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Westminster Ministerial Statement

Draft Immigration Bill

Phil Woolas (Minister for Borders and Immigration): The Government have today published the draft Immigration Bill. Copies of which are available in the Vote Office.

The Bill consolidates and simplifies nearly 40 years of legislation and will ensure that Parliament and not case law determines immigration policy. This Government have created a dedicated UK Border Agency which combines customs and immigration powers in a strong new border force at the frontier. We now count migrants in and out of the country to ensure visa compliance. The points-based system allows us to raise or lower the bar for entry to ensure that migration continues to benefit the United Kingdom and avoid the negative impacts of sudden change.

We need to ensure that the law which underpins our work is in the best shape to support a fair and effective immigration system. Our legal framework needs to reflect the changes we have made and support continuing reform. It must enable the system to work more efficiently and effectively.

In taking forward our reforms we have already made specific changes to the law which were necessary to support the wide-ranging changes of policy, process and organisation we have put in place. We have also been clear that a wider reform and consolidation of the whole legal framework for immigration from the Immigration Act 1971 to the most recent Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009, is now needed, to build on those changes and ensure that the law as a whole is clear, consistent and comprehensible.

Immigration law is very often subject to legal challenge. The current legislation needs to be considered together with the case-law which interprets that legislation. We now have an important opportunity for Parliament to take stock of what the law is and decide the path forward, bringing clarity to an increasingly difficult area of law.

The draft Bill we are publishing today is the next step in a continuing process to meet the objective of a simpler legal framework—thereby providing a clear basis for the operation of our controls, and increasing our effectiveness in protecting our borders and removing those who do not have our permission to be here. As this document makes clear, we began that process two years ago as part of the reform of the then immigration and nationality directorate and have consulted widely on our developing proposals. We are setting out now what we have achieved so far and what further work remains to be done. The draft Immigration Bill introduces new and far reaching concepts for the future immigration system strengthening our borders, simplifying immigration processes, and increasing our effectiveness at removing those who do not have permission to be in the UK.

To continue reading the lengthy statement see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091112/wmstext/91112m0001.htm#09111252000012>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

FOI Request (Immigration)

Chris Grayling: To ask the Minister for Borders and Immigration if he will make a statement on the Freedom of Information Act investigation into the withholding of immigration documents.

Reply from Phil Woolas (Minister for Borders and Immigration): This relates to a policy to clear a backlog of general immigration cases between 2002 and 2004. The incidents in question happened more than five years ago and were the subject of a full inquiry by Ken Sutton at the time, in 2004. The Home Office accepted that report in full and implemented all the recommendations made. The report can be read on the website and has been there since 2004.

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A request for information from a Mr. Steve Moxon was received in January 2005. We have followed the processes as set out in the Freedom of Information Act. Some information was released when first requested. As the Act allows, some information was initially withheld on the basis of an exemption under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The exemptions used were sections 36(2)(b)(i) and (ii), which relate to prejudice to the free and frank provision of advice and exchange of views. Those are qualified exemptions, subject to a public interest test, which means that they can be applied only where the public interest in disclosure is outweighed by that against. The decision was appealed by the individual under the process laid out in the Act. After consideration of that appeal, we upheld our decision.

In line with the procedures set out in legislation, the appellant exercised his right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. In March 2009, the Information Commissioner ruled that further information should be disclosed. We then released that information in April 2009.

To read the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091109/debtext/91109-0004.htm#0911096000003>

British Nationality: Assessments

Damian Green: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the average waiting time was for a person to take a British citizenship test in the most recent period for which figures are available. [297617]

Reply from Phil Woolas: The following tables show the current average waiting times for the Life in the UK Test.

<i>Waiting times for Life in the UK tests</i>									
<i>Percentage</i>									
	2009								
<i>Percentage of candidates taking the test within:</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>
Four weeks of booking	94.02	94.77	91.16	94.74	95.41	98.45	—	—	—
Eight weeks of booking	99.91	99.86	98.74	99.88	99.94	97.74	—	—	—
Average waiting time (days)	14.66	14.25	14.71	14.14	14.65	13.90	—	—	—

<i>Percentage</i>					
	2010				
<i>Percentage of candidates taking the test within:</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>Target</i>
Four weeks of booking	—	—	—	94.55	80
Eight weeks of booking	—	—	—	99.29	98
Average waiting time (days)	—	—	—	14.41	n/a

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091110/text/91110w0036.htm#09111081000128>

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British Nationality: Assessments

Damian Green[297618]: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people (a) took and (b) passed the life in the UK citizenship test in each month of 2009.

Reply from Phil Woolas: The following table breaks down the number of tests taken this year.

2009	Number of tests delivered	Passes
January	17,187	13,038
February	18,332	13,542
March	22,236	16,248
April	18,229	13,384
May	16,341	12,267
June	15,167	11,370
July	15,821	11,970
August	15,539	11,786
September	16,305	12,202
<i>Note:</i> October figures are not yet available.		

