

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Syrian Resettlement Programme

S5W-09975 Ben Macpherson (SNP): To ask the Scottish Government how many people have come to Scotland through the Syrian Resettlement Programme.

Reply from Angela Constance: Scotland has welcomed over 1,800 people under the UK Government's Syrian Resettlement Programme since October 2015. Official statistics for the Syrian Resettlement programme are published quarterly by the Home Office. The latest set of statistics was published on 25 May 2017 and covered the period to 31 March 2017. Those statistics show that from October 2015 to March 2017, 1,661 Syrian refugees arrived in Scotland under the Programme.

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Migration

Stephen Timms (Labour) [2706] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the reasons the Government is yet to achieve its target of reducing net migration to the tens of thousands.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The UK will remain an open and tolerant country; one that recognises the valuable contribution migrants make to our society and welcomes those with the skills and expertise to make our nation better. We will control immigration so that our system serves the national interest.

As we conduct the negotiations to leave the European Union, it must be a priority to regain more control of the numbers of people who come here from Europe. It will take time to achieve that because until we leave the European Union we will still be affected by free movement rules.

The Government will not solely rely on the Brexit negotiation to deliver the net migration target. We are clear that employers must move away from an unsustainable reliance on migrant workers. We have closed Tier 1 routes which allowed non-EEA migrants to come to the UK to look for work. We have reformed the employer-led Tier 2 route following expert advice from the independent Migration Advisory Committee. Through the introduction of the Immigration Skills Charge, we are encouraging employers to invest in training and up-skilling the resident workforce.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-04/2706/>

Migration

Catherine West (Labour) [2805] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Government is taking to bring net migration to the UK to fewer than 100,000 people a year.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The UK will remain an open and tolerant country; one that recognises the valuable contribution migrants make to our society and welcomes those with the skills and expertise to make our nation better. We will control immigration so that our system serves the national interest.

As we conduct the negotiations to leave the European Union, it must be a priority to regain more control of the numbers of people who come here from Europe. We are considering the options for our future immigration system very carefully. We will build a comprehensive picture of the needs and interests of all parts of the UK and look to develop a system which works for all.

The Government will not solely rely on the Brexit negotiation to deliver the net migration target. We have introduced a wide range of measures in the Immigration Acts 2014 and 2016 to remove the ability of illegal immigrants to remain in the UK in defiance of our immigration laws. We have also clamped down on abuse of student migration – closing over 900 bogus colleges. We have closed Tier 1 routes which allowed non-EEA migrants to come to the UK to look for work, and reformed the employer-led Tier 2 route following expert advice from the independent Migration Advisory Committee. Through the introduction of the Immigration Skills Charge, we are encouraging employers to invest in training and up-skilling the resident workforce.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-04/2805/>

Migration: Students

Catherine West (Labour) [2807] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is her Departments policy to include student numbers in official migration statistics.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: International students are included in net migration statistics that are produced by the independent Office for National Statistics (ONS). In line with the internationally agreed UN definition, these statistics define a migrant as someone changing their normal place of residence for more than a year. Students are therefore included in the same way as other migrants. Other countries, such as the United States, Canada, and Australia also include students in their net migration figures. Like other migrants, students who stay for longer than 12 months have an impact on communities, infrastructure and services while they are here, so it is right that they are included in the net migration count.

There is no limit to the number of genuine international students who can come to study in the United Kingdom and there are no plans to change this.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-04/2807/>

EU Nationals

Keith Vaz (Labour) [2776] To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many non-UK EU citizens, by country of origin are currently living in the UK.

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

To provide a response to your question we have used data collected from the Annual Population Survey (APS) for the 2015 calendar year, which are the latest data available. The APS is a sample survey based on households and so does not include people living in most types of communal establishments.¹ Please note that estimates from the APS are subject to a margin of uncertainty. Table 1 below provides estimates of non-UK EU citizens by EU nationality (excluding the UK). The estimated total number (with percentage of population in brackets) of non-UK EU citizens resident in 2015 was 3,159,000 in the UK (4.92%) with a confidence interval (CI) of +/- 80,000. Confidence intervals (CI) are commonly used as indicators of the extent to which the estimate based on a sample differs from the true population value. This means that we expect the true number of non-UK EU citizens resident in the UK to be within the range 3,079,000 and 3,239,000. This figure can be found in table 2.1 of the Annual Population of the United Kingdom by Country of Birth and Nationality publication.²

¹ *The Annual Population Survey is a household survey of people in the UK. It covers people in private households, NHS accommodation and students in halls of residence whose parents live in the UK. However, people in other communal establishments such as prisons and private care homes are excluded.*

² <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/datasets/populationoftheunitedkingdombycountryofbirthandnationality>

Table 1: Estimated number of non-UK EU nationals in the UK (2015)⁷

Nationality	Estimate (thousands)	CI +/- (thousands)
Austria	14	5
Belgium	26	7
Bulgaria	66	12
Croatia	4	3
Cyprus (European Union)	13	5
Czech Republic	45	10
Denmark	30	8
Estonia	8	4

Finland	10	4
France	165	18
Germany	135	17
Greece	56	11
Hungary	82	13
Italy	192	20
Latvia	97	14
Lithuania	170	19
Luxembourg	c ³	c
Malta	5	3
Netherlands	81	13
Poland	916	43
Portugal	219	21
Republic of Ireland	332	26
Romania	233	22
Slovakia	93	14
Slovenia	2	2
Spain	132	16
Sweden	34	8
Total⁴	3,159	80
Total UK population⁵	64,265	:⁶

Source: Annual Population Survey (APS)

³ c= not available due to disclosure control

⁴ Total may not sum due to rounding

⁵ As some residents of communal establishments are excluded from the coverage of the APS the estimates in this table are different from the standard ONS mid-year population estimates, which cover all usual residents. For a more comprehensive estimate of the UK population, please refer to: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwalesscotlandandnorthernireland>

⁶ : = not available

⁷ Data taken from Table E: Population resident in the United Kingdom, excluding some residents in communal establishments, by nationality which can be found by downloading the 2015 file from this link:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/datasets/populationoftheunitedkingdombycountryofbirthandnationalityunderlyingdatasheets>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-04/2776/>

Visas: Applications

Graham Jones (Labour) [2082] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for settlement visas have been (a) rejected, (b) processed and (c) paused since 22 February 2017.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Information on family settlement visas is published quarterly in the Immigration Statistics which are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/list-of-tables#visas>.

A temporary hold on decision-making in respect of some settlement visa applications was introduced on 22 February 2017 so that the implications of the Supreme Court judgment handed down that day in MM (Lebanon) & Others

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-06-29/2082/>

Immigration

The following two questions both received the same answer

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2218] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what steps he is taking to prepare for discussions with EFTA states on a reciprocal arrangement on citizens' rights with those countries.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2220] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, when discussions will begin with EFTA states on a reciprocal arrangement on rights with those countries.

Reply from Robin Walker: The reciprocal agreement on citizens' rights will apply to the entire United Kingdom, covering Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and all parts of England, and Gibraltar. We will discuss similar arrangements with Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland (the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States) on a reciprocal basis.

