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## Immigration and Asylum

### Westminster Ministerial Statements

#### Charging for Immigration and Nationality Services 2011-12

**The Minister for Immigration (Damian Green):** I am announcing proposals to change the fees for immigration and nationality applications made to the UK Border Agency. The Government review these fees on a regular basis and make appropriate changes as necessary. I will shortly lay regulations for fees that are set at levels above the normal administrative costs of the service. We have continued with our strategic approach to charging setting certain fees above cost on the basis of the value of the service.

These fees must be set out in regulations before both Houses of Parliament and are subject to the affirmative procedure. The fees allow us to generate revenue which is used to fund the UK immigration system and to set certain fees below cost recovery to support wider Government objectives. The revenue generated will contribute towards securing our borders and controlling migration for the benefit of the UK. I will lay another set of regulations in Parliament for the fees for immigration and nationality services that are set at/below the cost of the service.

A table with details of all the proposed increases is set out at annex A. The table includes indicative unit costs for each application for FY 11/12. The unit cost is the estimated average cost to UK Border Agency of processing each application. Although our unit costs are not fixed over the course of the financial year, we publish unit costs so it is clear which fees we set over cost and by how much. Further details of all fees changes

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will be outlined in the explanatory memoranda accompanying both the regulations.

Given the need to reduce public spending, we have had to carefully consider our fee levels, to ensure we can maintain good service levels to our customers and secure the border for the general public. In principle it is the right time to ask migrants to make a greater contribution to funding the UK Border Agency than was previously the case. Therefore we should continue to seek a shift in the funding provided by migrants to deliver the border and immigration system with a consequent reduction in the burden on UK taxpayers.

In developing these proposals, we have sought to limit increases so as to avoid any broader economic impact (particularly on the most economically sensitive route of all, short-term visit visas).

I believe these proposals continue to strike the right balance between maintaining secure and effective border controls, and ensuring that our fees structure does not inhibit the UK's ability to attract those migrants and visitors who make a valued contribution. It is right that those who benefit directly from the immigration system should pay to meet the costs of securing the UK's borders. This will help to support the immigration system, maintain public confidence, and ensure that migration is managed for the benefit of the UK. Full details on how to apply for all of these services will be provided on our website, [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk).

**To read the lengthy tables see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110228/wmstext/110228m0001.htm#1102282000019>

### **Applications for British Citizenship (War Crimes Screening)**

**The Minister for Immigration (Damian Green):** I have made the Equality (War Crimes etc.) Arrangements 2011 and the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) (War Crimes etc.) Arrangements 2011 to enable the Secretary of State to subject applications from certain nationalities for British citizenship to more rigorous scrutiny than others for the purposes of determining whether the applicant has committed, been complicit in the commission of, or otherwise been associated with, the commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide.

The Equality (War Crimes etc.) Arrangements 2011 are made under paragraph (l)(l)(d) of schedule 23 to the Equality Act 2010, and replace the Race Relations (Nationality) (War Crimes etc.) Arrangements 2007, made under section 41 of the Race Relations Act 1976. The corresponding Race Relations (Northern Ireland) (War Crimes etc.) Arrangements 2011 are made under article 40 paragraph 2(c) Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

The condition for subjecting these applications to more rigorous scrutiny is that the applicant is a national of a state specified on a list approved personally by the Minister for the purpose of the arrangements. I have now reviewed and approved this list. I am satisfied that the conditions set out in the arrangements are met in respect of the countries on the list. The arrangements will remain in force until revoked. I will review the arrangements and the list on an annual basis.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110301/wmstext/110301m0001.htm#11030136000012>

### **Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009**

**The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice (Mr Jonathan Djanogly):** I am pleased to announce the Government's intention to commence section 53 of the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009 with effect from 1 October 2011. Section 53 enables judicial review applications in "fresh claim" asylum and immigration human rights cases to be heard in the Upper Tribunal.

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Currently, judicial review applications cannot be transferred from the High Court or Court of Session to the Upper Tribunal if they call into question decisions made under the Immigration Acts. The commencement of section 53 will allow the transfer of judicial review applications relating to a refusal of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to treat representations as a "fresh claim" in asylum and immigration human rights cases.

One of the conditions to enable the High Court in England and Wales to transfer a case to the Upper Tribunal is that the application falls within a class specified by the Lord Chief Justice under section 18 (6) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007. I understand that, following the commencement of section 53, the Lord Chief Justice is minded to make such a direction in respect of this class of judicial review application.

I also understand that while there are no immediate plans to transfer these cases to the Upper Tribunal in respect of Scotland or Northern Ireland, commencement of section 53 would allow that to happen at some point in the future should the Lord President and the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland deem this to be appropriate. I understand that the Lord President has indicated that further consultation will be required in Scotland in relation to this matter.