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091110/text/91110w0037.htm>

Immigration

Daniel Kawczynski: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department in how many cases an application for (a) asylum and (b) leave to remain was initially refused and subsequently granted following the intervention of an hon. Member in (i) 2005, (ii) 2006, (iii) 2007, (iv) 2008 and (v) 2009. [298108]

Reply from Phil Woolas: The Case Information Database (CID) used by the UK Border Agency records details of applications for asylum and leave to remain, including whether or not the application has been refused or granted. It also records details of any intervention in the case by an hon. Member, but not in such a way as to allow the automatic extraction of the data requested.

To establish this information, therefore, would require the manual examination of a large number of individual records at disproportionate cost.

The Home Office publishes statistics on decisions on applications for an extension of leave to remain on an annual basis, and on initial decisions on applications for asylum and on appeals on a quarterly and annual basis. National Statistics on immigration and asylum are placed in the Library of the House and are available from the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091110/text/91110w0037.htm#09111081000137>

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Immigration Controls

Damian Green [294097]: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many migrants entered the UK under each tier of the points-based immigration system in 2008.

Reply from Phil Woolas: The requested information is provided in the following table.

Passengers^(1,2) entering the United Kingdom under the Points Based System, 2008⁽³⁾ : United Kingdom	
	<i>Number of journeys</i>
Total Points Based System (inc dependants) ⁽⁴⁾	4,300
<i>Of which:</i>	
Main applicants	
Tier 1 Highly Skilled Workers	3,220
Tier 2 Skilled Workers General	*
Tier 5 Temporary Workers and Youth Mobility	25
Total PBS main applicants	3,240
Dependants	
Tier 1 Dependants	1,050
Tier 5 Dependants	5
Total PBS dependants	1,060
<p>⁽¹⁾ Figures rounded to the nearest three significant figures, except for figures less than 1,000, which are rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, * = 1 or 2). Figures may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding. ⁽²⁾ Excludes EEA and Swiss nationals. ⁽³⁾ Provisional figures. ⁽⁴⁾ The phased implementation of Tier 1 of the Points Based System took place between February 2008—June 2008 and Tiers 2 and 5 were implemented in November 2008. Source: Migration Statistics, Home Office</p>	

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091109/text/91109w0008.htm#09110938000018>

Entry Clearances: Religious Persons

Chris Huhne [295821]: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many applicants from each country seeking to visit the UK for the purpose of speaking in mosques have been (a) granted and (b) refused the right to visit the UK in each of the last five years.

Reply from Alan Johnson: The UK Border Agency is unable to identify from its records those visa applicants who wished to visit the UK for the specific purpose of speaking in mosques. There has been provision in the Immigration Rules since November 2008 for non-EEA nationals who wish to undertake some preaching or pastoral work in the UK to enter as business visitors. While the agency keeps a record of those applying for entry in this category, the category is open to applicants of all faiths and the agency cannot therefore identify Moslem applicants from others. The agency is also unable to identify from its records of visit visa applications prior to November 2008 those that were made for religious purposes.

Chris Huhne [295822]: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many imams from each country have been (a) granted and (b) refused the right to work in the UK in each of the last five years.

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Reply from Alan Johnson: While the UKBA can provide information on the numbers of non-EEA nationals who have been granted leave to enter or remain (1) prior to 27 November 2008, as a minister of religion, missionary or member of religious order; and (2) since 27 November 2008, as a minister of religion or temporary religious worker under the points based system, these immigration categories are open to applicants from all religious faiths and it is not possible to separately identify those applicants who were imams or of any other particular faith.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091110/text/91110w0037.htm#09111081000134>

Immigration Controls

Chris Grayling [294390]: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many and what proportion of sponsor licence applications have taken longer than four weeks to process in each of the last 36 months.

Reply from Alan Johnson: The start date for applications was 29 February 2008. Applications for processing were received from April 2008. The following table shows the number of sponsor licence applications that have taken longer than four weeks to process, expressed as a total and as a percentage of all sponsor licence applications processed.

To read the lengthy table see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091110/text/91110w0037.htm#09111081000138>

Entry Clearances

Andrew Rosindell [297721]: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many academic staff from each overseas country have applied for visas to (a) work and (b) lecture in the UK in each of the last 12 months; how many such applications were refused; and if he will make a statement.

Reply from Phil Woolas: There is provision in the Immigration Rules (paragraph 46G) for non-EEA nationals to enter as Business Visitors, including Academic Visitors. Prior entry clearance is only mandatory for visa nationals. Academics coming to participate in a conference or seminar where it is a single or occasional event, and the event is not a commercial venture, may enter as Academic Visitors. Those who intend to come to the UK solely to undertake a series of lectures for which they will receive a fee will normally be required to seek entry for employment purposes under Tier 2 of the Points Based System. Tier 2 applications from Academics cannot be separately identified.

The number of (1) applications received; (2) visas issued; and (3) visas refused in the Academic Visitor category in each of the last 12 months (October 2008 to September 2009) is shown in the following table. A separate table has been placed in the House of Commons Library which gives this information for each nationality.

To read the lengthy table see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091111/text/91111w0015.htm#09111184000040>

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Asylum

Jim Cousins: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department on what date the requirement for fresh submissions in asylum cases to be dealt with by personal interview in Liverpool will come into force; and whether financial assistance will be provided to asylum seekers for travel to Liverpool for this purpose. [296183]

Reply from Phil Woolas: On 14 October, we introduced a requirement for failed asylum seekers to make further submissions about their case in person, bringing the process in line with the process for making initial applications.

