removal, with end of line or appeal rights exhausted status. [HL4106]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** Data in response to your request can be found in the table below:

Outcomes of former UASCs* for the period Jan 2010 to Jun 2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Granted Discretionary Leave	34	142	72	9
Granted LOTR**	14	13	1	3
Granted Citizenship	42	26	0	0
Refused, not removed and appeal rights exhausted	70	49	34	4
Total	160	230	107	16

\* Unaccompanied asylum seeking children

\*\* Leave Outside the Rules

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140109w0001.htm#14010962000047>

### Asylum

**Lindsay Roy:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many asylum seekers are (a) currently seeking asylum in the UK and (b) waiting to be returned to their country of origin. [180459]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Information regarding asylum seekers in the UK (who have claimed post October 2006) and those subject to removal is available on the Home Office website. This forms part of our transparency agenda:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/further-key-data/> For ease, the relevant information is provided here:

<i>Status of applications</i>	<i>WIP1 as at end June 2011</i>	<i>WIP as at end June 2012</i>	<i>WIP as at end June 2013</i>
Awaiting initial asylum decision	4,851	6,192	8,980
Asylum appeal outstanding	5,553	4,706	4,328
Subject to removal action	24,738	23,497	23,438
Further leave application outstanding	2,761	2,986	2,724
Total	37,903	37,381	39,470
1 Work in Progress			

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**Gareth Thomas:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many asylum interviews have been delayed due to difficulties in obtaining a Home Office interpreter in (a) 2011, (b) 2012 and (c) 2013 to date; and if she will make a statement. [181051]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information you have requested. This is because the Home Office's case information database (CID) does not hold data on the specific reasons for an interview being delayed. This information is only held within paper case files or in the notes field of CID, which would mean your question could be answered only through a disproportionately expensive manual case search.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w001.htm#14010623000019>

### Asylum: Deportation

**David Anderson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will reconsider the decision to deport Isa Muaza to Nigeria; and if she will make a statement. [178612]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Isa Muazu, a failed asylum seeker, has now been successfully returned to Nigeria.

We consider every claim for asylum on its individual merits and he was not found to have a genuine need of protection. This was a decision that was supported by the courts. As he had no right to be in the UK, the Home Office began the complex process of removing him. Halting the removal of Mr Muazu because of his protest would have undermined our asylum and immigration system-and provided a dangerous incentive for others to follow suit.

**Roger Godsiff:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department for what reasons she has decided that Boko Haram was not a threat to the life of Mr Isa Muaza. [178930]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Mr Muazu's asylum application was considered on its individual merits. On the basis of all evidence presented, his claim was refused and certified as clearly unfounded as he did not have a genuine need for protection. This was a decision that was supported by the courts. He has now been successfully returned to Nigeria.

Asylum applications are considered on their individual merits against up-to-date country information, relevant case law and any policy guidance specific to the type of claim. Country information itself is based on reliable sources, including the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and other governmental sources, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, international and national human rights organisations, and news media.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w001.htm#14010623000020>

### Deportation

**Sadiq Khan:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many foreign nationals (a) were deported and (b) successfully appealed against deportation under section 32 of the UK Borders Act 2007 in each year since the implementation of that Act. [177201]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The total number of foreign national offenders who were deported under section 32 of the UK Borders Act 2007 between January 2009 and September 2013 is 15,105. This is broken down as follows:

	<i>Total</i>
CY 2009	3,150
CY 2010	3,555

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CY 2011	3,000
CY 2012	3,130
CY 2013 (to September 2013)	2,270
Total FNO Deportations (January 2009 to September 2013)	15,105

The total number of foreign national offenders who successfully appealed deportation under section 32 of the UK Border Act 2007 between January 2009 and September 2013 is 2,405. This is broken down as follows:

	<i>Total</i>
CY 2009	435
CY 2010	625
CY 2011	545
CY 2012	630
CY 2013 (to September 2013)	170
Total FNOs which successfully appealed deportation (January 2009 to September 2013)	2,405

The allowed appeals figure for CY 2013 are low because the appeals data provided is cohort based and relates to appeals lodged between January 2009 and September 2013. A large proportion of the 2013 cases will still be in the appeals process and would not have been concluded at the time the data was obtained.