We are approaching these negotiations constructively and respectfully, with a determination to secure a deal that works for both the UK and the EU.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-06-29/2218/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-06-29/2220/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration: EU Nationals

The following fifteen questions all received the same answer

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [1984] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether residency in Crown Dependencies will count towards the five years required to gain settled status.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2219] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, where and when EU nationals living in the UK will be required to show a residence document.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2221] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what support and fee status will be given to EU nationals who arrive in the UK after the specified date.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2222] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether work carried out abroad on behalf of UK firms will be included within the five years' continuous residence requirement for EU nationals to gain settled status after the UK leaves the EU.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2223] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether EU nationals seeking work in the UK and those

who lose their employment in the UK will retain the same rights as those in work or self-employment.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2224] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, under what circumstances EU citizens who arrive after the specified date will be eligible to settle permanently in the UK.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2225] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what international travel and work restrictions will be placed on EU citizens while they accumulate five years' residency in order to apply for settled status.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2226] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether work carried out abroad on behalf of the devolved assemblies, local government or government agencies will be included in the five years' continuous residence requirement for EU nationals to gain settled status after the UK leaves the EU.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2227] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what appeals process her Department plans to put in place for EU nationals who are unsuccessful in obtaining new residence status.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2228] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU published on 26 June 2017, how much applying for settled status will cost EU nationals; and what support will be provided by the Government.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2229] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU published on 26 June 2017, whether work carried out abroad on behalf of UK universities or funded by UK research councils will be included in the five years continuous residence requirement EU nationals will have to fulfil to gain settled status after the UK has left the EU.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2230] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU published on 26 June 2017, whether work carried out abroad on behalf of UK firms will be included in the five years' continuous residence requirement EU nationals will have to fulfil to gain settled status after the UK has left the EU.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2231] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU published on 26 June 2017, when the Government plans to publish the specified date before which EU nationals must have been resident in the UK in order to qualify for settled status.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2232] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU published on 26 June 2017, when the Government plans to provide notification on how long qualifying EU citizens will be given to apply for new residence status.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2233] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department,

with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU published on 26 June 2017, what eligibility criteria will be required for EU nationals seeking settled status beyond five years of continued residency in the UK; and when those requirements will need to be met.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Government's policy paper (Cm 9464), which was laid before Parliament on 26 June, sets out our proposals that EU citizens who arrive in the UK before the specified date and have five years' continuous residence in the UK will be able to apply for UK settled status.

We will publish further detail on the specifics of the new application process for settled status, including detailed eligibility criteria, in due course. Regarding eligibility of time spent in the Crown Dependencies, this will also be specified in due course, but there is precedent in the Immigration Rules for counting time spent in the Crown Dependencies towards UK settlement when leave in the Crown Dependencies has been granted on a broadly equivalent basis as leave in the UK.

The specified "cut-off" date before which EU citizens must have been resident in the UK in order to qualify for settled status is a matter for negotiations with our European partners as part of delivering a reciprocal agreement. We are clear that the parameters are not earlier than the date we triggered Article 50 (29 March 2017), and no later than the date we leave the EU.

We will be establishing a new application process for EU citizens looking to secure settled status in the UK. Fees and charges are being considered as part of the negotiations. Our aim is to offer a streamlined and high quality service for everyone, keeping any fees at a reasonable level.

All EU citizens and their families who are resident in the UK before exit, regardless of when they arrived, will, on the UK's exit, have a grace period, which will be specified, but which we expect to be up to two years. During this period, they will need to obtain an immigration status in UK law in order to be able to remain lawfully in the UK. In due course, EU nationals may be required to produce a residence document for specified purposes, as evidence of their entitlement to work, access benefits and services.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-06-29/1984/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-06-29/2219/>

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Immigration: EU Nationals

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2234] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union: safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU published on 26 June 2017, what unilateral action the Government plans to take to provide EU nationals living in the UK with residency rights on failing to secure a reciprocal agreement on citizens' rights with the EU.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: It is the first responsibility of a Government to protect its own nationals, including those living overseas. Therefore in the current negotiations with the EU on citizens' rights the Government is seeking to ensure reciprocity. The Government will work with the EU to reach a deal which is fair and right. In view of the unanimous support across Europe for guaranteeing citizens' rights we are positive about a deal being reached.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-06-29/2234/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration: EU Nationals

The following six questions all received the same answer

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2271] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government's publication The United Kingdom's Exit from the European Union: Safeguarding the Position of EU Citizens Living in the UK and UK Nationals Living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether EU nationals who refuse to provide biometric information will be eligible to apply for settled status in the UK after the UK leaves the EU.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2274] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government's publication The United Kingdom's Exit from the

European Union: Safeguarding the Position of EU Citizens Living in the UK and UK Nationals Living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what estimate she has made of the costs of implementing the proposed immigration system for EU nationals after the UK has left the EU.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2275] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government's publication The United Kingdom's Exit from the European Union: Safeguarding the Position of EU Citizens Living in the UK and UK Nationals Living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, how many civil servants will be needed to administer the immigration system proposed for EU nationals after the UK has left the EU.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2277] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government's publication The United Kingdom's Exit from the European Union: Safeguarding the Position of EU Citizens Living in the UK and UK Nationals Living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, in which languages EU nationals seeking settled status in the UK will be able to submit an application.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2278] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government's publication The United Kingdom's Exit from the European Union: Safeguarding the Position of EU Citizens Living in the UK and UK Nationals Living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what the effect is on an EU national's settled status of working for a UK employer outside the UK for more than two years.

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2308] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper The United Kingdom's Exit from the European Union: Safeguarding the position of EU Citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether non-family members with dependent British adults or children retain the right to reside in the UK following the country's exit from the EU.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Government's policy paper (Cm 9464), which was laid before Parliament on 26 June, sets out our proposals that European Union (EU) citizens who arrive in the UK before the specified date and have five years' continuous residence in the UK will be able to apply for UK settled status.

Work is underway to assess the proposed resources and costs required to implement the new settled status scheme.

The details of the settled status scheme will be subject to negotiations and a reciprocal deal with the EU. We will publish further detail on the specifics of the new application process for settled status, including detailed eligibility criteria, in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-06-30/2271/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-06-30/2274/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-06-30/2308/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

Immigration: EU Nationals

Stephen Gethins (SNP) [2449] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Government's publication entitled The United Kingdom's Exit from the European Union: Safeguarding the Position of EU Citizens Living in the UK and UK Nationals Living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, when the length of the grace period referred to in paragraph 24 will be specified for EU nationals resident in the UK at the time the UK leaves the EU.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Government's policy paper (Cm 9464), which was laid before Parliament on 26 June, sets out our proposals that European Union (EU) citizens who arrive in the UK before the specified date and have five years' continuous residence in the UK will be able to apply for UK settled status.

We will publish further detail on the specifics of the new application process for settled status, including specifying the length of the grace period, in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-03/2449/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration: EU Nationals

Hilary Benn (Labour) [2790] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether non-UK EU citizens living in the UK whose applications for settled status are refused will be required to leave the UK when the UK leaves the EU.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Government's policy paper (Cm 9464), which was laid before Parliament on 26 June, sets out that obtaining settled status will be subject to meeting certain requirements. The eligibility criteria will be set out in UK law, and will include a requirement for the applicant to have been resident in the UK for a set length of time and an assessment of conduct and criminality, including not being considered a threat to the UK.

We will continue to apply rules to exclude those who are serious or persistent criminals and those whom we consider a threat to the UK. Those who are refused settled status, unless they are covered by any of the exemptions that the Government puts in place or have another basis to remain in the UK, will no longer have permission to remain in the UK after we leave the EU.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-04/2790/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration: EU Nationals

Kate Green (Labour) [3007] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether the streamlined digital application process referred to in paragraph 35, page 12 will be available to EU citizens who do not have a passport.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Government's policy paper (Cm 9464), which was laid before Parliament on 26 June, sets out our proposals that European Union (EU) citizens who arrive in the UK before the specified date and have five years' continuous residence in the UK will be able to apply for UK settled status.