Failed asylum seekers who claimed asylum before 5 March 2007 are required to make any further submissions by appointment and in person at Liverpool Further Submissions Unit. We have been making appointments from 14 October.

Failed asylum seekers who claimed asylum on or after 5 March 2007 will be required to make further submissions in person at a specified reporting centre in their region. We will not make available travel expenses for people to travel to Liverpool to make further submissions as we do not do so for initial applications.

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people have been granted asylum in the UK in each of the last five years. [296245]

Reply from Phil Woolas: Information on the number of persons granted asylum at the initial decision stage of their application are available from table 2.2 of the Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 2008. This information excludes persons granted humanitarian protection and discretionary leave, the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions.

Information on asylum are published annually and quarterly. Annual statistics for 2008 is available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Research, Development and Statistics Directorate website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what proportion of persons granted asylum in the UK in each of the last five years were of each nationality. [296290]

Reply from Phil Woolas: The following table provides the proportion of persons granted asylum at the initial decision stage of their application, as a proportion of all persons granted asylum at their initial stage. This information excludes persons granted humanitarian protection and discretionary leave, the outcome of appeals or other subsequent decisions.

Information on asylum is published annually and quarterly. Annual statistics for 2008 are available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Research, Development and Statistics Directorate website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

To read the lengthy table see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091109/text/91109w0006.htm#09110938000002>

Asylum: Children

Brian Jenkins: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many unaccompanied asylum-seeking children from each ethnic group in each local authority area were being looked after by local authorities on the latest date for which figures are available. [297490]

Reply from Phil Woolas: Data on the specific ethnic group of asylum seeking children are not held centrally.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091109/text/91109w0007.htm#09110938000003>

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Asylum

Damian Green: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many asylum seekers were subject to age assessment procedures in each of the last five years. [297611]

Reply from Phil Woolas: The number of individuals whose age was officially recorded as “disputed” in the annual UK asylum statistics was as follows:

	<i>Age disputed cases</i>
2004	2,345
2005	2,425
2006	2,270
2007	1,915
2008	1,400

These figures will not include all those whose age has been assessed, as we do not record initial “visual” assessments on arrival, either by UKBA staff or social workers assisting them; nor do we record when local authorities conduct age assessments for their own purposes.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091109/text/91109w0007.htm>

Asylum

Tony Baldry [296409]: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many files relating to applications for refugee status the UK Border Agency has lost.

Reply from Phil Woolas: By definition, the exact number cannot be known. However the total number of the Agency's case files which are not currently recorded with a clear location is less than 0.2 per cent. of the overall file holding.

Neil Gerrard [295061]: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many applications for Section 4 support were (a) considered and (b) refused in each year since 2006.

Reply from Phil Woolas: Regularly published statistics on asylum show that in 2006 there were 6,025 decisions to grant support under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. In 2007 there were 6,705 decisions and in 2008 there were 9,110 decisions.

In 2006, 2,735 people were refused section 4 support. In 2007 the figure was 2,795 and in 2008 it was 1,290. These figures are not provided under National Statistics protocols and have been derived from local management information. They are therefore provisional and subject to change.

Statistics on section 4 support are published on a quarterly and annual basis. Control of Immigration 2008, is available from the Library of the House and on the Home Office Research Development and Statistics website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091110/text/91110w0036.htm#09111081000125>

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Immigration: Detainees

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, in accordance with Rule 35 of the Detention Centre Rules 2001, incoming immigration detainees are asked at their medical examination whether they have previously suffered torture. [HL5896]

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: Persons detained in the UK Border Agency detention estate are seen by a nurse and a medical practitioner within 24 hours of arrival. Under Rule 35 of the Detention Centre Rules 2001, the medical practitioner is required to report to the onsite UKBA manager any detained person who he is concerned may have been the victim of torture. We expect clinicians to exercise their professional judgment on how they elicit such information, but Rule 35 does not explicitly require them to ask every detainee.

Systems are in place to ensure that any such reports are promptly brought to the attention of the caseworker to allow for a review of the detention.

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government what guidelines exist for the movement at short notice of immigration detainees between detention centres; and under what circumstances such movement may occur. [HL5899]

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: The Detainee Escorting and Population Management Unit (DEPMU) is responsible for bed space management within the UK Border Agency's detention estate. The unit seeks to minimise movements within the estate in the interests of providing a settled regime and the efficient use of escorting resources.

Guidance is available to staff on how to prioritise movements, where they have to take place, and is aimed at supporting our core operational business of enforcing removals and ensuring we make best use of the bed space.