The transfer of these judicial reviews will enable fresh claim asylum and immigration human rights applications to be dealt with by judicial members of the Upper Tribunal who have specialist skills and experience in asylum and immigration cases and will also relieve workload pressure on the High Court, freeing up judicial time to address the high volumes of other types of cases heard in the High Court.

I understand that the Tribunals Procedure Committee is currently considering whether any amendments will be required to the Upper Tribunal Procedure Rules to reflect this change and that it may decide to undertake public consultation on this matter in due course.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110303/wmstext/110303m0001.htm#11030354000020>

## Westminster Parliamentary Questions

### Immigrants

**Dominic Raab:** To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office in which 10 countries the most permanent emigrants from the UK settled in the most recent year for which records are available. [43874]

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

*Letter from Stephen Penneck:*

As Director General for the Office for National Statistics (ONS), I have been asked to respond to your question asking in which 10 countries the most permanent emigrants from the UK settled in the most recent year for which records are available (43874).

The Office for National Statistics produces estimates of Long-Term International Migration which are primarily based on the International Passenger Survey (IPS). Detailed information on countries of next residence is available using the IPS component of these estimates.

The attached table shows the top 10 countries of next residence for all emigrants, both UK and foreign nationals. The latest figures included here are for the 2009 calendar year and relate to the number of migrants intending to leave the UK for a period of 12 months or more.

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<i>Long-term international migration, estimates from International Passenger Survey: Annual data 2009-Top 10 countries of next residence of all migrants</i>			
	<i>Country of next residence</i>	<i>Out-migrants (Thousand)</i>	<i>SE%</i>
1	Australia	56	5
2	USA	27	10
3	Poland	25	17
4	France	22	23
5	Spain	15	16
6	India	15	9
7	New Zealand	13	10
8	China	11	12
9	Canada	11	12
1	Germany	10	15

*Note: Standard error percentages (SE%) indicate the robustness of each estimate. A migration figure with a standard error of >25% is not considered to be reliable. For any given estimate there is a 95% probability that the true figure lies in the range: estimate +/- 0.0196 x estimate x standard error %.*

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110303/text/110303w001.htm#11030356000070>

### Visas

**Lord Laird:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Neville-Jones on 3 December 2010 (WA 506), whether employers can bring in an unlimited number of non-European Economic Area workers for up to a year using intra-company transfer visas if their earnings are between £24,000 and £40,000 per annum; what is the effect on the economy of allowing such migrants to compete with unemployed workers in the United Kingdom; and why such temporary posts require filling.[HL6784]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):** We have exempted intra-company transfer visas from our annual limit in response to views expressed in our consultation. Salary thresholds are not the only condition attached to the intra-company transfer route. For example, transferees who are filling posts must have at least 12 months' previous experience with the company; the post must be on the list of graduate level occupations; and an intra-company transferee will not be able to return with 12 months of the expiry of his previous leave. This ensures that the route is used only to meet business needs for temporary posts that require established company knowledge and experience, not for posts that could be filled by a new recruit from the UK. It is for sponsoring employers to determine why such posts require filling.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110228w0003.htm#11022822002673>

### Immigration Controls

**Steve Baker:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people have been admitted to the UK at (a) sub-tier Tier 1 (Investor) and (b) sub-tier Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) of the points-based immigration system in each year since the system's inception. [41582]

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**Reply from Damian Green:** The available statistics on the number of persons given leave to enter the United Kingdom on (a) sub-tier Tier 1 (Investor) and (b) sub-tier Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) of the points-based immigration system, 2008-09 are given in the table.

*Passengers<sup>(1)</sup> given leave to enter the United Kingdom under PBS<sup>(2)</sup> Tier 1-Investor<sup>(3)</sup> or Entrepreneur<sup>(3)</sup> categories, excluding EEA and Swiss nationals, 2008-09*

Categories	Number of journeys	
	2008	2009 <sup>(4)</sup>
Tier 1-Entrepreneur	25	125
Tier 1-Investors	20	110
Total	45	235

(1) Figures rounded to three significant figures.

(2) Points Based System (PBS).

(3) The Tier 1 Investor and Entrepreneur categories were introduced on 30 June 2008. Data for that year are therefore not comparable with 2009 as they are for a partial year.

(4) Provisional figures.

It is planned to publish statistics on passengers given leave to enter the United Kingdom by purpose of journey for the first two quarters of 2010 on 24 February 2011 in the Home Office publication, "Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical summary United Kingdom October-December 2010".

