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## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-16102 Emma Harper (SNP): Dumfries and Galloway Council United in Support of EU Citizens** – That the Parliament congratulates Dumfries and Galloway Council on agreeing, at a meeting of the full council and with cross party support, a motion that it considers states unequivocally to EU citizens that they are welcome in the local authority, and that the council wants them to stay; shares what it considers the council's concerns over the potential impact of Brexit on the cultural, social and economic wellbeing of the region; understands that the motion expresses particular concern regarding the UK Government's £30,000 cap on tier 2 visas, and the impact that such a cap could have on the recruitment of vital roles such as carers, teachers, agricultural and domestic workers, areas in which the region has challenges recruiting; emphasises what it sees as the concerns of people across Scotland regarding the Brexit date being only days away and,

it considers, the UK Government being no closer to achieving a deal with the EU, and congratulates the Scottish Government for what it sees as its work to protect Scotland from the harmful impacts of Brexit to every sector of society and the economy.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-16102>

## UK Parliament, Home Affairs Committee

### **Inquiry into English Channel migrant crossings: evidence session**

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/english-channel-crossings/oral/97246.html>

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Oral Answers

### **Immigration: Workers' Rights**

**Paul Sweeney (Labour Co-op):** What assessment he has made of the potential effect of proposals in his immigration White Paper on workers' rights. [909398]

**Reply from the Minister for Immigration (Caroline Nokes):** Foreign nationals admitted to the UK to work under the proposals set out in the White Paper will benefit from the same employment rights and protections as the rest of the UK workforce, such as the national minimum wage, paid annual leave and protection from discrimination.

**Paul Sweeney:** The Minister might be interested to know that when I criticised aspects of the White Paper last week, particularly the proposed £30,000 salary threshold, her colleague the Secretary of State for Scotland said that he shared my concerns and that he would be making a submission to the consultation about the flawed nature of that arbitrary salary threshold. Does the Minister share her colleague's concerns about the impact that that threshold will have on young skilled employment in Scotland?

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The hon. Gentleman will be aware that when the Home Secretary published the White Paper, he made it clear that this was the start of a year-long conversation about the proposal contained therein for us to move to a single system based on people's skills and not on where they come from. He will also be aware that the Immigration Bill has recently moved into its Committee stage, and we heard evidence the week before last from a range of experts giving us the benefit of their views on salary thresholds, including the Migration Advisory Committee, which proposed the £30,000 threshold.

**Kirstene Hair (Conservative):** Part of the immigration White Paper covers seasonal workers. I warmly welcome the seasonal agricultural workers scheme that will be implemented this spring, but can the Minister assure me that she will continue to monitor it to ensure that it fulfils the industry's requirements and that she will not rule out retaining it as a permanent process?

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** I commend my hon. Friend for her enthusiasm and determination to see a seasonal workers scheme introduced. As she knows, the pilot starts this month and we are determined to work closely with the horticultural sector and those companies that are piloting the scheme to ensure that we evaluate it thoroughly and look for the best way to take it forward.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-25/debates/1F11A943-D7E3-4E68-8ECB-8DFBC3E75180/ImmigrationWorkers%E2%80%99Rights>

*The White Paper referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/766465/The-UKs-future-skills-based-immigration-system-print-ready.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/766465/The-UKs-future-skills-based-immigration-system-print-ready.pdf)

## Windrush Generation: Compensation

**Lilian Greenwood (Labour):** What progress his Department has made on providing compensation to victims of the Windrush scandal. [909389]

**Reply from the Secretary of State for the Home Department (Sajid Javid):** Successive Governments have failed the Windrush generation, but it remains this Government's priority to put those wrongs right. On 8 February, I issued a written ministerial statement to inform the House that the Government response to the Windrush compensation scheme consultation will set out the details of the scheme along with accompanying guidance and rules. The response will be published shortly.