We are unable to provide reliable data for the period prior January 2009, as our systems for recording such information were not in place at that time.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w0001.htm#14010623000026>

### Human Trafficking

**Fiona Mactaggart:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether the UK Visas and Immigration specialist trafficking team is now fully operational; and how many staff are working on human trafficking issues within that team. [177996]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The National Referral Mechanism Hub was created in April 2013. From December 2013, it started taking on all new referrals where trafficking is raised as part of an asylum claim, or in the context of another immigration process. The team will expand from nine decision makers to 18.

**Paul Blomfield:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what specialist training is offered to asylum case owners with respect to (a) identification of cases of trafficking and (b) working with victims of trauma. [181075]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** All asylum decision makers undertake a 25 day initial training course. This includes training on interviewing vulnerable persons, gender issues and an introduction to the issue of victims of human trafficking, including the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), indicators of human trafficking, and the First Responder referral process.

Further, all asylum decision makers are required to complete two mandatory e-learning courses, entitled "Human trafficking" and "the National Referral Mechanism". Content includes indicators of human trafficking and how to identify potential victims and refer them into the National Referral Mechanism.

In addition, all asylum case owners and caseworkers who operate as Competent Authority decision makers within the NRM are required to undertake additional training on NRM processes, indicators, sensitive interview skills, children as victims of trafficking, NRM decision making, group discussion and NRM partner presentations.

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There is no standalone training on trauma issues but the issue of trauma is included in a number of training courses, including the Foundation Training Programme and Competent Authority training as above.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w0001.htm#14010623000031>

### Human Trafficking

**Paul Blomfield:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many victims of human trafficking were identified by healthcare providers in each of the last three years; and if she will make a statement. [181069]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** We do not hold this information. Information on victims of human trafficking is recorded by the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). The information is collected by referrals made by first responders, which include the police, National Crime Agency and the Gangmasters Licensing Authority. Health care providers are currently not designated as first responders, but we keep this issue under constant review.

**Paul Blomfield:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent estimates she has made of the number of potential cases of trafficking for labour exploitation in (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland. [181071]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Data from the National Referral Mechanism includes information on identified exploitation types within each of the countries of the United Kingdom. Quarterly statistics are published on the website of the National Crime Agency: [www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk)

**Paul Blomfield:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what training and support is provided to first responders, including civil society and local authorities, in identifying trafficking for labour exploitation. [181073]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** First responder organisations are those law enforcement, non-governmental organisations and statutory bodies that are able to directly refer potential victims of trafficking to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for assessment and access to support. Organisations are expected to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of different types of trafficking as part of the application process. Many groups, including first responders, run their own programmes of awareness raising and training for their own and other organisations. On 3 December 2013, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, my right hon. Friend the Member for Maidenhead (Mrs May), announced a review of the NRM. The detail and terms of reference for the review are being considered at the moment.

**Paul Blomfield:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what programmes for rehabilitation and assistance of trafficking victims are offered to victims beyond the 45 day recovery and reflection period; and if she will make a statement. [181076]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The Government funds a 45-day reflection and recovery period for victims of human trafficking who have been identified through the National Referral Mechanism. Once the period in funded support comes to an end, individuals, who have a right to reside in the UK may be helped to access wider support from local authorities and other mainstream support providers. If a victim wishes to return to their home country, and it is safe to do so, they will be supported in their return by the appropriate authorities.