Subsequently, quarterly arrival data will be released every six months, with quarters 1 and 2 published in February of each year and 3 and 4 published in August. These data will be available from the Library of the House and from 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/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110301/text/110301w001.htm#11030181000026>

### Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

**Mike Weatherley:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many students entering the UK on a student visa were refused entry at the border in (a) 2007, (b) 2008, (c) 2009 and (d) 2010. [43085]

**Reply from Damian Green:** From 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2010, a total of 4,949 students were refused entry at the UK Border, of which 1,088 are recorded as holding visas. The details for each calendar year are set out in the following table:

	<i>Number of persons seeking entry as a student refused entry</i>	<i>Number of persons holding a visa seeking entry as a student refused entry</i>
2007	1,121	128
2008	1,048	156
2009	1,139	288
2010	1,641	516
Total	4,949	1,088

The data are from a live departmental database and have not been subject to the detailed data-cleansing required for National Statistics. They are therefore provisional and subject to modification.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110303/text/110303w002.htm#11030356000100>

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### Asylum

**Teresa Pearce:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department when her Department expects to have cleared all outstanding legacy asylum claims. [42992]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The UK Border agency is on track to conclude the backlog of legacy cases by summer 2011. The agency provides regular updates on performance, including a breakdown into grants, removals and 'other' cases such as duplicates or errors, to the Home Affairs Select Committee and is due to report in the spring.

On 1 November the agency reported to the Home Affairs Select Committee that it had concluded 334,500 cases at the end of September 2010.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110301/text/110301w001.htm#11030181000011>

### Asylum Seekers

**Lord Laird:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers came to the United Kingdom in each of the past 10 years; and whether they have received any European Union aid to assist with costs related to asylum seekers in that time.[HL7151]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):** The latest published data on asylum applications are provided in the attached table.

The Home Office publishes information on asylum on a quarterly and annual basis in the Control of Immigration publications. Provisional information on asylum applications is also published monthly in the Monthly Asylum Statistics release. These are available from the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html).

The European Union offers financial assistance to participating member states, including the United Kingdom, through the European Refugee Fund and European Return Fund, both of which include asylum seekers within the eligible target group. Asylum seekers may also be supported by European Social Fund prevocational projects.

#### ***Applications received for asylum in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, by location where made, 2000 to November 2010<sup>(1)</sup>***

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (P)	Jan to Nov 2010 (P)
Applications received <sup>(2)</sup>	80,315	71,025	84,130	49,405	33,960	25,710	23,610	23,430	25,930	24,485	16,420
Of which:											
Applied at port	25,935	24,865	26,560	13,720	7,550	4,230	3,580	3,635	2,720	2,010	1,575
Applied in-country	54,380	46,160	57,570	35,685	26,410	21,485	20,030	19,795	23,210	22,475	14,845

<sup>(1)</sup> Figures (other than percentages) rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, \* = 1 or 2), and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

<sup>(2)</sup> May exclude some cases lodged at Local Enforcement Offices between January 1999 and March 2000.

<sup>(P)</sup> Provisional figures.

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### Asylum: Detainees

**Stephen Barclay:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 14 February 2011, *Official Report*, columns 511-12W, on asylum: detainees, for what technical reasons information collection on the reasons for asylum claimants leaving detention was discontinued in September 2006. [41862]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Prior to September 2006, published detention statistics were obtained from the Detainee Location and Management Information System (DELMIS); this was the main source of data on detention. DELMIS was switched off in October 2006 and information was instead recorded on the Case Information Database (CID).

Following this change from a statistical to an administrative system from which information was collected, figures on all persons recorded as leaving detention solely under Immigration Act powers by reason (other than those removed from the UK) had not been published until the statistical data on the classification of reasons for persons leaving detention, other than for removal, was considered of publishable quality. The Head of Profession for Statistics for the Home Office is now satisfied the quality meets publication standards and publication of this information recommenced in November 2010, relating to the third quarter of 2010.

**Stephen Barclay:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 14 February 2011, *Official Report*, columns 511-2W, on asylum: detainees, how many detainees were held under Immigration Act powers at each such centre in the third quarter of 2010. [41863]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The following table, a subset of the latest published figures (Persons in detention as at 30 September 2010), shows the number of people in detention held solely under Immigration Act powers, who had claimed asylum at some stage, by place of detention as at 30 September 2010.

The Home Office publishes statistics on the number of people in detention, solely under Immigration Act powers on a quarterly and annual basis, which are available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html) Q4 2010 figures, including persons detained as at 31 December 2010, will be available on 24 February 2011.

**To read the lengthy table see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110301/text/110301w0001.htm#11030181000013>

### Detention Centres: Children

**Jim Cunningham:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children were detained in the immigration system in 2010. [43614]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The requested information is not available. The latest published figures show that 405 children entered detention solely under Immigration Act powers in 2010; however, some of these children may have entered detention more than once. Provisional 2010 figures on persons entering detention are available in Table 3.4 (ii) of the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary Fourth Quarter 2010, published on 24 February 2011, which is available from the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html). A copy will be placed in the Library of the House.