Movement of detainees around the estate is required for operational reasons, most often to:

- position detainees close to airports prior to removal; position detainees for court appearances; position detainees for hospital appointments;
- position detainees for embassy/documentation interviews;
- facilitate the movement of detainees to more secure locations for security/behavioural reasons; and
- ensure bed space is fully utilised.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91109w0002.htm#09110920000649>

Entry Clearances

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many applications for visas to enter the UK were refused in each of the last five years. [296209]

Reply from Phil Woolas: The total number of visa applications refused in each of the last five calendar years is shown in the following table:

	<i>Applications received</i>	<i>Applications refused</i>	<i>Percentage refused</i>
2004	2,534,532	419,637	17
2005	2,594,849	460,220	18
2006	2,772,599	480,599	17
2007	2,574,225	471,384	18
2008	2,456,903	441,710	18

Note: The data are unpublished and should be treated as provisional. *Source:* Central Reference System.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091109/text/91109w0007.htm#09110938000012>

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Entry Clearances: Children

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children were granted a visa to enter the UK in each of the last five years. [296210]

Reply from Phil Woolas: The total number of children (i.e. persons aged under 18 on the date of application) granted a visa to enter the UK in any visa category in each of the last five calendar years is shown in the following table:

	<i>Issued</i>
2004	260,308
2005	287,637
2006	313,836
2007	291,375
2008	274,404

Note: The data are unpublished and should be treated as provisional. *Source:* Central Reference System.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091109/text/91109w0007.htm#09110938000013>

Deportation

Sarah Teather: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people have taken up (a) facilitated return and (b) assisted voluntary return in each of the last five years. [297083]

Reply from Phil Woolas: The chief executive of the UK Border Agency has provided the Home Affairs Committee with regular updates on the number of foreign nationals removed under the facilitated returns scheme (FRS) since its launch in October 2006.

Statistics on the number of foreign nationals removed under the Assisted Voluntary Returns programme for the last five years can be found at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091109/text/91109w0007.htm#09110938000010>

Immigration: Deportation

Lord Hylton [HL6003]: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether Iraqi asylum applicants are being returned to Iraq; if so, why; and to what places.

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: Iraqi asylum seekers who are found not to need international protection and who have no legal basis of stay in the UK are expected to leave. We prefer that they do so voluntarily but where they do not, we will seek to enforce their removal.

Removal may be to any part of Iraq. Enforced removals have taken place to the Kurdish Regional Government controlled area of northern Iraq and to Baghdad.

Lord Hylton [HL6004]: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many of the 43 persons deported on a flight in October to Baghdad were accepted by the Iraqi authorities and remained there; how many were rejected and brought back to England; and how many of those brought back were stateless or had insufficient documentation.

[HL6005] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many of the 43 persons deported on a flight to Baghdad in October were convicted criminals.

[HL6006] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Government of Iraq were informed in advance of their intention to deport 43 persons to Baghdad in October.

[HL6007] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many of the 43 persons deported on a flight to Baghdad in October were Arabs; and how many were Kurds.

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Reply from Lord West of Spithead: The UK Border Agency recently arranged, in conjunction with the Iraqi authorities, the removal of 44 Iraqi nationals to Baghdad via a charter flight. Of the 44 on the flight, 12 were foreign national prisoners subject to a deportation order, and the remaining 32 were subject to removal from the UK for other immigration offences. All those on the flight had an appropriate document to allow their entry into Iraq, as per agreements between the UK Government and the Iraq Government.

Upon arrival, 10 people were given permission to enter Iraq, while the remaining 34 were rejected and subsequently returned to the UK. The 10 who were accepted were a mixture of foreign national prisoners and other immigration offenders.

Of the 44 individuals on the flight, 29 were of Kurdish ethnicity and 15 of Arab ethnicity. All those removed were from outside the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) administered region of northern Iraq.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91110w0004.htm#09111072000645>

Immigration: Detainees

Lord Hylton [HL5898]: To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have for (a) better medical care for detainees, and (b) improved reception for mobile telephones, at Yarl's Wood detention centre.

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: The healthcare centre at Yarl's Wood is registered with the Care Quality Commission and works collaboratively with the local NHS services to provide appropriate care for the residents in the centre. Yarl's Wood constantly strives to improve the quality and access to healthcare for detainees and in August 2009 a new partnership board was established, chaired by Yarl's Wood Healthcare and attended by various NHS heads of services and other local authority stakeholders, including Bedford social services. This board works proactively to plan and deliver high quality healthcare services and to build partnerships between NHS and other sector's services. Detainees within the centre have access to mobile phones and are able to obtain a reception on all networks. In addition to mobile phones all detainees are able to make and receive calls on one of the many landline phones located on each of the four residential units.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91110w0004.htm#09111072000646>

People Trafficking

Lord Condon: To ask Her Majesty's Government what measures have been put in place this year to combat human trafficking; and what impact they have had. [HL6102]

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: The UK has a comprehensive victim-centred strategy to combat trafficking, contained in the UK action plan on tackling human trafficking. The action plan was most recently updated on 19 October 2009. The update specifically details the progress that has been made over the past year, and outlines plans for the year ahead. Notably, on 17 December 2008, the UK ratified the Council of Europe Convention against trafficking, and implemented it from 1 April 2009. This represents a milestone in our fight against trafficking. It improves provisions for victim protection and enforcement capabilities. The most recent action plan details 38 actions to tackle trafficking across four key areas of: prevention, investigation/law enforcement/and prosecution, providing protection and assistance to adult victims of trafficking, and child victims.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91109w0002.htm#09110920000657>

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People Trafficking

Lord Sheikh [HL6230]: To ask Her Majesty's Government what action they have taken to increase the number of places available in safe accommodation to victims of human trafficking.