The details of the settled status scheme will be subject to negotiations. We will

publish further detail on the specifics of the new application process for settled status, including detailed eligibility criteria and requirements, in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-05/3007/>

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Immigration: EU Nationals

Hywel Williams (Plaid Cymru) [3034] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the cost of creating a new (a) application process and (b) online system for EU citizens to obtain settled status in the UK.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: On 28 June the Government published its offer for EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU on their rights and status after the UK leaves the EU.

The immigration system that will operate after the UK leaves the EU will be agreed by the process of negotiation that is now underway between the UK and our partners in the EU. Once the details of that system have been agreed, the Home Office will ensure that the necessary resources will be available to implement and operate the system effectively and efficiently, alongside all other aspects of the Government's existing plans to transform the operation of the immigration system.

The Government will provide further detail in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-05/3034/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

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Immigration

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3555] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, how continuous residence in paragraph 6 of his Department's policy paper entitled Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, is defined.

Reply from Robin Walker: Any EU citizen in the UK before the specified date with five years' continuous residence will be able to apply for UK settled status. Other EU citizens who arrive before the specified date will be able to stay until they have the five years' residence to apply for UK settled status.

Five years' continuous residence is the period in EU law required, in most cases, for acquiring permanent residence status, and also under UK law for non-EEA nationals acquiring indefinite leave to remain.

It is considered across the immigration system to be the period of time when an individual is fully integrated, and has contributed enough to the UK economy and society for restrictions on their immigration status to be lifted and for them to be able to settle here permanently.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3555/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

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Immigration: EU Nationals

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3556] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to paragraph 6 of his Department's policy paper entitled Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published

on 26 June 2017, what rights and entitlements a non-UK EU citizen will have who arrived in the UK before the specified date but has not lived in the UK for five years.

Reply from Robin Walker: Those EU citizens who arrived and became a resident before the specified date but who have not accrued five years' continuous residence at the time of the UK's exit will be able to apply for temporary status in order to remain resident in the UK until they have accumulated five years, after which they will be eligible to apply for settled status.

EU citizens on this pathway to settled status will continue to be able to access the same benefits that they can access now. If these individuals go on to acquire settled status, they will then be able to access benefits on the same terms as comparable UK residents.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3556/>

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Immigration: EU Nationals

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3557] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to paragraph 6 of his Department's policy paper entitled, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether family dependents of non-UK EU citizens in the UK who arrive after the specified date will be subject to the immigration rules in respect of their family members.

Reply from Robin Walker: Family members of eligible EU citizens resident in the UK before we leave the EU will be able to apply for settled status after five years, whether they are EU or non-EU citizens. They will be subject to the same rules that apply to non-EU nationals joining British citizens, or alternatively to the post-exit immigration arrangements for EU citizens who arrive after the specified date.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3557/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

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Immigration: EU Nationals

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3558] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to paragraph 35 of his Department's policy paper entitled, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what evidence non-UK EU nationals will need to provide in order to prove five years' residence and obtain settled status.

Reply from Robin Walker: The Government intends to make the process as streamlined as possible for all individuals. We intend to use existing government data, such as income records, to minimise the burden of documentary evidence required (for example, to prove continuous residence). It is likely that those EU citizens and their family members who wish to take advantage of the streamlined digital process will need to provide evidence of their passport to prove their identity.

More details on the new scheme will be provided once agreement is reached with the EU. We intend to make the new application process as user friendly as possible.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3558/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

Immigration

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3559] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to paragraph 37 of his Department's policy paper entitled, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether the criteria for obtaining settled status will differ from that for obtaining permanent residence currently; and if he will make a statement.

Reply from Robin Walker: The two essential conditions an EU national must meet in order to obtain settled status are firstly, that they have been resident in the UK for 5 years and secondly, that they are not considered to be a threat to the UK, through an assessment of conduct and criminality.

The application process will be as streamlined and user-friendly as possible. Further details will be published in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3559/>

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Immigration: EU Nationals

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3560] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what plans he has in respect of the (a) residence and (b) acquired EU rights of non-UK EU nationals who have previously lived in the UK but are no longer resident in the UK.

Reply from Robin Walker: Those who have been living in the UK for five years before the specified date and want to continue to make the UK their home will be able to apply for settled status to stay indefinitely after we exit.

As is the case for those holding permanent residence status under EU law, those who have already lived in the UK for over five years but were not present at the time of the specified date will still be eligible for settled status if that absence was less than two consecutive years.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3560/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3562] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, whether the Government plans to implement any of the proposals in his Department's policy paper entitled, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017 before the conclusion of the negotiations on the UK leaving the EU.

Reply from Robin Walker: We are planning to set up an application process before we leave the EU to enable those who wish to do so to get their new settled status at their earliest convenience. For those who have already obtained a certificate of their permanent residence, we will seek to make sure that the application process for settled status is as streamlined as possible.

The UK Government and the Commission have stated that providing certainty to citizens is a priority. This is why we want to reach a reciprocal agreement for EU citizens in UK and UK nationals in the EU as quickly as possible. It is already

clear that there is much common ground between the UK and EU positions and we are confident that we can reach an agreement on this important issue early in negotiations.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3562/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3561] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what his proposals mean for the (a) residence and (b) acquired EU rights of UK nationals who have previously lived in another EU Member State but are no longer resident in that country.

Reply from Robin Walker: For those who have been living in the UK for five years and want to continue to make the UK their home, they will be able to apply for settled status to stay indefinitely after we exit.

As is the case for those holding permanent residence status under EU law, for those who have already lived in the UK for over five years but were not present at the time of the specified date, they will still be eligible for settled status if that absence was for less than two consecutive years.

We have also been clear that we want to secure a reciprocal agreement for UK nationals in the EU which could apply in the same way.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3561/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

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Immigration: EU Nationals

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3564] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, which rights accruing from EU citizenship non-UK EU nationals will lose as a result of transitioning to the settled status outlined in his Department's policy document entitled, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017.

Reply from Robin Walker: Until the UK's exit, EU citizens resident here will continue to enjoy the rights they have under EU Treaties. After we leave the EU, we will create new rights in UK law for qualifying EU citizens which will be enforceable in the UK legal system. EU citizens that acquire settled status will have access to UK benefits, pensions, healthcare and other rights on the same basis as a comparable UK national.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3564/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3596] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to paragraph 36 of his Department's policy paper entitled Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether the fee to apply for settled status will exceed the current fee to

make an application for a permanent residence document.

Reply from Robin Walker: Fees and charges are being considered as part of the negotiations. Our aim is to offer a streamlined and high quality service for everyone, keeping fees at a reasonable level. We will make the process as streamlined as possible for all individuals, including those who already hold a residence document under current free movement rules. As set out in the paper, we will publish further details in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3596/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3597] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, what legal status he plans to accord the policy proposals contained in that paper; and what plans he has to ensure the enforceability of those rights.

Reply from Robin Walker: The policy proposals contained in the paper outline our fair and serious offer to citizens. Following negotiations, agreements will be enshrined in UK law and enforceable through the UK judicial system, up to and including the Supreme Court. We are also ready to make commitments in the Withdrawal Agreement which will have the status of international law.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3597/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3710] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of her Department's capacity to implement the policy proposals outlined in her Department's policy paper Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Government set out its fair and serious offer to EU nationals living in the UK on 28 June. Negotiations on the nature and shape of the immigration system that will operate after UK exit from the EU have started with our EU partners. The Home Office currently processes several million immigration decisions each year. The necessary resources will be made available to implement and operate the new system for both those EU nationals already here and those that wish to come in future, alongside delivery of the Government's existing plans to transform the operation of the immigration system. The Government will provide further detail in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-07/3710/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3763] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for permanent residence are processed each day by her Department.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: There is no published data which provides the information for the number of applications for permanent residence processed on a daily basis.