On 16 December 2010, the Government announced the immediate closure of the family unit to children at the Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre. A new non-detained family returns process was also announced to deliver the coalition

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commitment to end the detention of children for immigration purposes.

The UK Border Agency will now follow a new four stage process focused on engagement with families during the decision making process, giving parents the opportunity to engage in when and how they return, when they have been found to have no legal right to stay in the UK. The new measures will ensure a family's return home is safe and dignified. Most elements of this new approach will be in place from 1 March 2011.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110302/text/110302w0001.htm#11030281000019>

### Detention Centres

**Tom Brake:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many individuals have been held in immigration detention for a period of over six months owing to an inability to remove them from the UK in each of the last three years; and what the longest period was for which such an individual was detained in each of the last three years. [43520]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Information on all persons detained for more than six months by reason of detention and length of detention of individuals is not held centrally and would be available only through the detailed examination of individual case files at disproportionate cost. The following table shows the number of people detained for six months or longer, solely under Immigration Act powers, as at the end of each quarter, for which data are available.

*Persons recorded as being in detention<sup>(1,2)</sup> for six months<sup>(3)</sup> or longer, in the United Kingdom, solely under Immigration Act powers (including asylum seekers and children), as at end of quarter<sup>(4,5)</sup>*

<i>As at:</i>	<i>Number of persons</i>
<i>2008</i>	
27 December	450
<i>2009</i>	
31 March	485
30 June	480
30 September	525
31 December	535
<i>2010</i>	
31 March	535
30 June	535
30 September	555
31 December	520

<sup>(1)</sup> Figures rounded to the nearest five. Excludes persons detained in police cells, Prison Service establishments and those detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.

<sup>(2)</sup> Figures include dependants.

<sup>(3)</sup> Six months is defined as 182 days.

<sup>(4)</sup> Relates to most recent period of sole detention. The period of detention starts when a person first enters the UK Border Agency estate. If the person is then moved from a removal centre to a police cell or Prison Service establishment, this period of stay will be included if the detention is solely under Immigration Act powers.

<sup>(5)</sup> These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics.

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The Home Office publishes National Statistics on length of detention solely under Immigration Act powers on a quarterly and annual basis which are available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110302/text/110302w0001.htm#11030281000018>

### Immigration: Deportation

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government which voluntary charitable organisations they work with in caring for children facing deportation from the United Kingdom.[HL7077]

**Reply from Lord De Mauley:** On 16 December 2010 the Government set out our proposals for ending the detention of children for immigration purposes. These were developed in consultation with a wide range of voluntary sector organisations, especially through two working groups chaired by the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund and Citizens UK respectively. The proposals entail a fresh approach to managing the return of families with children who have no right to be in the UK and we have made clear our commitment to working closely with voluntary sector organisations in putting them into practice, including through direct work with families where appropriate. We are currently preparing for the implementation of those proposals and are exploring how best this can be done.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110228w0002.htm#11022822002636>

### Human Trafficking: Children

**Zac Goldsmith:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what progress her Department has made on tackling organised gangs involved in trafficking children into the UK in the last 12 months. [41857]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Human trafficking is a horrendous crime and a very serious offence and this Government are strongly committed to tackling organised crime groups who profit from this human misery. Combating human trafficking is a core part of local operational policing. Recent success in this area has included the work of Operation Golf, a joint investigation of child trafficking between the Metropolitan Police Service and the Romanian National Police, which resulted in a significant number of criminals arrested and trafficked children safeguarded.

The Government are currently working on a new human trafficking strategy which will have as one of their aims a greater focus on identifying and disrupting organised criminal networks involved in human trafficking.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110228/text/110228w0004.htm#1103016000017>

### Human Trafficking: Convictions

**Claire Perry:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice how many convictions for offences related to sex trafficking there were in each year since 2006. [41518]

**Reply from Crispin Blunt:** The number of defendants who were found guilty at all courts for offences of trafficking for sexual exploitation under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in England and Wales, for the years 2006 to 2009 (latest available) can be viewed in the following table.

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Data for 2010 are planned for publication in the spring of 2011.

*Number of defendants who were found guilty at all courts for offences of trafficking for sexual exploitation under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in England and Wales, for the years 2006 to 2009<sup>(1,2,3)</sup>*

<i>Statute</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008<sup>(4)</sup></i>	<i>2009</i>
Sexual Offences Act 2003	15	15	24	23

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes offences under:

Sexual Offences Act 2003 s.57

'Trafficking into the UK for sexual exploitation'

Sexual Offences Act 2003 s.58

'Trafficking within the UK for sexual exploitation'

Sexual Offences Act 2003 s.59

'Trafficking out of the UK for sexual exploitation'

<sup>(2)</sup> The figures given in the table on court proceedings relate to persons for whom these offences were the principal offences for which they were dealt with. When a defendant has been found guilty of two or more offences it is the offence for which the heaviest penalty is imposed. Where the same disposal is imposed for two or more offences, the offence selected is the offence for which the statutory maximum penalty is the most severe.