Reply from Lord Bach: The Council of Europe Convention on Trafficking which the Government ratified in December last year commits the UK to provision of safe sheltered accommodation for all those trafficked persons who need it.

The Government have consequently invested £4 million into specialist support services for victims of human trafficking over the next two years.

This includes an investment of £3.7 million into the Poppy project to expand and improve the services that are available to victims who have been trafficked into the sex industry and domestic servitude. The additional investment will see an expansion of supported accommodation, with refuge places for victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation and domestic servitude in London, Sheffield and Cardiff. The investment will also fund a new national co-ordinator who will help set best practice standards and work with areas to raise awareness with local agencies and funding commissioners. There will also be an increase in advocacy workers to help provide one-to-one tailored support and the community outreach team will also be extended with two link workers based within the UK Human Trafficking Centre to work in partnership with the police, the UK Border Agency and other partners to help with victim identification and onward referral into support.

Additionally, £300,000 is being invested into the UK Human Trafficking Centre to develop flexible support services for victims of labour trafficking.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91111w0004.htm#09111147000570>

People Trafficking

Lord Sheikh [HL6228]: To ask Her Majesty's Government what support services are in place for victims of child trafficking.

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: Government guidance—Safeguarding Children who may have been trafficked (2007)—issued to supplement and to be used in conjunction with the statutory safeguarding guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children (2006) includes detailed information for local authorities about how their safeguarding responsibilities must apply to children who may have been trafficked.

Where a young person, such as, for example, an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child (UASC), presents to a local authority as having no parent or guardian in this country, then in fulfilling its duties to assess and respond to their needs, the local authority may conclude that it should accommodate the young person using its powers under the Children Act 1989. In these circumstances, the local authority will have duties to the young person as a looked-after child. Each child must have a care plan based on a thorough assessment, outlining how the local authority proposes to meet the individual child's needs.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91112w0008.htm#09111249001201>

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People Trafficking

Lord Sheikh [HL6229]: To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to increase educational provision for victims of child trafficking.

Reply from Baroness Morgan of Drefelin: Victims of child trafficking have the same entitlement to education as all other children of compulsory school age. Schools should consider the specific needs of all children who are newly arrived from overseas. They should set them suitable learning challenges by modifying the curriculum to meet their needs, taking account of their cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds and of their prior learning experiences and communication skills to help them overcome any barriers to learning and assessment.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91112w0009.htm>

Human Trafficking: Proceeds of Crime

Anthony Steen [298927]: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice how many confiscation orders against people convicted of human trafficking offences have been made in each of the last three years; and how much money has been realised from them.

Reply from Claire Ward: The available information is shown in the following table.

<i>Total confiscation orders made against offenders convicted of human trafficking, since 2005</i>		
	<i>Total confiscation orders</i>	<i>Total amount (£)</i>
2005	0	0
2006	3	5,940
2007	6	9,120

Notes:
1. These figures have been drawn from administrative data systems.
2. Although care is taken when processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large scale recording system.
Source: OMS Analytical Services, Ministry of Justice

Data for 2008 will be available once 'Sentencing Statistics 2008' is published in early 2010.

The figures shown here relate solely to cases recorded on the Ministry of Justice courts proceedings database where: an offence of Human trafficking was the principal offence for which the offender was sentenced and where the confiscation order was made at the point of sentence. It is possible that a confiscation order can be made in a separate court appearance following sentence, these cases are not included in this answer and it is likely the true number of confiscation orders may be higher than is presented here.

The amount realised from these confiscation orders could only be obtained at disproportionate cost by matching individual case files with records from the court proceedings database.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091110/text/91110w0010.htm#09111070000012>

Press Releases

Immigration discussions

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/11/10085050>

Immigration and Asylum Press Releases (continued)

Home Office sets out new rules for migrants

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/november/ho-sets-out-rules-for-migrants?area=allNews>

Changes to the law on citizenship - information for applicants

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/november/242491?area=allNews>

Home Office rebuttal of weekend newspaper reports

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/november/ho-rebuttal?area=allNews>

Government-approved shortage occupation list for Tier 2 of the points-based system

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/november/ga-approved-shortage-list-tier-2?area=allNews>

News

Tories claim immigration cover-up

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8350904.stm

Johnson calls for a rational debate about immigration

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/politics/johnson-calls-for-a-rational-debate-about-immigration-1.931617>

Brown details tighter immigration rules

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brown-details-tighter-immigration-rules-1819238.html>

Calls for more flexible Scots immigration policy rejected

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/latestnews/Calls-for-more-flexible-Scots.5808771.jp>

Immigration revamp may create shortage of medics, warns BMA

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/home-news/immigration-revamp-may-create-shortage-of-medics-warns-bma-1.932201>

Gordon Brown under fire on border controls

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/uk/Gordon-Brown--under-fire.5821488.jp>

English immigration solution leaves Scotland with a skills gap

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/opinion/English-immigration-solution--leaves.5821725.jp>

London blocks Scotland's bid for doctors

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/scotland/London-blocks-Scotland39s-bid-for.5825387.jp>