Statistics on outcomes of applications for documents certifying permanent residence for European Union (EU) nationals are published quarterly in the Immigration Statistics. These include data for documents issued, refusals and applications deemed invalid and hence rejected. The most recent edition (Immigration Statistics January to March 2017, European Economic Area data table ee_02_q,) is available at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/615174/eea-jan-mar-2017-tables.ods

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-10/3763/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3782] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to paragraph 6 of her Department's policy paper, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether applicants for settled status will be required to pass the citizenship test.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Applicants for settled status after EU exit will not be required to pass a citizenship test.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-10/3782/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Immigration: EU Nationals

Paul Blomfield (Labour) [3787] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, with reference to paragraph 6 of his Department's policy paper, Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU, published on 26 June 2017, whether the rights accrued by those who obtain settled status in the UK will be for life.

Reply from Robin Walker: EU citizens who obtain settled status and remain resident in the UK will have no immigration conditions placed on their residence in the UK, be able to work or study here freely, live permanently in the UK with a partner who has settled status or is a UK national, and have access to benefits and public services in line with UK nationals.

The proposed arrangements will be enshrined in UK law and enforceable through the UK judicial system, up to and including the Supreme Court. We are also ready to make commitments in the Withdrawal Agreement which will have the status of international law.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-10/3787/>

The policy paper referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/621848/60093_Cm9464_NSS_SDR_Web.pdf

Refugees: Bank Services

Vicky Foxcroft (Labour) [3377] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions her Department has had with the British Bankers' Association on the process of opening a bank account for refugees who have been granted asylum in the UK.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: Home Office officials met with the British Bankers' Association to discuss a range of issues, including the process of opening a bank

account for refugees.

To help refugees to prove their identity, when an individual is granted refugee status by the Home Office they are issued with a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) as proof of the holder's right to stay, work or study in the UK.

How firms verify their customers' identities is not stipulated in law or by the regulator. Banks may ask for driving licences and passports as forms of identification, as they are the most commonly encountered documents, but banks are not required to demand sight of them, and are encouraged to act reasonably and consider a wide range of other forms of identification.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3377/>

Refugees: Syria

The following two questions both received the same answer

Caroline Lucas (Green) [3739] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the extension of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme will include people leaving Syria of Palestinian nationality and origin; and whether she has had discussions with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency on the inclusion of such people.

Grahame Morris (Labour) [3938] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Written Statement, HCWS23, published on 3 July 2017, on resettlement, if the Government will take referrals from the UN Relief and Works Agency in order to ensure that people of Palestinian nationality and origin can be included.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The extended scope of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme will make it accessible to the most vulnerable refugees in the Middle East and North Africa region who have fled the Syrian conflict, regardless of their nationality. This may include individuals who are Palestinian and stateless, if they are genuine refugees and cannot seek the protection of their country of origin.

We will continue to rely on UNHCR to identify and refer the most vulnerable refugees but will no longer limit the scheme solely to those with Syrian nationality.

We are working out the operational details with our international partners.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-10/3739/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-10/3938/>

The written statement referred to above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-07-03/HCWS23/>

Asylum: Children

Heidi Allen (Conservative) [3686] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the oral contribution of the Minister of State, Home Office of 29 June 2017, HL 783, column 551, whether local authorities with capacity to care for a greater number of unaccompanied children than that set out under the provisions of section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 and the Written Ministerial Statement made on 26 April 2017, HCWS 619, will be able to apply to do so.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Government welcomes all offers from local authorities with capacity to look after unaccompanied asylum seeking children. We will continue to utilise these offers to fulfil all of our existing commitments, including ensuring a more equal allocation of unaccompanied children across the country through the National Transfer Scheme.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-07/3686/>

The written statement referred to above can be read at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-04-26/HCWS619/>

Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 referred to above can be read at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2016/19/section/67>

Asylum: Children

Gavin Newlands (SNP) [3378] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unaccompanied children have been transferred under section 69 of the Immigration Act 2016 in the last six months.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The National Transfer Scheme was launched on 1 July 2016 and has been working to ensure a fairer allocation of unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) across the UK. A significant number of local authorities have participated in the scheme and enabled the transfer of children away from local authorities with a disproportionate number of UASC in their care.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3378/>

Dungavel House Immigration Removal Centre

Lisa Cameron (SNP) [2563] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what procedures are in place to ensure human rights legislation is complied with in respect of detainees in Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Human Rights Act 1998 requires that primary and subordinate legislation must be given effect in a way that is compatible with the Convention rights defined in Act.

Detainees in the immigration detention estate, including those in Dungavel immigration removal centre (IRC), must be treated in accordance with the Detention Centre Rules 2001, the operating standards for IRCs and Detention Services Orders.

Service providers for IRCs are contractually required to comply with all relevant UK legislation.

IRCs are subject to statutory oversight by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons and by Independent Monitoring Boards who are both members of the National Preventative Mechanism comprising a group of independent bodies which monitor the treatment of and conditions for detainees.

This contributes to the UK's response to its international obligations under the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT).

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-03/2563/>

Human Trafficking

Barbara Keeley (Labour) [2922] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police raids on care homes in (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland resulted in potential victims of human trafficking being taken by the police to reception centres in each of the last three years; and if she will make a statement.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The National Crime Agency holds the data collected on victims of modern slavery through the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). The NRM is the process that identifies and supports victims of modern slavery. Modern slavery includes but is not limited to human trafficking, domestic servitude and labour exploitation.

In 2016, UK police forces identified and referred 914 potential victims of modern slavery into the NRM. The NRM statistics published break down the referrals made by their local constabulary. Data on the context in which the police identify

the potential victim of modern slavery is not published. The NRM statistics for 2012-2016 can be viewed on the National Crime Agency website:

<http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/publications/national-referral-mechanism-statistics>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-04/2922/>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer

Refugees: Iraq

The Lord Bishop of Southwark [HL410] Her Majesty's Government how many Iraqi refugees they have resettled since 2014 under (1) the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme (VCRS), and (2) other global resettlement schemes such as Gateway and Mandate.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Home Office is committed to publishing data in an orderly way as part of the regular quarterly Immigration Statistics, in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. The Government has committed to resettling to the UK up to 3,000 individuals under the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme (VCRS). Data on the number of people who have been resettled under this scheme will be published in future releases of the Home Office's immigration quarterly statistics. Latest statistics published on 25 May confirmed that a total of 360 Iraqis have been resettled to the UK under the Gateway scheme, and 18 under the Mandate scheme, during the period 1 January 2014 until 31 March 2017.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-07-03/HL410/>

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UN-backed roadmap shows how to improve situation of separated refugee children in Europe

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<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/security-firm-running-dungavel-detention-10805455>

Woman facing deportation wins reprieve after PM told child faces threat of FGM

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/469684/woman-facing-deportation-wins-reprieve-after-pm-told-child-faces-threat-of-fgm/>

Woman facing deportation wins reprieve after Theresa May told child faces female genital mutilation on return

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/lola-ilesanmi-theresa-may-female-genital-mutilation-a7842366.html>

Woman who fears daughter faces FGM gets deportation reprieve

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/jul/14/woman-who-fears-daughter-faces-fgm-gets-deportation-reprieve>

We came from Romania to build a life, and were locked up for sleeping rough

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/immigration-brexit-yarls-wood-a7832456.html>

Illegal immigrants able to enter Britain unchallenged because there are no checks at half of small ports

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/12/illegal-immigrants-able-enter-britain-unchallenged-no-checks/>

'I'm sentenced to die alone': Torture victim forced to watch his son grow up on Skype due to UK immigration policy

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/david-lordkipanidze-torture-victim-forced-watch-child-grow-up-skype-uk-immigration-policy-a7841656.html>

Grenfell Tower survivors 'must have total immigration amnesty'