<sup>(3)</sup> Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from large administrative data systems generated by the courts and police forces. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when those data are used.

<sup>(4)</sup> Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates court for April, July and August 2008.

Source: Justice Statistics Analytical Services within the Ministry of Justice.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110228/text/110228w0001.htm#11022843000005>

### Human Trafficking

**Valerie Vaz (Walsall South) (Lab):** What plans the Crown Prosecution Service has to improve the effectiveness of prosecution policy in human trafficking cases. [42453]

**Reply from the Solicitor-General (Mr Edward Garnier):** The CPS keeps the effectiveness of prosecution policy and guidance to prosecutors on human trafficking under review, and updates them on a regular basis. The CPS will soon publish a new public policy statement on human trafficking to explain the prosecutor's role in such cases and the approach taken by the CPS.

**Valerie Vaz:** I thank the Solicitor-General for his answer. In June 2010 there were 139 convictions for human trafficking. Will he write to me with an updated figure for such convictions?

**Reply from the Solicitor-General:** Yes.

**Mr Peter Bone (Wellingborough) (Con):** Will the Attorney-General meet the officers of the all-party group on human trafficking, because one thing we have learned is that there is a considerable problem in prosecuting human trafficking cases and prosecutors often decide to pursue a lesser offence as it is easier to get a conviction?

**Reply from the Solicitor-General:** ... I would be delighted to meet my hon. Friend and the group at some mutually convenient time, and I look forward to doing so. On the second point, all successful prosecutions depend on bringing the available evidence to court. It is not only our policy, but that of the Crown Prosecution Service and the police, that every assistance should be given to vulnerable witnesses, particularly those in cases of the sort that my hon. Friend describes, so that we can achieve prosecutions. We take this matter extremely seriously—indeed, I was in the Court of Appeal just before Christmas applying successfully to have an unduly lenient sentence increased.

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**Fiona Mactaggart (Slough) (Lab):** But the Solicitor-General will be aware that often in human trafficking cases the victim is reluctant to give evidence or does not assist the progress of the case. Can he assure the House that in such cases, where the victim is more frightened of the police than she is of her abusers, the CPS is committed to carrying forward prosecutions wherever possible?

**Reply from the Solicitor-General:** Yes, I can. The hon. Lady is perfectly right to say that many victims of human trafficking come from countries and jurisdictions where the police are seen as oppressors, rather than as assistants to the criminal justice system and to victims. However, the CPS and this country's police forces are acutely aware of that and are sensitive to the needs of those traumatised victims. I can assure her that everything will be done to assist the prosecution of traffickers, with or without the evidence of the victim.

**Catherine McKinnell (Newcastle upon Tyne North) (Lab):** The Solicitor-General will be aware of the recent legal challenge to the Government threatened by the POPPY project, the organisation that supports victims of trafficking. It is based on the Ministry of Justice's failure to consult and to publish an equality impact assessment on the proposed funding cuts, which the POPPY project claims breaches the Council of Europe convention against human trafficking. Given the High Court's recent damning verdict on the way in which the Department for Education cancelled the Building Schools for the Future programme and given the Fawcett Society's challenge relating to the disproportionate impact on women of the emergency Budget, will the Solicitor-General assure the House that Departments are aware of their duties to consult properly and consider rigorously equality impacts before decisions are made? Will he place a guidance note on the matter in the Library so that Parliament can better understand the obligations, thereby avoiding such abuses of power?

**Reply from the Solicitor-General:** The hon. Lady's first paragraph or so would be better directed at the relevant Departments—the Ministry of Justice and the Department for Education—but the points that she makes will doubtless have been noted. On the later points, I will certainly consider what she has to say and see whether it is appropriate to put such a note in the Library.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110301/debtext/110301-0001.htm#11030150000035>

## Press Releases

### **New family returns process begins**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/familyreturnsprocess>

### **Proposed fee increases to immigration and nationality applications from 6 April 2011**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/february/66-propose-fee-increases>

### **Annual update to the codes of practice for sponsored skilled workers**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/march/01-annual-update-to-the-cop>

### **Interim limit panel arrangements for March and April 2011**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/march/06-interim-limit-arrangements>

## Immigration and Asylum Press Releases (continued)

### **East Caribbean: Visa Waiver Test Outcome**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/march/07-east-caribbean-visa-waiver>

### **New recommendations to raise UK shortage occupation list to higher skills level**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/march/10-mac-uk-shortage-occ-lists>

## New publication

### **Immigration Cap: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2010–11**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmselect/cmhaff/717/717.pdf>