Individuals without leave to remain in the UK, or without an outstanding immigration claim, are expected to return home voluntarily and will be supported to do so safely.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140108/text/140108w0001.htm#14010857000013>

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### Human Trafficking

**Paul Blomfield:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many victims of trafficking for (a) labour exploitation and (b) domestic servitude were referred to the National Referral Mechanism by each first responder in each of the last three years. [181070]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The following tables set out the number of victims referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for domestic servitude and labour exploitation, broken down by first responder for each year from 2010 to 17 December 2013.

Data reflects the organisation responsible for referring the potential victim. This may not be the same as the organisation that originally identified the potential victim. The NRM is a live system that changes as new victims are identified or types of exploitation are disclosed. This means that the latest data may not match published statistics.

**To read the lengthy tables see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140109/text/140109w0002.htm#14010977000066>

### Human Trafficking

**Paul Blomfield:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice how many victims of trafficking for labour exploitation received civil or criminal compensation in (a) 2010, (b) 2011 and (c) 2012. [181074]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Victims of trafficking for labour exploitation can apply for compensation from a number of different sources and through different legal proceedings. The Government does not currently compile statistics in relation to these awards.

**John Randall:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice what the (a) nationality and (b) gender was of each suspected victim of trafficking referred to the Trafficking Victim Support Scheme operated by the Salvation Army in November 2013; in which (i) region, (ii) country and (iii) parliamentary constituency each of the suspected victims were found; and which agency referred each person to the scheme. [181260]

**Reply from Damian Green:** In November 2013 there were 92 referrals to the Government-funded support service for adult victims of human trafficking in England and Wales administered by the Salvation Army. In the interests of victim safety only the region in which the victim was encountered is provided, and not the county or parliamentary constituency. Details are provided as follows.

**To read the lengthy tables see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140109/text/140109w0001.htm#14010970000015>

## UK Parliament Early Day Motion

**Barry Sheerman (905) Support for claimants under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** – That this House is concerned that support rates under section 4 and section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 are very austere; notes that a maximum payment of £35.39 per person per week is barely half the sum of income support and is often not sufficient to cover essential medical, food and transport costs; deems the maximum level of support of just £5.06 per person per day as a strong driver of asylum seekers' social exclusion in society; urges the Government to raise the support rates under section 4 and section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 to a minimum of £45.44 per person per week, representing 80 per cent. of income support, for single

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adults; recognises that the cashless payment methods under which section 4 benefits are issued place detrimental limits on how families and individuals can buy fundamental goods and services and access transport; believes that restrictions on the use of the cashless payment method unfairly favour just nine of the UK's largest retailers, which damages local businesses; supports a move towards cash methods for distributing support payments; and urges the Government to reassess the conditions used to determine granting of support rates under section 4 so that they include people who are currently being refused or withdrawn from support but who clearly have substantial health needs as was the case previously.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2013-14/905>

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**Extended NHS charging for visitors and migrants**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extended-nhs-charging-for-visitors-and-migrants>

**Romanian and Bulgarian nationals**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2013/december/100-bulgaria-romania>

**Civil liberties MEPs back funds for asylum, migration and internal security**

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**Sustaining services, ensuring fairness Government response to the consultation on migrant access and financial contribution to NHS provision in England**

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**Perceptions and Reality: Public Attitudes to Immigration**

[http://www.ipsos-mori.com/DownloadPublication/1634\\_sri-perceptions-and-reality-immigration-report-2013.pdf](http://www.ipsos-mori.com/DownloadPublication/1634_sri-perceptions-and-reality-immigration-report-2013.pdf)

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**Migrants will have to pay at A&E – and all patients will have to prove they are not foreigners to get free NHS treatment**

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#### **Conditions of Employment: Religion**

**Jim Shannon:** To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills what recent assessment he has made of the extent to which the rights of Christians to religious freedom are safeguarded by employers who require Sunday working. [182250]

**Reply from Jenny Willott:** Legal protection for employees from direct and indirect discrimination as well as from harassment or victimisation because of religion and belief, is provided by the Equality Act 2010.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) —the UK body with the statutory remit to protect, enforce and promote equality—has issued a targeted guide for employers which can be accessed on their website at:

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/your-rights/religion-and-belief/>

This good practice guide aims to help employers understand how to recognise and manage expressions of religion or belief in the workplace and includes examples of requests that employees may make and how employers might deal with them. The EHRC have also published 'Shared understandings: a new EHRC strategy to strengthen understanding of religion or belief in public life'. Part of this work will seek to assess whether there is currently sufficient protection for people with a religious or other belief. Beyond this, individuals are free to contract on which ever terms suit them and their employer including agreeing working days.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140109/text/140109w0002.htm#14010979000026>

#### **Police: Ethnic Groups**

**Sharon Hodgson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps she has taken with (a) London Metropolitan Police and (b) other English constabularies to recruit police officers from Black, Asian or ethnic minority groups. [180631]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Police forces must do more to ensure that they reflect the communities they serve as they continue to cut crime in a modern, diverse society.

The College of Policing is engaged in a major programme of work looking at recruitment, retention and progression of BME officers. As part of that they will be looking at ways of ensuring the police can make more proactive use of the positive action provisions of the Equality Act 2010.

The Government fully appreciates how vital a more representative work force is in the London context, given the great diversity of the capital. We are currently working with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to achieve this end.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140107/text/140107w0001.htm#14010762000017>

### Press Release

#### **Funding for new internships**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Funding-for-new-internships-78c.aspx>

### New Publication

#### **Embracing Equality, Diversity and Human Rights in NHS Scotland**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0044/00441232.pdf>

## Equality (continued) News

### Minority ethnic workers in UK twice as likely to be unemployed as whites

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jan/08/minority-ethnic-workers-more-often-unemployed>

### Rising unemployment for UK's ethnic minorities: who's affected?

<http://www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2014/jan/08/rising-unemployment-for-uk-ethnic-minorities-race-whos-affected>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### UK Parliament Questions

#### Caste Discrimination

**Lord Avebury:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the work undertaken by the Equality and Human Rights Commission on the definition of caste, in particular in relation to refining the definition of caste through the public consultation on the prospective caste legislation; and whether the existing protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010 underwent a similar process.[HL4138]

**Reply from Baroness Northover:** The research work is commissioned by the Equality and Human Rights Commission and no government assessment will be made until it is completed.

All of the protected characteristics, included in the Equality Act 2010, were already protected under previous domestic legislation thus obviating the need for further research or public consultation before their inclusion in the Act.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140107w0001.htm#14010768001235>

#### Stop and Search: Ethnic Groups

**Sharon Hodgson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) what steps she is taking to monitor the use of section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 in respect of black, Asian or ethnic minority groups; [180632]

(2) how many people from a black, Asian or ethnic minority group have been stopped under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 in each month since May 2010. [180677]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Police forces in England and Wales are required to collect data on the use of section 60 stop and search powers, which includes a breakdown by self-defined ethnicity. The monthly use of the section 60 power is not, however, available as police forces are required to collect only annual aggregate data. The latest figures for England and Wales, covering the years from 2009-10 to 2011-12, are in the following table.

The police have a public duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that they do not discriminate on the basis of any protected characteristic, which includes ethnicity. The Act sets out the Equality and Human Rights Commission's role in monitoring forces' compliance with the law and also provides a range of enforcement powers to do so.