Fury as immigrant baby killer is paid £4,500 'bribe' to quit Britain

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1227871/Fury-immigrant-baby-killer-paid-4-500-bribe-quit-Britain.html>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

Language barrier causes job anger

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/output/2009/11/12/newsstory14096177t0.asp>

Brown to get tough on student visas and foreign skilled workers

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brown-to-get-tough-on-student-visas-and-foreign-skilled-workers-1819922.html>

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Race Relations

News

Clashes after rival city marches

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/glasgow_and_west/8359336.stm

'Not Here'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/not-here-1.932520>

Thousands march for a multicultural Scotland

<http://scottishislamic.org/index.php?go=news&id=467>

Interfaith week tackles tensions

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8361002.stm>

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Equality

Holyrood Committee

Equal Opportunities Committee

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Equalities Report 2008/09

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/or-09/eo09-1602.htm#Col1315>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Police: National Black Police Association

Lord Monson

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether membership of the National Black Police Association is open to all police officers, irrespective of ethnic background. [HL6100]

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: The National Black Police Association website confirms that the NBPA is open to all in policing on application and there is no bar to membership based on colour.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91109w0003.htm#09110920000658>

Equality (continued) Press Release

Commission launches human rights strategy

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/commission-launches-human-rights-strategy/>

New publication

Equality and Human Rights Commission: Our Human Rights strategy and programme of action 2009–2012

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/publications/our_human_rights_strategy.pdf

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Westminster Parliamentary Question

Crime: Religiously Aggravated Offences

Lord Vinson [HL6189]: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many cases of religiously aggravated crime against (a) Christians, (b) Jews, (c) Muslims, (d) Sikhs, (e) Buddhists, (f) Hindus, and (g) persons of no religious belief, were recorded in each year since April 2003; and how many of those crimes involved violence.

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: The information requested is not collected centrally. The Home Office collects statistics on recorded racially or religiously aggravated offences for some specific categories of offence. However, it is not possible to determine from the police recorded crime data whether an offence was of a racial or religious nature because the data received is in aggregate form. In addition, the recorded crime data series does not collect any information on the religion of victims.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91112w0005.htm#09111249001153>

Press Releases

Christopher Miller Convicted of Racist Murder

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/11/11113041>

Standing up for a multi-cultural Scotland

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/11/13100407>

New publications

Discrimination in the EU in 2009

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=4119&langId=en>

Journal for the study of antisemitism (vol 1)

http://www.jsantisemitism.org/pdf/jsa_1-1.pdf

Racism and Religious Hatred (continued) **News**

Race hate murder man found guilty

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/glasgow_and_west/8352458.stm

Racist jailed for 'incomprehensible and evil' murder of Indian naval officer Kunal Mohanty

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/racist-jailed-for-incomprehensible-and-evil-murder-of-indian-naval-officer-kunal-mohanty-1.931736>

Racist who celebrated knifing Indian man to death is jailed for life

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/latestnews/Racist-who-celebrated-knifing-Indian.5812412.jp>

Would-be teacher in Highland dress racially abused Indian student on his first day in Scotland

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2009/11/12/would-be-teacher-in-highland-dress-racially-abused-indian-student-on-his-first-day-in-scotland-86908-21815691/>

Shop staff under siege from racist thieves aged 9

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/topstories/Shop-staff-under-siege-from.5817284.jp>

BNP back "equality" change

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/politics/bnp-back-equality-change-1.932425>

BNP paves way to admit non-whites

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8360185.stm>

Scouts shouted 'Let's kill the Jews' during Poppy Day parade

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1227483/Scouts-shouted-Lets-kill-Jews-Poppy-Day-parade.html>

Asian caste discrimination rife in UK, says report

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/nov/11/caste-discrimination-uk-report>

16% of Europeans report experiencing discrimination

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=630&furtherNews=yes>

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Other Holyrood

Press Release

Extra protection for vulnerable groups

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/11/10103419>

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House of Lords

Prorogation

Both Houses of Parliament officially prorogued on 12 November and will meet again for the State Opening of Parliament on 18 November. Marking the formal end to the parliamentary year, prorogation is the period between the end of a session of Parliament and the State Opening which begins the next session.

During the prorogation announcement 13 Bills became Acts of Parliament:

- [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill](#)
- [Autism Bill](#)
- [Coroners and Justice Bill](#)
- [Driving Instruction \(Suspension and Exemption Powers\) Bill](#)
- [Green Energy \(Definition and Promotion\) Bill](#)
- [Health Bill](#)
- [Holocaust \(Return of Cultural Objects\) Bill](#)
- [Law Commission Bill](#)
- [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill](#)
- [Marine and Coastal Access Bill](#)
- [Perpetuities and Accumulations Bill](#)
- [Policing and Crime Bill](#)
- [Welfare Reform Bill](#)

Parliamentary Questions

Counterterrorism

Lord Sheikh [HL6177]: To ask Her Majesty's Government how they ensure that the "pursue" and "prevent" strands of their counterterrorist strategy stay separate in order not to collect unnecessarily data and personal information on Muslim citizens.