## News

### **Fears for asylum seekers**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/life-style/real-lives/fears-for-asylum-seekers-1.1087716>

### **Ed Miliband admits errors on immigration**

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Ed-Miliband-admits-errors-on.6726221.jp>

### **Ministers accuse Labour of immigration 'cover-up'**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-12609601>

### **More Europe migrants to gain access to full UK benefits**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-12633382>

### **Homeless charities urge more help for Eastern Europeans**

<http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/2163890>

### **Universities hit out at visa plans for foreign students**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/mar/05/universities-visa-plans-foreign-students>

### **Visa restrictions may close courses, universities warn**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/8363893/Visa-restrictions-may-close-courses-universities-warn.html>

### **University courses 'may close' if student visas cut**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-12658309>

### **Immigration fees rising sharply to pay for UK Border Agency cuts**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/feb/28/immigration-fees-pay-ukba-cuts>

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## Race Relations

### New publication

**Fear and Hope: The new politics of identity**

<http://www.fearandhope.org.uk/project-report/>

### News

**Nick Clegg sets out vision of multiculturalism**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-12638017>

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## Equality

### New publications

**Pathways to politics**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/research/pathways\\_to\\_politics.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/research/pathways_to_politics.pdf)

**Ethnic diversity and inequality: ethical and scientific rigour in social research**

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/ethnicity-social-policy-research-full.pdf>

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### **Social Cohesion**

**Lord Ouseley:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how they plan to counter the detrimental effect of extremist organisations on social cohesion.[HL6993]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government (Baroness Hanham):** The Government are working to build throughout the country strong, inclusive communities which reject extremism.

We will not tolerate those who spread hate and seek to divide society and deliberately raise community tensions. Measures are taken at community level by the relevant authorities to counter the influence of extremists and minimise their impact. For example, we have worked with both local authorities including Bradford and Luton, and with voluntary organisations such as Rewind which work with young people at risk from being targeted and influenced by racist groups. They provide peer and youth services support as well as offering the young people an opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds and to experience visits to places such as the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre and the Liverpool International Slavery Museum.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110301w0001.htm#11030162000726>

## Racism and Religious Hatred Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

### Racial and Religious Hatred

**Chris Ruane:** To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government what arrangements his Department has put in place to measure levels of racial and religious hatred. [42114]

**Andrew Stunell:** The Department for Communities and Local Government are not responsible for measuring levels of racial and religious hatred. However, the programme for Government document includes a commitment to improve the collection of hate crime data. The Home Office has implemented this commitment and the formal collection of hate crime data across the five monitored strands (disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation) will begin in April of this year. This data is to be published in summer 2012.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110302/text/110302w002.htm#11030292000030>

### Anti-Semitism

**Lord Ouseley:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what advice is given to universities about policy and practice to tackle anti-Semitism and hate speech on higher education campuses.[HL6700]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Lord Henley):** There is guidance to higher education institutions on Promoting Good Campus Relations, Fostering Shared Values and Preventing Violent Extremism in Universities and Higher Education Colleges, developed by the former Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. This includes detailed guidance to help institutions address issues concerning violent extremism, applicable to whatever form this might take on campus. It also includes guidance on issues that might arise in terms of external speakers on campus. Institutions also take advice about external speakers from their local police forces when needed. The guidance is available online: [www.dius.gov.uk/publications/extremismhe.pdf](http://www.dius.gov.uk/publications/extremismhe.pdf).

The department is active in the wider government review of the Prevent strategy and we expect outcomes from this will provide a steer to higher education institutions on further approaches to tackling extremism and supporting integration.

The sector has also produced guidance which offers institutions practical strategies to deal with instances of hate crimes and intolerance on campus, including anti-Semitism (available at [www.ecu.ac.uk/publications/promoting-good-campus-relations-update](http://www.ecu.ac.uk/publications/promoting-good-campus-relations-update)).

Later this year further guidance will also be developed from the Equality Challenge Unit's major religion and belief project, Universities UK's Academic Freedom Working Group and the National Union of Students (NUS) on freedom of speech in HE. The NUS guidance will be aimed particularly at supporting students' unions.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110228w0001.htm#11022822002579>

## Press Release

**Widespread bullying in schools is not being tackled, new report shows**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2011/march/widespread-bullying-in-schools-is-not-being-tackled-new-report-shows/>

## Racism and Religious Hatred (continued)

### New publication

**Prevention and response to identity-based bullying among local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/research/64\\_identity\\_based\\_bullying.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/research/64_identity_based_bullying.pdf)

### News

**Far-right group 'to become a political party'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/farright-group-to-become-a-political-party-2233613.html>

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## Other Holyrood

### Census

**Census 2011: Shaping Scotland's Future**

[www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii\\_census.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii_census.pdf)