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/jul/15/grenfell-immigrant-survivors-permanent-residency-motion>

Grant residency rights to undocumented Grenfell Tower survivors, say councillors

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-4700654/Grant-residency-rights-undocumented-Grenfell-Tower-survivors-say-councillors.html>

Grenfell Tower fire: Government immigration amnesty is a 'trap' to harvest survivors' data, warns Liberty

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/grenfell-tower-fire-government-immigration-amnesty-trap-survivors-data-liberty-latest-a7834061.html>

Far-right group sends ship to confront boats rescuing refugees in Mediterranean 'and take them back to Africa'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/anti-immigrant-ship-mediterranean-ngo-ships-refugee-crisis-migrant-boats-people-smugglers-defend-a7838731.html>

Far-Right group sends ship to Mediterranean to confront 'criminal' rescue vessels and block migrants

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/13/far-right-group-sends-ship-mediterranean-confront-criminal-rescue/>

Meet Poland's top diplomat in Scotland who's on a mission to register Poles to vote

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15413734.Poles_apart_Very_much_a_part_of_Scottish_society_Poland_s_top_diplomat_has_ensured/

Nominations now open for the Integration Awards 2017

<http://www.integrationawards.uk/>

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Equality

Scottish Parliament Written Answers

Gypsy/Travellers

S5W-09742 John Finnie (Green): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish details of the work that it (a) carries out and (b) is planning in each policy area regarding Gypsy/Travellers.

Reply from Angela Constance: Policy information on Gypsy/Travellers is published on the Scottish Government's Equality webpage at:

<https://beta.gov.scot/policies/equality/gypsy-travellers/>.

Furthermore, we plan to publish a Gypsy/Traveller Strategic Programme of Work

document in Autumn 2017, which will bring together all the relevant policies across Scottish Government that help secure improved outcomes for the community.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-09742>

Gypsy/Travellers

S5W-09743 John Finnie (Green): To ask the Scottish Government what Gypsy/Traveller sites its officials have visited in the last six months; when the visits took place, and to whom did they speak.

Reply from Angela Constance: Scottish Government officials visited four Gypsy/Traveller sites: Inverness on 31 March, Larkhall on 12 April, Edinburgh on 9 May and Banff on 16 May. They engaged with site managers, liaison officers and directly with members of the Gypsy/Traveller community.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-09743>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Art Works: Ethnic Groups

Chi Onwurah (Labour) [3589] To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the representation of BME people in (a) the Royal Collection and (b) the national collection of art; and what proportion of those portrayed in the visual arts in each of those collections are BME.

Reply from John Glen: The Department does not hold the data requested.

The Government is clear that it expects DCMS-sponsored museums to represent our diverse society in their artistic talent, workforce and audiences. DCMS-sponsored museums and galleries that actively collect and commission works of art are taking steps to interpret and add to their existing collections in ways that reflect contributions of black and minority ethnic (BME) people

The Royal Collection is a private art collection of the British Royal Family. The Royal Collection Trust is responsible for its acquisitions.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3589/>

Press Release

Ban on wearing face covering in public in Belgium did not violate Convention rights

<http://tinyurl.com/y7awt5hr>

News

Schools need 68,000 extra BME teachers to reflect population

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-40568987>

European Court of Human Rights upholds Belgium's ban on burqas and full-face Islamic veils

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/belgium-burqa-ban-upheld-european-court-of-human-rights-dakir-v-full-face-islamic-veils-headscarf-a7835156.html>

Belgian ban on Muslim full-face veil is legal, European Court of Human Rights rules
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/11/belgian-ban-full-face-veil-legal-european-court-human-rights/>

Belgian ban on wearing full-face veils in public is legal: European court upholds ruling that outlawing burkas is a 'necessary restriction in a democratic society'
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4685148/Belgian-ban-wearing-face-veils-public-legal.html>

Belgian burka ban necessary in democratic society, rules European court
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/belgian-burka-ban-necessary-in-democratic-society-rules-european-court-vt8zzpfw5>

Ofsted fights Muslim school's segregation of boys and girls
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-07-12/news/ofsted-fights-muslim-school-s-segregation-of-boys-and-girls-lc9fg8hjh>

Splitting sexes at break time 'is apartheid': Ofsted chief inspector brands a Muslim school's gender segregation policy unlawful and says it leaves girls 'unprepared for life in modern Britain'
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4685388/Muslim-school-s-gender-segregation-branded-unlawful.html>

Black beauty will be political until the day it is seen as normal
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jul/10/black-beauty-political-normal-hair-parliament-fashion-awards>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Antisemitism

S5W-09962 John Finnie (Green): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-09667 by Angela Constance on 26 June 2017, whether it will provide the information that was requested regarding which organisations asked it to adopt the International Holocaust Memorial Trust's working definition of anti-Semitism, and what issues it identified with the previous definition.

Reply from Angela Constance: Scottish Government officials met with the Scottish Council for Jewish Communities and the Community Security Trust to discuss the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of anti-Semitism, which is based on the definition published by the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) in 2005.

Adopting this definition will help to inform our work in this area and as I confirmed in my previous answer, the Scottish Government will continue to work with representatives to support the needs of the Jewish communities to build strength and eliminate fear in Scotland.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-09962>

The written answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-09667>

UK Parliament Debate

UK Elections: Abuse and Intimidation

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2017-07-12/debates/577970DD-1AEF-4071-8AE0-3E3FC6753C6A/UKElectionsAbuseAndIntimidation>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Universities: Hate Crime

Matthew Offord (Conservative) [2454] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department has published on preventing speakers intending to incite hate being given a platform on university campuses.

Reply from Joseph Johnson: Universities are required to balance their freedom of speech duty alongside other legal responsibilities, such as laws against different types of speech that can incite hatred. This includes the statutory Prevent duty. The government has published statutory guidance on Prevent (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>) explaining that universities are required to consider the impact and mitigations needed to host a particular speaker and whether their views constitute extremist views and risk drawing people into terrorism.

The sector takes these issues seriously and has produced a variety of helpful guidance for hosting speakers. This includes the Universities UK guidance: *Freedom of speech on campus* (<http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2011/freedom-of-speech-on-campus.pdf>)

and *External speakers in higher education institutions*

(<http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2013/external-speakers-in-higher-education-institutions.pdf>).

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-03/2454/>

Schools: Hate Crime

Anna Turley (Labour) [3599] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what systems are in place for schools reporting hate incidents occurring in the classroom.

Reply from Nick Gibb: Schools are required by law to have behaviour and safeguarding policies. Schools should record and deal with incidents according to those policies and are held to account for how they do so by Ofsted. The Department for Education's statutory safeguarding guidance, 'Keeping children safe in education' (September 2016), is clear that if staff have any concerns about a child, or think that the child is in danger, they should speak to the school's designated safeguarding lead.

The Department's 'Preventing and Tackling Bullying' guidance (July 2017) sets out that some types of harassing or threatening behaviour or communications could constitute a criminal offence. When school staff feel that an offence may have been committed, they should seek assistance from the police.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3599/>

"Keeping children safe in education" referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/550511/Keeping_children_safe_in_education.pdf

"Preventing and Tackling Bullying" referred to above can be read at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/623895/Preventing_and_tackling_bullying_advice.pdf

Race Relations: Education

Anna Turley (Labour) [3605] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on how many schools teach anti-racism education; and what assessment her Department has made of the quality of that education.

Reply from Nick Gibb: We do not hold data on how many schools teach anti-racism education. Every school is different and each school will face its own challenges. Schools have the autonomy to tailor their approach to tackling these issues and to take action according to their individual requirements.

The Equality Act introduced the Public Sector Equality Duty. Under this duty, state funded schools must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people with protected characteristics and none.