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: The Government's counterterrorism strategy, CONTEST, highlighted the importance of managing the connection between "pursue" and "prevent". Ensuring that the mutually supportive elements of the two strands are complementary and do not undermine one another requires effective information sharing. We expect the police and their partners to act on the risk they assess from the information available to them. This will determine whether a "prevent" or "pursue" response is more appropriate and which partner or agency should act to protect the public from harm. It is for the police to decide, on a case-by-case basis, if an identified risk should be considered for "pursue" action. This does not entail the collection of unnecessary data and personal information on Muslim citizens. Information is gathered and shared by the police and local partners only when it is necessary, proportionate and lawful to do so.

Lord Sheikh [HL6179]: To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to recent comments by the Quilliam Foundation, which receives funding from the Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism, on collecting data on members of the Muslim community.

Reply from Lord West of Spithead: We completely disagree with the remarks made by the Quilliam Foundation and have written to it to make this clear. Neither on this nor on any other issue does Quilliam speak for the Government.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldhansrd/text/91112w0004.htm#09111249001151>

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New Publications

Health in our Multi-ethnic Scotland: Future Research Priorities

<http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/11095-Health%20in%20our%20multi-ethnic%20Scotland%20-%20full%20report.pdf>

Mapping the Field: A review of the current research evidence on the impact of schools with a Christian ethos

<http://campaigndirector.moodia.com/Client/Theos/Files/Mappingthefield.pdf>

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Other News

Call for more ethnic health data

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/8349583.stm>

Government's 'heartless' treatment of forced marriage victims

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/revealed-governments-heartless-treatment-of-forced-marriage-victims-1817270.html>

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Bills in Progress ** New or updated this week

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**** Arbitration Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/19-Arbitration/index.htm>

Revised Explanatory Notes

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/19-Arbitration/b19as3-stage2-en-rev.pdf>

Scottish Parliament Information Centre briefing

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/research/briefings-09/SB09-79.pdf>

**** Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/24-CrimJustLc/index.htm>

Stage 1 Report

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/justice/reports-09/jur09-18-01.htm>

Public Services Reform Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/26-PubSerRef/index.htm>

Bills in Progress Westminster

Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2008-09/crownemploymentnationality.html>

Bills in Progress

Westminster (continued)

Equality Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2008-09/equality.html>

Joint Committee on Human Rights Report: Legislative Scrutiny: Equality Bill

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt200809/jtselect/jtrights/169/169.pdf>

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Consultations

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Charging for immigration and visa applications (1 December 2009)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/221878/charging09/>

Integrated Reporting (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, 29 December 2009)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/DocumentViewer.aspx?id=ae8a56f1-3abd-4d53-b0c1-0ee5708f4c39>

A Road Less Travelled - A Draft Gypsy Traveller Strategy (Welsh Assembly Government, 5 January 2010)

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/housingcommunity/gypsytravellers/?lang=en>

Consultation on Public Sector Equality Duty Specific Duties (15 January 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/286361/0087195.pdf>

1st year Implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (15 January 2010)

http://www.antislavery.org/includes/documents/cm_docs/2009/c/2_call_for_evidence_final.pdf

UK Border Agency Equality Scheme (15 January 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/Stakeholder-questionnaire.pdf>

Consultation on Revising the OISC's Guidance on Competence (29 January 2010)

<http://www.oisc.gov.uk/servefile.aspx?docid=82>

UNHCR, Canada, Denmark and the UK: A Joint Institutional Strategy Working Together for the World's Displaced Persons (31 January 2010)

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Documents/consultations/jt-org-stgy-unhcr-2007-2009.pdf>

**** Protection of Vulnerable Groups Implementation: Consultation on Significant Draft Secondary Legislation, Guidance and Regulatory Impact Assessment** (2 February 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/children-families/pvglegislation/Consultation09>

Consultations (continued)

**** Simplifying Immigration Law - A New Framework for Immigration Rules**

(3 February 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/221878/simplifying-imm-law-new-framework/>

**** Reforming asylum support** (4 February 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/221878/simplifying-imm-law-new-framework1/>

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator consultation on Integrated Reporting

17 November 2009 in Glasgow (6.00pm)

18 November 2009 in Glasgow (9.30 and 1.30)

24 November 2009 in Edinburgh (6.00pm)

25 November 2009 in Edinburgh (9.30 and 1.30)

1 December 2009 in Dumfries (1.30)

OSCR is looking for comments on our consultation 'Integrated Reporting - The future of reporting and the register' which aims to streamline reporting procedures and to enhance the information about charities made available to the public. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/Events.aspx>

**** *this week!***

Participation and Influence with New Communities

18 November 2009 in Glasgow

Voluntary Action Fund workshop for organisations working with refugees, asylum seekers and/or migrant communities, and those who have an interest in community participation and partnerships. The workshop will explore what we know of the barriers to involvement in community planning and civic participation by people in Scotland's new communities. For information contact Rhona Morris 01383 620780 /

rhona.morris@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk

**** *this week!***

The Next 20 Years: The Challenge for Social Welfare, Debt, Housing and Asylum Law

18 November 2009 in Glasgow (11.30 – 5.30)

Legal Services Agency conference including presentations on mental health, landlord and tenant, mortgage arrears, asylum and trafficking, debt, health and safety at work, poverty, climate change, human rights and management issues. For information see