**Lilian Greenwood:** When the Home Secretary was appointed he told this House that it was his first priority to help those affected by the Windrush situation. That was in July last year—over seven months ago. The consultation ended on 16 November, but he still cannot—or will not—tell us when the final details of the scheme will be announced. If this is how he treats his first priority, I would hate to think how he treats the others. When can my constituents expect the compensation they so desperately need and deserve?

**Reply from Sajid Javid:** It remains a first priority, which is why since I have been appointed we have helped more than 2,000 people through the Windrush taskforce; created the Windrush scheme; helped almost 3,500 people to apply for citizenship; waived thousands of pounds in costs; and set up an urgent assistance programme for exceptional cases. The hon. Lady is right to raise the compensation scheme. It is hugely important that we do it properly and get it right. That is why we have held a consultation, with an independent reviewer, to make sure that we look at all the issues and it is done properly.

**Afzal Khan (Labour):** Since our urgent question, the Jamaican commissioner has joined calls from across the House to halt deportation flights to Jamaica. After Windrush, where we know that hundreds of people were wrongfully deported or detained, this Government cannot be trusted to follow the correct process. What is their plan for future deportation flights, and will the Home Secretary suspend them until the lessons of Windrush have been learned?

**Reply from Sajid Javid:** As the hon. Gentleman will know, this issue has been discussed in the House. He refers to the charter flight to Jamaica on 6 February. On that flight were 29 foreign national offenders, all convicted of serious crimes. He will know that in each of those cases—as I said, they were all foreign national offenders—we took extra care to ensure that none were subject to the Windrush scheme. Every single one arrived after 1 January 1973 and there is no evidence to indicate that any had been here before that date. He will know that, under a law passed by a previous Labour Government, the Home Secretary is mandated by law to issue a deportation order for anyone who is given a sentence of more than one year. Surely he is not asking me to break the law.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-25/debates/A211D5B3-20E4-4493-A624-B17F90F23A49/WindrushGenerationCompensation>

## EU Settlement Scheme

**John Howell (Conservative):** What support [is the Minister] providing to applicants to the EU settlement scheme. [909390]

**Reply from the Secretary of State for the Home Department (Sajid Javid):** EU citizens make a huge contribution to our economy and society, and we want them all to stay. The EU settlement scheme enables them to do so. The scheme will be free of charge, and we are putting in place measures to ensure it is streamlined, user-friendly and accessible to all prospective applicants.

**John Howell:** With exit day drawing closer, can my right hon. Friend confirm that the Government will do everything to protect the rights of British citizens in the EU and EU

citizens in the UK, regardless of whether there is a deal or not?

**Reply from Sajid Javid:** I am very happy to give my hon. Friend that assurance. It is vital that we give people full reassurance that their rights will be protected as we leave the EU, which is why we have made it crystal clear that, whether there is a deal or no deal, the rights of EU citizens resident here will be protected through the EU settlement scheme. We will continue to work with our friends in the EU, the EU27, asking them to provide the same absolute assurances to UK nationals living in their countries.

**Yvette Cooper (Labour):** The Home Affairs Committee heard in a recent evidence session that those who did not register under the EU settlement scheme in time would be unlawfully resident. Can he confirm whether that is the case? What rights will those people have if they have not registered with the EU settlement scheme?

**Reply from Sajid Javid:** As the right hon. Lady will know, we want to make sure that all EU citizens who are here know exactly how the process works for them to stay. We want them all to stay and we want to make the scheme that I have just set out as easy and accessible as possible. As with any scheme, there will need to be a cut-off period at some point, not least because this is about protecting the rights of EU citizens so that as we end freedom of movement there is no possibility that we can have another Windrush-type situation, which she knows was created by successive Governments not properly documenting a change in immigration status for people who were already here. It is important that we get this right. In terms of a cut-off, we will take a proportionate and sensible approach.

**Nicky Morgan (Conservative):** A whisper may have reached the Home Secretary that my hon. Friend the Member for South Leicestershire (Alberto Costa) is going to propose an amendment on Wednesday calling for a joint UK-EU commitment to adopt part two of the draft withdrawal agreement as soon as possible. May I invite the Home Secretary to indicate, for the very reasons he has just set out, that the Government are supportive of that position?