The National Curriculum also provides many opportunities to raise awareness of racial and religious diversity and tolerance.

Teaching about racism and discrimination can be included as part of the statutory programme of study for citizenship education at ages 11-16 in maintained schools. Citizenship education should include the development of pupils' understanding of the diverse national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the United Kingdom and the need for mutual respect and understanding.

Schools are also free to teach about racism in personal, social, health, economic (PSHE) education, where pupils can reflect on and challenge notions of prejudice. Schools are already expected to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and, as part of this, fundamental British values, including the values of mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. This is at the heart of their responsibility to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3605/>

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

Matthew Offord (Conservative) [3151] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to include (a) antisemitism and (b) Islamophobia in the personal, social and health education curriculum.

Reply from Nick Gibb: The Government is committed to tackling religious discrimination and racism, and to ensure that we have an inclusive society where everyone is treated with respect and fairness.

The National Curriculum provides many opportunities to raise awareness of racial and religious diversity and tolerance. Good quality religious education can develop pupils' knowledge of the values and traditions of Britain and other countries, and foster understanding among different faiths and cultures. Religious education remains compulsory for all state funded schools, including academies and free schools, at all Key Stages.

Holocaust education is a mandatory topic in the Key Stage 3 National Curriculum for history. This can be used to explore issues such as anti semitism and attitudes and hate crimes related to other races and faiths.

Teaching about discrimination can also be included as part of the statutory programme of study for citizenship education at ages 11-16 in maintained schools.

Schools are also already expected to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and, as part of this, fundamental British values, including the values of mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. This is at the heart of their responsibility to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain.

Schools are free to teach about religious discrimination as well as racism in Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education, where pupils can

reflect on and challenge notions of prejudice.

The Children and Social Work Act (2017) allows the Secretary of State for Education to make PSHE education, or elements therein, mandatory in all schools in England, subject to careful consideration. The Department will be conducting a thorough engagement process on the scope and content of PSHE, involving a wide range of interested stakeholders. We will set out more details shortly about the engagement process and the work to consider subject content.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-05/3151/>

Social Media: Hate Crime

The following four questions all received the same answer

John Mann (Labour) [3682] To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with social media companies on the adoption of a consistent approach to reporting and removing hate speech across all platforms.

John Mann (Labour) [3683] To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with social media companies on educating their employees on (a) antisemitic, (b) Islamophobic and (c) racist images or discourse on their platforms.

John Mann (Labour) [3684] To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with social media companies to agree a single working definition of hate crime between all platforms.

John Mann (Labour) [3685] To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with social media companies to ensure that they comply with their terms of service on removing offensive content including hate speech from their platforms.

Matt Hancock: We regularly meet major social media companies to discuss online harm and other issues.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-07/3682/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-07/3683/>

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-07/3684/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-07/3685/>

Prisons: Education

Ellie Reeves (Labour) [3452] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what programmes his Department sponsors across the prison system to educate prisoners against (a) racism, (b) anti-Semitism, (c) Islamophobia and (d) homophobia.

Reply from Sam Gyimah: All new prisoners go through a local induction programme that promotes tolerance for protected characteristics. It also advises on the process for reporting incidents in prison that might be considered hate crimes through the prisoner complaint system or to prison staff. The Thinking Skills Programme encourages participants to develop pro-social attitudes and manage relationships with other people. There are no specific sponsored programmes for educating prisoners on these issues.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3452/>

Prisoners: Rehabilitation

Ellie Reeves (Labour) [3463] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, which organisations have been given clearance to run educational activities on hate crime, racism or discrimination as part of prisoner rehabilitation work.

Reply from Sam Gyimah: There are currently no external organisations delivering specific educational activities on Hate Crime, racism or discrimination as part of prisoner rehabilitation work.

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3463/>

New Publications

Follow-up review on police handling of allegations of discrimination

https://www.ipcc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research_stats/Discrimination_report_2017.pdf

No respect: Young BAME men, the police and stop and search

<http://criminaljusticealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/No-Respect-290617.pdf>

National Antisemitic Crime Audit 2016

<https://antisemitism.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/National-Antisemitic-Crime-Audit-2016-1.pdf>

Visible Minorities, Invisible Teachers BME Teachers in the Education System in England

<https://www.nasuwf.org.uk/uploads/assets/uploaded/08e0cb00-dbc4-4775-abe43c3080a5dcd0.pdf>

News

PM orders inquiry into intimidation of MPs during general election

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/jul/12/pm-orders-inquiry-into-intimidation-experienced-by-mps-during-election>

Theresa May announces independent review into 'horrific' election abuse suffered by MPs

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/12/theresa-may-announces-independent-review-horrific-abuse-suffered/>

Theresa May promises action on abuse of election candidates

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-07-12/news/theresa-may-promises-action-on-abuse-of-election-candidates-hlk306m7j>

MP Anne Marie Morris suspended for racist remark

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-40555639>

Tory MP Anne Marie Morris suspended following racism row

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/tory-mp-anne-marie-morris-suspended-following-racism-row-1-4499919>

Tory MP Anne Marie Morris suspended over use of N-word

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15401667.Tory_MP_Anne_Marie_Morris_suspended_over_use_of_N_word/

Tory MP Anne Marie Morris suspended over use of N-word

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/466312/call-to-remove-whip-from-tory-mp-who-used-n-word-in-brexit-remarks/>

Tory MP slammed for n*** racial slur in Brexit meeting**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/tory-mp-slammed-n-racial-10772558>

Tory backbencher's racist slur over EU shows the ugly side of politics that lingers in the wake of Brexit

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/torys-racist-slur-over-eu-10772463>

Anne Marie Morris suspended: Theresa May takes action after Tory MP uses N-word

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/anne-marie-morris-suspended-racist-n-word-mp-brexit-term-theresa-may-response-latest-a7834296.html>

Tory Brexiteer describes UK leaving EU without deal as 'real n*** in the woodpile'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/tory-brexiteer-uk-leaving-eu-without-deal-n-word-in-the-woodpile-anne-marie-morris-newton-abbott-a7833786.html>

After hearing Anne Marie Morris's racist comment, I didn't even feel angry. It's happened too many times before

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/anne-marie-morris-racist-comment-woodpile-parliament-tories-prejudice-n-word-a7835161.html>

MP who used phrase 'n-----r in the woodpile' made a 'slip of the tongue' and is 'absolutely mortified'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/11/mp-used-phrase-n-r-woodpile-made-a-slip-tongue-absolutely/>

Theresa May's majority is reduced further after she suspends MP for using phrase 'n-----r in the woodpile'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/10/tory-mp-describes-leaving-eu-without-deal-real-nr-woodpile/>

Tories suspend MP who used n-word at Brexit meeting

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-07-11/news/tories-suspend-mp-who-used-n-word-at-brexit-meeting-anne-marie-morris-bvfng5qgg>

Even Big Brother has kicked people out for using the N-word – what the hell is Theresa May waiting for?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/anne-marie-morris-conservative-party-racism-house-of-commons-a7835511.html>

School bullies chanted Isis' at Muslim girl

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-07-12/news/school-bullies-chanted-isis-at-muslim-girl-z93rp2377>

Racist banner with derogatory comments about Celtic star Scott Sinclair causes mass outrage

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15403830.Racist_banner_with_derogatory_comments_about_Celtic_star_Scott_Sinclair_causes_mass_outrage/?ref=mrb&lp=5

Racist banner against Scott Sinclair ‘placed on Belfast bonfire’

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/racist-banner-against-scott-sinclair-placed-on-belfast-bonfire-1-4501039>

Rights chief and refugee charity slated by employment tribunal

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15406856.Rights_chief_and_refugee_charity_slated_by_employment_tribunal/