<http://www.lsa.org.uk/thenext20yearsthechallenge.aspx>

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A public appointment – no way? Think again

25 November 2009 in Edinburgh (9.15 – 4.45)

20 January 2010 in Edinburgh (9.15 – 4.45)

The Equalities and Human Rights Commission, the Commissioner for Public Appointments and Queen Margaret University are working together to increase the diversity of people like who apply for board positions with our public bodies. To attend a seminar contact Karen Elder karen.elder@publicappointments.org / 0131 718 6268 or see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/09xi_ocpas.pdf

Building our Futures: The voluntary sector's vision for equalities and human rights in Scotland

25 November 2009 in Glasgow (10.15 – 2.30)

SCVO conference to provide space for the voluntary sector to articulate its own vision for building equalities in our society over the next 5 years, and to identify priority actions to deliver this. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk or see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/09xi_hr.doc and <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1157&from=EventHome>

Making Human Rights Matter

25 November 2009 in Glasgow (5.30 – 7.00)

SCVO lecture by Professor Alan Miller, Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk

Human Trafficking and the Criminal Process

26 November 2009 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.30)

Legal Services Agency conference to include defence of victims of trafficking prosecuted for trafficking related offences, criminal prosecution of traffickers and trafficking related offences in Scotland, and police protection of victims of trafficking in Scotland. For information see <http://www.lsa.org.uk/humantraffickingandthecriminalprocess.aspx>

Young Scot: Sounds Right!

26 November 2009 in Edinburgh (7.00pm – 10.00)

For 11 to 17 year olds coming as part of a recognised group

Young Scot: Sounds Right is designed to champion key articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, including the right to get, and to share, information and the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of activities. For information see <http://www.youngscotsoundsright.org/> or contact Graeme Park graemep@youngscot.org / 0131 313 2488 Ext – 2223.

Migrant Workers Rights

27 November 2009 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

Govanhill Law Centre conference about the housing, employment, welfare rights and education rights of A8 and A2 nationals. For information see http://www.govanhilllc.com/?page_id=194

Migrant Welfare from an EC & Human Rights Law Perspective

27 November 2009 in Glasgow (10.00 – 5.00)

Legal Services Agency seminar on how to use EC and human rights law to further migrants' interests with regards access to accommodation, community care support and social security and tax credits. For information see <http://www.lsa.org.uk/migrantwelfarefromanehumanrightslawpers.aspx>

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Scottish Charity Accounts and Reporting to OSCR

30 November 2009 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30)

SCVO seminar to look at what OSCR expects from charities in terms of compliance. For information contact Jane Baillie 0131 474 8019 / jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk

Glasgow, a city of sanctuary?

30 November 2009 in Glasgow (3.00 – 4.30)

The City of Sanctuary movement is active in 15 towns and cities throughout the UK. It aims to build city-wide support for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. It does this by working with local groups and organisations so that people seeking sanctuary can participate fully in the life of their communities. For information contact craig@cityofsanctuary.org

Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

8 December 2009 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to identify the issues and concerns participants have in relation to working with asylum seekers and refugees, provide information on legal, political, economic and historical factors in relation to people seeking asylum, share ideas for developing good practice, and to identify strategies and resources for work with refugees. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=73>

Supporting Identity, Diversity and Language in the Early Years

15 December 2009 in Edinburgh

The first six years are crucial for young children in developing their first language and cultural identity. This Children in Scotland seminar explores theory and research in second language acquisition, particularly the relationship between children's identity and self-esteem and positive outcomes for learning. For information see

<http://www.childreninScotland.org.uk/html/training/show.php?ref=1354>

**** BEMIS AGM**

16 December 2009 (6.00 – 8.00)

GO Business & Training Centre, Thornwood Suite, Second Floor, George House, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow G1 2AD. For information contact Sue Barnes sue.barnes@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047

Introduction to Professional Practice in Race Equality

Course starting 3 February 2010 in Paisley (Wed evenings 6.15 – 9.00pm)

Course jointly organised by the University of the West of Scotland, and West of Scotland Race Equality Council to develop a critical understanding of the concepts 'race', racism and ethnicity, develop a working knowledge of the content and impact of the 1976 Race Relations Act and Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, identify key elements of best practice towards race equality in employment and service delivery, and analyse and evaluate current progress and challenges in managing change towards race equality in his/her own workplace. For information see

<http://www.wsrec.co.uk/newsite/images/PaisleyUni/new%20ippire%20leaflet%20print%2009-10.pdf> or contact Duncan Sim duncan.sim@uws.ac.uk, or WSREC 0141 337 6626

Judge a Book by its Cover? Not me!

11 March 2010 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 12.00)

SCVO seminar to discover more about the process of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements may lead to prejudice and discrimination. For information contact Jane Baillie jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk / 0131 474 8019

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Useful Links

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

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

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

Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.eu.int/parliament/public.do?language=en>

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

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Inter Faith Council <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>
Scotland Helpline 0845 604 5510

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

Social Economy Scotland <http://www.socialeconomyscotland.info/content/index.asp>

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

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

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

BBC News24 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

BBC Parliament online

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

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



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



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