**Reply from Sajid Javid:** I have been very clear, and I am very happy to say so again to my right hon. Friend, that we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to guarantee the rights of EU citizens who are here in the UK, whether there is deal or no deal. She refers to concerns raised by hon. Members, including my hon. Friend the Member for South Leicestershire. I welcome the interest of both him and my right hon. Friend. I would be happy to meet them to discuss it further.

**Edward Davey (Liberal Democrat):** Further to the question from the Select Committee Chair, the right hon. Member for Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford (Yvette Cooper), does the Home Secretary not realise that there could be a large number of EU citizens living here now who may not, for a number of reasons, manage to register by the June 2021 deadline? Will the Home Secretary therefore look at alternative ideas that are being put forward, for example a declaratory scheme, so that EU citizens can get their rights here and we can treat these people with the respect and dignity they deserve?

**Reply from Sajid Javid:** I could not be clearer: the rights of all EU citizens who are here in the UK prior to exiting the European Union will absolutely be protected. We will do everything we can, whatever is necessary, to ensure that. The right hon. Gentleman makes a suggestion about a declaratory scheme. I say again—this is a very important point—that that is exactly what was done in the '70s with the Windrush generation and we all have seen the consequences of that all too clearly. They were not designed by anyone; that was the outcome of a declaratory scheme. We cannot have such a situation again. I am happy to look at any other ideas and thoughts that hon. Members have on this matter, but I think we all share the concern that we must ensure that rights are protected and properly protected.

**Steve Double (Conservative):** I was pleased recently to add my name to an open letter from the Cornwall leadership board to all EU citizens living in Cornwall, making it clear that

we want them to remain here and that we want to make it easy for them to do so. However, concerns remain about getting the message out about the settled status scheme to the more rural and hard-to-reach communities in Cornwall, so will the Home Secretary reassure me that the Home Office will make every effort to get the message out to the remotest parts of our country?

**Reply from Sajid Javid:** Yes, I can give my hon. Friend that reassurance. That is a very important point: we want to make sure that we are reaching not just people in rural communities outside our big cities, but those who might be more vulnerable, perhaps because they are disabled or are children who are being looked after by local authorities. We need to make sure that we reach out to all of them, which is why we are working with a number of organisations. We have allocated £9 million of funding for them to make sure that they can go out and reach all these vulnerable groups.

**Joanna Cherry (SNP):** The right hon. Member for Loughborough (Nicky Morgan) has asked the Home Secretary about an amendment to be debated in the House later this week, requiring the Prime Minister to seek to ring-fence the rights of both UK citizens in the EU and EU citizens in the UK, regardless of whether the withdrawal agreement is signed. This ring-fencing has cross-party support across the House, including from many Government Back Benchers. What possible reason could there be for the Home Secretary not to recommend to the Prime Minister that the Government accept that amendment?

**Reply from Sajid Javid:** The hon. and learned Lady will know that the Prime Minister is not able to speak on behalf of the EU; she can speak only on behalf of the UK. She is not able to force the EU to ring-fence anything—that is ultimately a decision for the EU. What the UK can do, though, is unilaterally guarantee the rights of all EU citizens, regardless of whether there is a deal or no deal, and that is exactly what we are doing.

**Joanna Cherry:** Well of course, what the Prime Minister is being asked to do is to seek an agreement from the EU, not to force the EU. However, if the Government are not prepared to do that, will they do this? The British in Europe campaign group told the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill Committee last week that the best alternative to bilateral ring-fencing was to put the settled status qualifying criteria in the Bill along with a clear statement of strong settled status rights. That would be best practice and would give other countries in the European Union significant encouragement to reciprocate. Will the Home Secretary commit to that as a fall-back position?