Mum who faced discrimination after taking maternity leave and her colleague win £26k payout from Scottish Refugee Council

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/mum-who-faced-discrimination-after-10786314>

Hate offences against Jews in Scotland reach worst level on record

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/hate-offences-against-jews-in-scotland-reach-worst-level-on-record-1-4505157>

Police and CPS ‘failing to protect British Jews from anti-Semitic crime’

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk-world/470032/police-and-cps-failing-to-protect-british-jews-from-anti-semitic-crime/>

Police and prosecutors ‘failing to protect British Jews from hate crime’, new data suggests

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/crown-prosecution-service-cps-campaign-against-antisemitism-hate-crime-home-secretary-amber-rudd-a7842616.html>

New report by CAA shows that antisemitic crime suited 44% in the last two years, but charging and prosecution dropped to only 15 prosecutions last year

https://antisemitism.uk/new-report-by-cao-shows-that-antisemitic-crime-surged-44-in-the-last-two-years-but-charging-and-prosecution-dropped-to-only-15-prosecutions-last-year/?mc_cid=8649167a32&mc_eid=a94f096a6b

Muslim man stopped and searched on way to mosque for ‘wearing too many clothes’

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/muslim-man-stop-search-mosque-wear-too-many-clothes-regent-s-park-mosque-muhammad-chamoune-police-a7837126.html>

Outrage over Orange hall Halloween partygoers dressed as Hitler and the Pope

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15413766.Outrage_over_Orange_hall_Halloween_partygoers_dressed_as_Hitler_and_the_Pope/

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EU (Withdrawal) Bill

<https://news.gov.scot/news/eu-withdrawal-bill>

EU Bill ‘doesn’t reflect reality of devolution’

<https://news.gov.scot/news/eu-bill-doesnt-reflect-reality-of-devolution>

UK Government Press Release

Exiting the EU with certainty

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/exiting-the-eu-with-certainty>

News

Scotland and Wales to withhold legislative consent from Theresa May's Brexit Repeal Bill, first ministers say

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brexit-great-repeal-bill-scotland-wales-carwyn-jones-nicola-sturgeon-theresa-may-legislative-consent-a7839706.html>

Scottish and Welsh leaders call repeal bill a 'naked power grab'

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/jul/13/scotland-wales-brexit-great-repeal-bill-naked-power-grab-nicola-sturgeon-carwyn-jones>

Theresa May warned Government faces 'hell' from opposition over Repeal Bill

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/13/theresa-may-warned-faces-labour-lib-dems-threaten-amend-great/>

Scots and Welsh leaders threaten to block Brexit laws

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/scots-and-welsh-leaders-threaten-to-block-brexit-laws-dqs8xl7z8>

Repeal Bill: 1,000 'corrections' to EU law will be made without MPs necessarily voting on them

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/repeal-bill-latest-news-eu-law-corrections-no-commons-vote-mps-say-theresa-may-conservatives-labour-a7839016.html>

Repeal Bill: What is it? Everything you need to know

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/great-repeal-bill-latest-news-brexit-white-paper-theresa-may-what-is-it-controversy-government-a7837731.html>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

New Publications

Justice in Scotland: Vision and Priorities

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00522274.pdf>

Justice Vision and Priorities. Delivery Plan 2017-18

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00522271.pdf>

Local Government Elections 2017: Composition of Councils

<https://sp-bpr-en-prod-cdneq.azureedge.net/published/2017/7/11/Local-Government-Elections-2017--Composition-of-Councils/%20Composition%20of%20Councils.pdf>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Child Benefit: Minority Groups

Matthew Offord (Conservative) [2456] To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to introduce a special circumstance dispensation for people from

religious minorities in relation to the payment of child benefit for a third or subsequent child.

Reply from Elizabeth Truss: The exceptions to the policy to limit support to a maximum of two children in Child Tax Credit were debated by the UK Parliament during the passage of the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016. The government's view is that the exceptions legislated for in Child Tax Credit cover the circumstances where parents or carers are not in the same position to make choices about the number of children in their family as others are, or who are fulfilling an important social function in providing homes for children who cannot be looked after by their own parents.

Claimants will still be entitled to an additional amount in Child Tax Credit in respect of any disabled children, regardless of the total number of children in the household.

Child Benefit will also continue to be paid regardless of family size, as the basis of the government's contribution towards the cost of bringing up a child.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-03/2456/>

Organs: Donors

Jonathan Ashworth (Labour) [3546] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what comparative assessment he has made of the number of BAME organ donors and longer transplant waiting times for patients from those backgrounds.

Reply from Jackie Doyle-Price: NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is the organ donor organisation for the United Kingdom and is responsible for promoting organ donation and the matching and offering of donated organs.

Patients from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities are more likely to need an organ transplant as they are more at risk of disease that require transplant of diabetes. The national deceased donor consent rate for the BAME community in 2016/17 is 35% compared to 66% in the white population and, on average, patients from BAME communities will wait a year longer for a kidney transplant than a white patient, due to the lack of suitable organs.

We remain committed to tackling this issue and supporting work to increase donation rates. It is encouraging that we have seen the highest increase in deceased donor and transplant rates from these communities, with increases of 27% and 15% respectively since 2013, but we need to do more and are actively looking at the best way to do this.

NHSBT has produced a comprehensive report on data for donors and patients from BAME communities for 2016/17, which can be found at:

https://nhsbt.dbe.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/4480/bame_organ_donation_and_transplantation_data.pdf

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-06/3546/>

Equality

Dawn Butler (Labour) [2771] To ask the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, if he will take steps to ensure that the interests of people from diverse communities are represented during the negotiations on the UK exiting the EU.

Reply from Steve Baker: DExEU Ministers continue to work closely with their colleagues across Government to ensure that we are speaking with a broad range of people, who reflect the diversity of the UK. The Department is also engaging, at both Ministerial and official level, with groups and organisations who support and represent the diverse communities of the UK. We will continue to hear from these groups throughout the negotiation process.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-04/2771/>

Sexual Offences: Ethnic Groups

Jim Shannon (DUP) [2672] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle violent sex abuse against women from Asian and Pakistani groups in the UK.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The Government recognises that sexual violence affects women from all communities across the UK. These are devastating crimes, and we are committed to ensuring that every victim has access to the specialist support they need, and that everything is done to bring offenders to justice. We want every report of rape to be treated seriously from the point of disclosure, every victim to be treated with dignity and every investigation and prosecution to be conducted thoroughly and professionally.

Our cross-Government violence against women and girls (VAWG) strategy recognises that some sectors of society, such as Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, can experience additional barriers to accessing support.

We have pledged increased funding of £100 million through to 2020 to support our commitment to tackling VAWG, including protecting funding to 85 Rape Support Centres and a new £17m VAWG Service Transformation Fund.

This increased funding and our support for local areas to improve commissioning will help to ensure that the needs of BAME victims are met through specialist support.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-04/2672/>

Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme

Andrew Gwynne (Labour) [2479] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Christian places of worship from each denomination in each region had applied for funding under the Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme, by 1 June 2017.

Reply from Sarah Newton: Since the scheme opened last year a total of 341 applications have been received. 286 of those were in the first year of the scheme, 228 of which were from the Christian places of worship. We received 55 applications in this year's round of the scheme, 21 of which were from Christian places of worship.

To read the lengthy table see

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-03/2479/>

Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme

Andrew Gwynne (Labour) [2480] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Islamic places of worship from each denomination had applied in each region for funding under the Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme by 1 June 2017.

Reply from Sarah Newton: Since the scheme opened last year a total of 341 applications have been received. 286 of those were in the first year of the scheme, 36 of which were from the Islamic places of worship. We received 55 applications in this year's round of the scheme, 26 of which were from Islamic places of worship.