**Shaping the nations future – the history of Scotland's Census**

[www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii\\_census\(2\).doc](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii_census(2).doc)

### New publications

**The Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government – what is the difference?**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/vli/publicInfo/SPandSG/documents/SP-SG2pg.pdf>

**MSPs, MPs, MEPs, councillors – who does what?**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/vli/publicInfo/whodoeswhat/documents/Whodoeswhat2pg.pdf>

### News

**Soham's legacy: employers ordered to keep predators out of the workforce**

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/scotland/Soham39s-legacy-employers-ordered-to.6725555.jp>

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## Other Westminster

### Parliamentary Question

#### **Meat: Ritual Slaughter**

**Gareth Thomas:** To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what recent assessment she has made of the proposals from the European Parliament for meat from animals slaughtered without stunning to be labelled as such; and if she will make a statement. [41636]

**Reply from James Paice:** The European Parliament proposal that meat from animals slaughtered without stunning should be labelled was made during the Parliament's First Reading consideration of the Commission proposal for a Food Information Regulation. In December, the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council met to reach a political agreement on the Food Information Regulations but member states did not discuss the European Parliament's proposed amendment on method of slaughter labelling. As a result this proposal is not included in the common position that will be submitted to the European Parliament shortly.

The European Parliament will undertake its Second Reading on the Food Information Regulation in the coming months in its Environment Committee and then in Plenary. If the amendment on welfare labelling is retained by the European Parliament in its Second Reading, the proposal will then go to Council for consideration.

We believe people should know what they are buying in shops or when they are eating out, and I have had discussions with the supermarkets, the food and catering industries about the role labelling and point of sale information can play in giving consumers a greater choice. All agree this is a difficult, complex and sensitive issue that cannot easily be resolved in view of the many competing interests involved. We will be looking at this further but, will need to consider the impact of existing EU meat labelling Regulations, before any final decisions are taken.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110228/text/110228w0002.htm#11022848000034>

### Press Release

**Andrew Stunell meets key representatives from the Bangladeshi community**

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsstories/communities/1857838>

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## New Publication

**The impact of overseas conflict on UK communities**

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/communities-conflict-globalisation-full.pdf>

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## Other News

**Scottish Charity Awards 2011 open for entries**

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo-media-release/scottish-charity-awards-2011-open-for-entries-3/>

## Other News (continued)

### **Court backs decision to bar Christian foster couple**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-12598896>

### **Buddhist monks' exhibit set for museum reopening**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/buddhist-monks-exhibit-set-for-museum-reopening-1.1087542>

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## **Bills in Progress** \*\* New or updated this week

### **Holyrood**

#### **\*\* Certification of Death Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/index.htm>

Stage 2 amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/b58s3-stage2-ml.pdf>

Bill as amended at Stage 2

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/b58as3-stage2.pdf>

#### **\*\* Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/index.htm>

Stage 2 amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/b53s3-stage2-ml.pdf>

Stage 2 consideration of amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/or-11/eo11-0402.htm#Col2383>

Bill as amended at Stage 2

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/b53as3-stage2.pdf>

#### **\*\* Local Electoral Administration Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/57-LocalElecAdmin/index.htm>

Bill as amended at Stage 2

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/57-LocalElecAdmin/b57as3-stage2.pdf>

#### **\*\* Public Records Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/56-PublicRecords/index.htm>

Stage 2 amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/b56s3-stage2-ml1.pdf>

Bill as amended at Stage 2

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/56-PublicRecords/b56as3-stage2.pdf>

## **Bills in Progress** (continued) **Westminster**

### **\*\* Fixed Term Parliaments Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/fixedtermparliaments.html>

Second Reading, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110301-0001.htm#11030144000426>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110301-0002.htm#11030187000180>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/040/amend/am040-a.htm>

### **\*\* Scotland Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/scotland.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/115/amend/psc1152802a.1497-1503.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/115/amend/psc1150103a.1511-1512.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/115/amend/psc1150302a.1513-1514.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/115/amend/psc1150303a.1519-1525.html>

Scottish Parliament Scotland Bill Committee report

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/scotBill/reports-11/sbr11-01.htm>

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## **Consultations** (closing date)

\*\* new or updated this week

**Inquiry into Human Trafficking in Scotland** (25 March 2011)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/scotland/projects-and-campaigns-in-scotland/inquiry-into-human-trafficking-in-scotland/call-for-evidence/>

**International Commission for Aid Impact (scrutiny of UK overseas aid)** (7 April 2011)

<http://icai.independent.gov.uk/>

**Equality Act: Draft Code of Practice for Schools in Scotland** (22 April 2011)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/equality-act/equality-act-consultations/>