**Reply from Sajid Javid:** I absolutely share the hon. and learned Lady's concerns. It might be useful to point out that we can guarantee people's rights through secondary legislation, which would be much more straightforward and easier, and that is our plan. As we have set out, we absolutely will be guaranteeing the rights of all EU citizens, regardless of deal or no deal, and when that comes to this House, hopefully through secondary legislation, I hope that hon. Members will support it.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-25/debates/5233CA61-D162-4342-AB08-3C5E190CDE8C/EUSettlementScheme>

### **Asylum Seekers: Right to Work**

**Christine Jardine (Liberal Democrat):** What assessment [has the Minister] made of the potential merits of giving asylum seekers the right to work. [909388]

**Reply from the Minister for Immigration (Caroline Nokes):** Our current policy allows asylum seekers to work in jobs on the shortage occupation list, where their claim has been outstanding for 12 months or more through no fault of their own. However, there is ongoing work in this area, and I continue to have discussions with stakeholders and right hon. and hon. Members on this very important subject.

**Christine Jardine:** I hear the argument the Minister is making, but I remain baffled about

why the Government are prepared to allow people, often very highly skilled people, to come to this country and force them to live on £5.40 a day, when they often have the skills we are crying out for, especially in key health service sectors. Does she not agree with me that allowing asylum seekers to rebuild their lives by going into employment and making an economic contribution would make them feel valued and would have benefits for us as well?

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** ... Of course, this policy is designed to protect the resident labour market so that access to employment is prioritised for British citizens, and it is important to reflect that about 50% of asylum seekers are ultimately found not to be in need of international protection.

**Philip Hollobone (Conservative):** But the asylum system simply is not working. Between 2010 and 2016, 81,000 asylum applications were either refused or withdrawn, yet only one third of these people were removed and 54,000 are still here. Before considering the employment of asylum seekers, will the Immigration Minister sort out the asylum system itself?

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** I would like to reassure my hon. Friend that we are committed to making sure that asylum claims are considered without unnecessary delay and to making sure that, when decisions are made, they are the right decisions first time. He makes an important point about returns. This Government are committed to working both with stakeholders and with individual people who have failed in their asylum claims to promote voluntary returns and make sure that they are returned to their home countries, where it is safe to do so.

**Emma Hardy (Labour):** My constituent Ehi Izevbaye has been in the UK for more than 14 years with no right to work and he has a 10-year-old daughter. He has been repeatedly turned down for leave to remain and now faces deportation. They say he has run out of options. The Home Office has made a catalogue of errors and mistakes with this incredibly complex case. Please will the Minister look personally at the case and review it, and either agree to meet me to discuss it further or consider what she can do to help him?

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** I thank the hon. Lady for raising that individual case. I am of course happy to meet her to discuss it in detail. In circumstances in which somebody has had a claim outstanding for a considerable period and has a child, it is important that we continue to act to ensure that we are faster in making decisions.

**David Evennett (Conservative):** Does my right hon. Friend recognise the importance of work for physical and mental wellbeing and for community integration? Does she agree that we should do everything we can to ensure integration?

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** My right hon. Friend is absolutely right to emphasise the importance of work. I often say, with no irony whatsoever, that I spent a very happy 12 months at the Department for Work and Pensions. I am conscious of the importance of work for people's physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, not to mention the fact that children are better off when their parents are in work. My right hon. Friend is absolutely right to mention integration. I commend the work of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on its integration Green Paper, and the Home Office is working closely with it.

**Patrick Grady (SNP):** I wonder whether in her own surgery the right hon. Lady has ever had to look an asylum-seeking constituent in the eye and explain to them why they are forced to walk around with a plastic card that says, "Not permitted to work". The right to work is a fundamental human right, so is it not about time that the Government extended that right to all asylum seekers?