	White	Black or black British	Asian or Asian British	Mixed	Chinese or other ethnic group	Ethnicity not stated	Vehicle-only searches	Total s60 searches
2009-10	47,879	39,364	19,137	5,228	1,426	6,605	334	119,973
2010-11	19,571	23,283	12,420	2,772	1,032	3,266	85	62,429

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2011-12	16,231	16,790	7,831	2,244	763	3,012	90	46,961
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Note: Includes stops and searches conducted by British Transport Police (BTP). As BTP began to provide these data only from 2009-10, the above figures are not comparable with those in Table SS.01 of 'Police Powers and Procedures England and Wales 2011/12'. The total for 2011-12 (46,961) does, however, agree with the England and Wales total in Tables SS.05 and SS.08.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140107/text/140107w0001.htm#14010762000018>

## UK Parliament Early Day Motion

**Alistair Burt (932) Holocaust Memorial Day** – That this House notes that 27 January 2014 is Holocaust Memorial Day in the UK, marking the 69th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where an estimated 1.1 million people were murdered; commemorates the six million victims of the Holocaust; further notes that the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2014 is Journeys; pays tribute to the commitment of Holocaust survivors who share their experiences with young people across the country; acknowledges the importance of the Holocaust Educational Trust's work in schools across the UK and in particular the Lessons from Auschwitz Project, which has so far given over 22,000 students and teachers the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; also pays tribute to the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for organising this year's Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations; further notes that a Book of Commitment will be placed in the corridor between the Members' Cloakroom and Members' Staircase; and urges all hon. and right hon. Members to sign the Book and observe the day, so that the appalling events of the Holocaust are always understood by future generations.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2013-14/932>

## Press Release

**Man sentenced for stirring up racial hatred**

[http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest\\_news/man\\_sentenced\\_for\\_stirring\\_up\\_racial\\_hatred/](http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest_news/man_sentenced_for_stirring_up_racial_hatred/)

## New Publication

**Scotland: No Place for Sectarianism – A Guide to understanding the impact of work to tackle intra-Christian sectarianism**

[http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/files/5413/8927/4832/no\\_place\\_for\\_sectarianism.pdf](http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/files/5413/8927/4832/no_place_for_sectarianism.pdf)

## News

**Anti-racist policies 'must be placed at heart of education'**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/anti-racist-policies-must-be-placed-at-heart-of-education.23003594>

**Islamophobia: Surge revealed in anti-Muslim hate crimes**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/islamophobia-surge-revealed-in-antimuslim-hate-crimes-9026873.html>

**UK anti-Muslim hate crime soars, police figures show**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2013/dec/27/uk-anti-muslim-hate-crime-soars>



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### **News** (continued)

**Anti-Muslim hate crimes 'surged after Lee Rigby murder'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article3959245.ece>

**Anti-Muslim hate crimes soar in 2013... and the month soldier Lee Rigby was murdered saw 104 incidents in just four weeks**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2529948/Surge-anti-Muslim-hate-crimes-2013-Month-soldier-Lee-Rigby-killed-saw-104-incidents-just-four-weeks.html>

**Britain's black power movement is at risk of being forgotten, say historians**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/27/britain-black-power-movement-risk-forgotten-historians>

**Nicolas Anelka's quenelle gesture is an insult**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/dec/31/nicolas-anelka-quenelle-antisemitism-football>

**Anelka at centre of anti-Semitic salute furore**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/sport/football/anelka-at-centre-of-anti-semitic-salute-furore.1388311169>

**FA acts over Anelka's 'race-hate' gesture**

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/sport/football/Premiership/article1357426.ece>

**Nicholas Anelka accused of 'anti-Semitic' gesture**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/sport/football/premierleague/article3960175.ece>

**Furore over Nicolas Anelka's 'quenelle' intensifies after picture surfaces of an unknown man making the gesture outside the Toulouse school where three Jewish children were killed in 2012**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/furore-over-nicolas-anelkas-quenelle-intensifies-after-picture-surfaces-of-an-unknown-man-making-the-gesture-outside-the-toulouse-school-where-three-jewish-children-were-killed-in-2012-9031798.html>

**Anti-semitic football tweets sent after Arsenal v Spurs investigated**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/sport/football/anti-semitic-football-tweets-sent-after-arsenal-v-spurs-investigated-1.173506>