**\*\* Strathclyde Police Equality and Diversity Strategy** (30 April 2011)

<http://www.strathclyde.police.uk/index.asp?locID=1596&docID=-1>

## Consultations (continued)

**\*\* Changes to Immigration-Related Home Office Statistical Outputs** (4 May 2011)

[http://uk.sitestat.com/homeoffice/rds/s?rds.immigration-consultation-2011-pdf&ns\\_type=pdf&ns\\_url=\[http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs11/immigration-consultation-2011.pdf](http://uk.sitestat.com/homeoffice/rds/s?rds.immigration-consultation-2011-pdf&ns_type=pdf&ns_url=[http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs11/immigration-consultation-2011.pdf)

**Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Corporate Plan** (24 May 2011)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/NewsItem.aspx?ID=e66c5cf8-36b4-421c-93e1-f4aceffa7ec>

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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### **Race Equality in Scotland**

8 March 2011 at the Scottish Parliament (6.00 – 7.30)

Runnymede political panel discussion to discuss each party's approach to race equality, as well as on whether race relations have changed in Scotland over the past ten years.

For information contact Vicki Butler [vicki@runnymedetrust.org](mailto:vicki@runnymedetrust.org)

**\*\* this week!**

### **Better Community Engagement**

9 March 2011 in Edinburgh (9.00 – 4.00)

Scottish Government conference to launch a resource to enable better engagement between faith communities and public agencies. For information contact Gina Thomson 01324 489666 / [gthomson@lwt.org.uk](mailto:gthomson@lwt.org.uk) or see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/engage/better/BCENationalConference>

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### **Youth Interfaith Conference**

10 March 2011 in Jackton (10.00 – 3.00)

ACPOS conference and discussion forums to bring young people together to explore faith in our communities. For information see <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/>

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### **Race Equality in Scotland Webchat**

11 March 2011 (4.00 – 5.00)

Runnymede online panel discussion on the state of race equality in Scotland. For information and to register see <http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/291/273/Race-Equality-in-Scotland-Webchat.html>

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### **Muslimah of Scotland Conference**

12 March 2011 in Dundee

Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre conference to celebrate the contribution of Muslim women to Scotland as well as challenge negative stereotypes and barriers that exist to having a fair for all Scotland. For information contact 0141 585 8026 / [info@mwrc.org.uk](mailto:info@mwrc.org.uk)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **Supporting Resilient Communities**

17 March 2011 in Edinburgh

SURF conference to discuss how best to support community resilience and creativity necessary to survive the present crisis and thrive independently in future. For information see <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/events/default.asp?ItemID=1254> or contact Derek Rankine [Derek@scotregen.co.uk](mailto:Derek@scotregen.co.uk)

### **Hijab - The Light Behind the Veil**

23 March 2011 in Glasgow

Amina launch of a short film about Scottish Muslim women. For information contact [info@mwrc.org.uk](mailto:info@mwrc.org.uk) / 0141 585 8026.

### **Advancing Scotland as a Learning Society: a Community Learning and Development perspective**

25 March 2011 in Inverness (9.30 – 5.00)

28 April 2011 in Dundee (meeting focusing on faith issues) (9.30 – 5.00)

16 May 2011 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 5.00)

Series of seminars to explore views on advancing of Scotland as a Learning Society. We hope that you will all be part of this national conversation. For information see [http://www.cldstandardscouncil.org.uk/CLD\\_Standards\\_Council/The\\_Standards\\_Council\\_Conversations](http://www.cldstandardscouncil.org.uk/CLD_Standards_Council/The_Standards_Council_Conversations) or contact Kirsty Horne [k.horne@ltsotland.org.uk](mailto:k.horne@ltsotland.org.uk).

### **OSCR Outreach Programme: Becoming a Charity**

19 April 2011 in Dundee (10.00 – 12.30)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training for charity advisors to enable them to assist organisations in deciding whether to register as a charity, and, if so, to do so. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=6bb95a2f-165b-4bbc-8f78-25fd07c79e34> or contact [communications@oscr.org.uk](mailto:communications@oscr.org.uk)

### **Researching Poverty at Community Level**

The second pilot programme will begin in April 2011

BEMIS in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University (Scottish Poverty Information Unit) and Faith in Community Scotland are offering a 12 week Certificate Level training programme to empower local community and faith groups with much needed necessary skills in relation to research and tackling poverty. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv\\_bemis.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv_bemis.pdf) and registration form [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv\\_bemis.doc](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv_bemis.doc) or contact Tanveer Parnez [Tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk](mailto:Tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

### **OSCR Outreach Programme: Completing OSCR Returns**

10 May 2010 in Aberdeen (10.00 – 12.30)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training for charity advisors to enable them to assist charities to complete annual and supplementary monitoring returns. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=41d2239c-6e59-4edb-96ea-cfd052854b50> or contact [communications@oscr.org.uk](mailto:communications@oscr.org.uk)

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

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

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

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

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