Further information on each Islamic Centre or Mosque is not available

To read the lengthy table see

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-03/2480/>

Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme

Andrew Gwynne (Labour) [2481] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Jewish places of worship from each denomination had applied

for funding under the Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme by 1 June 2017 in each region.

Reply from Sarah Newton: Jewish places of worship are unable to apply under the places of worship security scheme as a separate commitment was already in place to fund Jewish community sites via a grant administered through the Community Security Trust (CST).

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-03/2481/>

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New Publication

What the Prevent duty means for schools and colleges in England: An analysis of educationalists' experiences

<http://eprints.hud.ac.uk/id/eprint/32349/1/The%20Prevent%20duty%20in%20Schools%20and%20Colleges%20Report.pdf>

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Other News

Glasgow midwife sees 150 FGM cases a year

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/glasgow-midwife-sees-150-fgm-cases-a-year-jgk0lh73w>

'Communities must show conviction in the fight against FGM'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/communities-must-show-conviction-in-the-fight-against-fgm-dtdccmsj2>

McMuslim TV Short Film Competition

<https://www.mcmuslim.tv/short-film-competition/>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Domestic Abuse Bill

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

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) Bill

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

Bills in Progress UK Parliament

Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill

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

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

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

EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill

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

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

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

Bill as introduced

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2017-2019/0005/18005.pdf>

Explanatory Notes

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2017-2019/0005/en/18005en.pdf>

Delegated Powers Memorandum

[https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2017-2019/0005/delegated%20powers%20memorandum%20for%20European%20Union%20\(Withdrawal\)%20Bill.pdf](https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2017-2019/0005/delegated%20powers%20memorandum%20for%20European%20Union%20(Withdrawal)%20Bill.pdf)

Information about the Repeal Bill

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/information-about-the-repeal-bill>

Technical note on implementing the EU withdrawal agreement

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/628116/Technical_note_implementing_the_withdrawal_agreement_FINAL.pdf

Guidance for businesses and organisations on the Repeal Bill

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-businesses-on-the-repeal-bill>

Privileges and immunities - position paper

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/627908/FINAL_HMG_Privileges_and_immunities_Position_PaperR.pdf

**** Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill**

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

Bill as introduced

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2017-2019/0057/18057.pdf>

First Reading, House of Lords

[http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-07-12/debates/E516AA74-BDBC-47DD-A6FE-5527E82971AB/ModernSlavery\(TransparencyInSupplyChains\)Bill\(HL\)](http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-07-12/debates/E516AA74-BDBC-47DD-A6FE-5527E82971AB/ModernSlavery(TransparencyInSupplyChains)Bill(HL))

Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill

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

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

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

** Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (Legal Advice and Appeals) Bill

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

Bill as introduced

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2017-2019/0053/18053.pdf>

First Reading, House of Lords

[http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-07-12/debates/B7AE5309-EA06-471B-AD27-35511686C427/UnaccompaniedAsylumSeekingChildren\(LegalAdviceAndAppeals\)Bill\(HL\)](http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-07-12/debates/B7AE5309-EA06-471B-AD27-35511686C427/UnaccompaniedAsylumSeekingChildren(LegalAdviceAndAppeals)Bill(HL))

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

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Revised Immigration Detention Expectations 2017 (closing date 24 July 2017)

<https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprison/about-hmi-prisons/current-consultations/>

Patient care in the NHS (closing date 9 August 2017)

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/105447.aspx>

Recommendation on Promoting social inclusion and shared values through formal and non-formal learning (closing date 11 August 2017)

http://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/social-inclusion-shared-values-learning_en#documents

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) Bill

(closing date 18 August 2017)

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/105570.aspx>

Implications of the Article 50 withdrawal process: Negotiations for Scotland

(closing date 18 August 2017)

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/bNSXXQq6LIUOr/>

Inquiry into Immigration (closing date 25 August 2017)

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/CLt5v51Fty7eL/>

Caste in Great Britain and Equality Law (closing date 18 September 2017)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consultation>

European Union's (EU) legislation on the legal migration of non-EU citizens (closing date 18 September 2017)

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/content/consultation-european-unions-eu-legislation-legal-migration-non-eu-citizens-fitness-check-eu_en

Social Enterprise Census 2017 (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SECensus2017>

Hate Crime and Prejudice Scotland Mapping Exercise (no closing date given)
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPT5PL>

Police Scotland: Your view counts (open all year)
<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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Funding Opportunities

** new or updated this week

Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017

No set closing date – applications will be accepted until the fund has been fully allocated

BEMIS Scotland in collaboration with the Scottish Government is delighted to continue the themed years programme and invite multicultural communities across Scotland to join the celebration of the 2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and the 2017/18 Scottish Winter Festivals.

This programme will enable Scotland's ethnic and cultural minority communities to participate in and enhance the dynamic celebrations which are taking place across Scotland.

Constituted charitable and non-profit organisations and community groups can apply for grants of between £250 and £1,000 to stage an event to tell the story of their community's history and heritage in Scotland using 'intangible cultural heritage' – for example: language, music, song, dance or storytelling.

For more information see

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-grant-guidelines.pdf>

For an application form see

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-application-form.docx>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

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BME women's experiences of work in Scotland

25 July 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-12.30)

27 July 2017 in Edinburgh (10.00-12.30)

Close the Gap focus groups to hear about barriers experienced by black and minority ethnic women in entering or progressing in the workplace, and how to realise equality for BME women at work. For information about the Glasgow event see <http://tinyurl.com/y8u2nz59>, and for the Edinburgh event see <http://tinyurl.com/y96ddz9r>

Rights and Entitlements of EEA Nationals

22 August 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

29 August 2017 in Perth (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training to provide information about housing, employment and welfare entitlements

of EEA nationals and explore how service users might prepare themselves to avoid possible threats of Brexit. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/> or contact training@positiveactionh.org

Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

22 August 2017 in Glasgow (1.30-4.30)

29 August 2017 in Perth (1.30-4.30)

PAiH training to explore how the asylum system works from the perspective of a claimant, the process involved in making a claim for asylum, the barriers faced in building a new life in Scotland, and entitlement to services. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/> or contact training@positiveactionh.org

Finding a New Home

22 August 2017 in Edinburgh (7.30-9.00)

Just Festival discussion about the challenges of welcoming people burdened with the weight of experiential and emotional baggage, and ways to make life in Scotland inclusive, productive and happy for anyone who settles here. For information see <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/GJFJJK>

Immigration Act 2016 – “The Hostile Environment” basics

5 September 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

PAiH training to ensure that people providing services to or working with immigrants have up to date information to make sure their clients are able to access services without delay and prepare for being excluded when it is inevitable. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/> or contact training@positiveactionh.org

Festival of Politics

19-21 October 2017 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh

<http://festivalofpolitics.scot/>

Black History Month 2017

19 October 2017 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (6.00-7.30)

Festival of Politics event to discuss Scotland’s role and the legacy of slavery and colonialism in the acknowledgement of an uncomfortable history. For information see <http://festivalofpolitics.scot/events/black-history-month-2017/>

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Workshop

25 October 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-1.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop to provide practical help and advice on how to create a meaningful Holocaust Memorial Day activity. Includes information about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and subsequent genocides, as well as challenges, such as hate crime, facing the UK today. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ydegrweb> or contact Rhys Prosser enquiries@hmd.org.uk

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.parliament.scot/>

Scottish Government <http://www.gov.scot/>

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

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

UK Government Honours system <https://www.gov.uk/honours/overview>

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

One Scotland <http://onescotland.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Volunteer Development Scotland <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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

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

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

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

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

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



BEMIS is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <http://www.bemis.org.uk/>



The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://www.gov.scot/>

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