**Internet troll who sent racist tweets to former Rangers' stars jailed for six months**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/u/internet-troll-who-sent-racist-tweets-to-former-rangers-stars-jailed-for-six-months.1389195548>

**Man jailed for racist tweets to Rangers players**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/man-jailed-for-racist-tweets-to-rangers-players-1-3260975>

**Man jailed for racist tweets to footballers**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/man-jailed-for-racist-tweets-to-footballers.23122420>

**Media coverage of ethnic minority Britons 'promotes racism'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/media/tv-radio/media-coverage-of-ethnic-minority-britons-promotes-racism-9049849.html?origin=internalSearch>

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### News (continued)

#### Metropolitan Police releases 'alarming' strip-search figures

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/metropolitan-police-releases-alarming-stripsearch-figures-9052647.html?origin=internalSearch>

#### Man who racially abused journalist jailed for six months

<http://www.theguardian.com/media/greenslade/2014/jan/09/raceandreligion-scotland>

#### How white, black and brown students learn the language of racist bullying

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jan/10/racist-bullying-children-media-white-black>

#### The media and minority ethnic groups

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/551/272/The-media-and-minority-ethnic-groups.html>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Motions

**S4M-08729 Jenny Marra: International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation**—That the Parliament notes that 6 February is International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation; considers that female genital mutilation is a severe abuse of human rights, in which women and girls can have their clitoris and labia cut and their vagina sewn up; understands that there are 3,000 women and girls at risk from female genital mutilation in Scotland and that this number is due to rise according to new population estimates in the 2011 census; understands that there has not been one single police report, prosecution or conviction for female genital mutilation despite renewed legislation passed by the Parliament in 2005; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to fund a scoping exercise to assess the scale of female genital mutilation across Scotland, and notes calls for this exercise to be comprehensive yet swift and to result in a further commitment for tangible action to tackle the human rights abuse of female genital mutilation in Scotland and protect those women and girls at risk of harm from what it considers this torture.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-08729&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-08733 Margaret Mitchell: Congratulations to Sir Geoff Palmer**—That the Parliament congratulates Sir Godfrey "Geoff" Palmer, Professor Emeritus at the School of Life Sciences at Heriot-Watt University, on being knighted in recognition of his services to human rights, science and charity; understands that Sir Geoff, who was born in Jamaica and is recognised as Scotland's first black professor, is deputy convenor of the cross-party group on the Caribbean and a prominent anti-racism campaigner; believes that Sir Geoff has devoted his life to achieving breakthroughs in the fight against racism and in his work in the field of grain science, and considers the knighthood a richly deserved recognition of his achievements.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-08733&ResultsPerPage=10>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Crime Prevention

**Charles Walker:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what work her Department is undertaking to improve the policing of minority communities and the confidence that these communities have in their local constabulary. [181687]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Improved diversity in policing is absolutely necessary to cut crime in a modern, diverse society, while building the trust and confidence of local communities. Diversity is more than ever an important part of operational effectiveness.

The Government has said that police forces must do more to ensure that they reflect the communities they serve. The College of Policing is engaged in a major programme of work looking at recruitment, retention and progression of black and minority ethnic officers. As part of that the college will be looking at ways of ensuring the police can make more use of the positive action provisions of the Equality Act 2010.

The college is also engaged in work to refresh the National Diversity Strategy and the Local Policing Strategy for the police in England and Wales to ensure that all police officers and staff can meet the needs of diverse communities.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140109/text/140109w0002.htm#14010977000063>

#### Police Custody: Ethnic Groups

**Sharon Hodgson:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice what steps he is taking to reduce the incidence of death in custody of those from Black, Asian or ethnic minority backgrounds. [180630]

**Reply from Jeremy Wright:** The Government is committed to reducing all deaths in custody. All prisons are required to have procedures in place to identify, manage and support people who are at risk of harm to themselves or others, or from others. These procedures include the assessment, care in custody and teamwork (ACCT) process, which is a prisoner-centred, flexible care planning system for prisoners identified as at risk of suicide or self-harm. Prisons are also required to ensure that they have procedures in place to learn from deaths in custody to prevent future occurrences and improve local delivery of safer custody. Staff must have regard to equality considerations in the implementation of safer custody procedures, and ensure fair and appropriate treatment of prisoners across all protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010, including race. An analysis of deaths in custody by ethnicity is included in the published Safety in Custody Statistics Bulletin, available at:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/safety-in-custody-statistics](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safety-in-custody-statistics)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140106/text/140106w0001.htm#14010623000015>

#### Grade I Listed Churches

**John Mann:** What assistance is available for grade I listed church buildings in need of major repairs. [901880]

**Reply from Tony Baldry:** The most significant funder of repairs for grade I listed churches is the Heritage Lottery Fund, under the grants for places of worship scheme. The Wolfson Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation and the Veneziana Fund also provide funding in some circumstances.

**John Mann:** The right hon. Gentleman will be aware of the incredibly diverse array of grade I listed churches in the Bassetlaw constituency. Would he be prepared to use his good offices to ensure that the Church Commissioners can better advise the volunteers

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running those churches on how to access the funds and that the north of England and the more deprived communities get a fair crack of the whip?

**Reply from Tony Baldry:** The hon. Gentleman makes a fair point. He is fortunate in having 26 fantastic listed churches in his constituency. Some, such as All Saints, go back to the 10th century. I entirely agree that it is very important that parochial church councils and others know how to access funds such as the Heritage Lottery Fund, and I will discuss with the churches and cathedrals division at Church House how we can better promulgate the way that that advice can be obtained.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140109/debtext/140109-0001.htm#14010942000035>

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## Other News

**Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Commonwealth Games 2014**

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/commonwealth-games-2014/>

**'Scotland must face up to role in slavery'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article3972379.ece>

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## 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/b27s4-stage2-ml3.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b27s4-stage2-ml3.pdf)

and

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/websiteamendments10.01.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20(Scotland)%20Bill/websiteamendments10.01.pdf)

**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>

proposed amendments

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/websiteamendments10.01.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Marriage%20and%20Civil%20Partnership%20(Scotland)%20Bill/websiteamendments10.01.pdf)

## **Bills in Progress** (continued) **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](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](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/LG_consultation_final.pdf)

## Consultations (continued)

**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](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](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 Mar 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>

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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### **GRAMNet Film Series**

15 January 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

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](http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_292556_en.pdf)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **\*\* this week!**

#### **Refugee Voices in the Scottish Referendum Debate**

17 January 2014 in Glasgow (1.30 – 4.00)

Public meeting following the Scottish Refugee Council AGM to hear both the 'Better Together' and 'YES Scotland' campaigns to set out their visions for the future of Scotland with a particular focus on refugee issues. For information, and to book a place, contact Anna Cheung or Donna Gibson 0141 248 9799 / [events@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:events@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

#### **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\\_2\\_014\\_edinburgh\\_publicity.doc](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/Scotland/Legal/discrimination_law_2_014_edinburgh_publicity.doc) or contact Angela Barclay 0141 228 5951 / [equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com)

#### **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](mailto:tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk) or Fiaz Khan [fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk](mailto:fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk)

### **\*\* 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](mailto: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>

### **\*\* 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](mailto: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](http://www.strath.ac.uk/events/campuscalendar/event_title_611373_en.html))

#### **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](mailto:communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **\*\* 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 Sweeey 01324 506028 / [celia.sweeney@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kirsty.anderson@cosla.gov.uk) or see <http://www.migrationscotland.org.uk/news/2013/11/cosla-conference-migration-and-referendum-debate>

### **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](mailto:communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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**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/>



## Useful Links (continued)

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](http://www.acas.org.uk)

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

Volunteer Development Scotland [www.vds.org.uk](http://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](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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