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** I hope that the hon. Gentleman was listening when I made the point that the policy is about protecting the labour market for British workers. Of course I have met asylum seekers in my surgery. Indeed, the ward of Swaythling in Southampton has one of the highest numbers of supported asylum

seekers in the entire city, and it falls within my constituency. It is important that we get the balance right and find out how we can best support people into work, but what we do not want to do is create perverse incentives for people to seek to come here by circumventing our important immigration rules, which reserve the right to work for those who have applied through the correct processes.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-25/debates/57654D5F-1A1F-4871-BC57-B6BAC14DC925/AsylumSeekersRightToWork>

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

### Immigration: Families

**David Duguid (Conservative)** [225594] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment his Department has made of the potential for reducing bureaucracy for non-EEA residents seeking to bring family members to the UK.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The family Immigration Rules prevent burdens on the taxpayer and promote integration. The Supreme Court agrees the family Immigration Rules strike a fair balance between the interests of those wishing to sponsor family to settle in the UK and of the community in general.

We have taken a number of changes to simplify the process, for example, we have created online application forms, improved customer guidance and no longer ask for original documentary evidence in most cases. However, we recognise that there is more that can be done to simplify the Rules even further and have asked the Law Commission to review how this might be achieved. This work is ongoing and we will carefully consider their findings in due course.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-25/225594/>

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**David Duguid (Conservative)** [225595] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department will assess ways in which aspects of the EU Settlement Scheme could inform aspects of the immigration system for non-EEA residents.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** As set out in the Government's White Paper "The UK's future skills-based immigration system" (Cm 9722) published on 19 December 2018, we will put the user at the heart of the design of our new single system, including legitimate travellers coming to visit, work or study here (and, of course, British and Irish citizens crossing the border), and the organisations that educate or employ them. In developing the new system and the technologies to support it, we will draw on lessons learnt during the delivery of the EU Settlement Scheme and consider whether they might be appropriate for use in the future system, for example the introduction of the ID verification app and the integrated use of data.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-25/225595/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-applicant-information>

*The White Paper referred to above can be read at*  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/766465/The-UKs-future-skills-based-immigration-system-print-ready.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/766465/The-UKs-future-skills-based-immigration-system-print-ready.pdf)

### Immigration: Parents

**Hannah Bardell (SNP)** [223904] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department,

whether he applies the same standards for mothers and fathers when assessing Article 8 applications for leave to remain.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights falls within the scope of Appendix FM of the Immigration Rules. These rules do not differentiate between mothers and fathers or husbands, wives and civil partners, referring only to parents and partners. There are no requirements under Appendix FM that are particular to one parental role or the other.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-20/223904/>

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

#### **Immigrants: Children**

**Neil Coyle (Labour) [222019]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 12 February 2019 to Question 216277, if his Department will start to collect data on how many children are living in households with parents subject to no recourse to public funds.

**Neil Coyle (Labour) [222020]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 12 February 2019 to Question 216277, for what reasons his Department does not collect data on how many children are living in households with parents subject to no recourse to public funds.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Government has no current plans to start collecting this data. No recourse to public funds is a general restriction applied to the majority of migrants whether here as short-term visitors or with a view to settlement. The restriction can be removed following application for those with a right to remain on a specified human rights basis who would otherwise be destitute. It is not applied to those granted leave for international protection reasons and certain other vulnerable migrants.

Migrants who remain here without leave will not have access to public funds. The nature of illegal entry or overstaying make it difficult to accurately be confident on the numbers of children in these households, but local authorities do collect data on those supported under s.17 of the Children Act and where migrant families are involved this data is provided to the Home Office. The Home Office works regularly with local authorities to help lift the restriction for those who are eligible. In addition, immigration legislation does not prevent the provision of necessary support and assistance in order to safeguard the wellbeing of children.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-15/222019/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-15/222020/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-04/216277/>

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

#### **Visas: Fees and Charges**

**Chi Onwurah (Labour) [225500]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what refunds or other compensation are available to visa applicants whose visas are not processed within the target time.

**Chi Onwurah (Labour) [225501]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what (a) refunds and (b) other compensation are available to visa applicants who pay for the super priority service which promises a decision within one working day when that

timeline is not met.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** UK Visas and Immigration consider all requests for refunds on a case by case basis. Whether a refund is issued will depend on the specific circumstances of each case. Requests should be made via the complaints process:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration/about/complaints-procedure#how-to-complain>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-25/225500/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-25/225501/>

### **British Nationality: EU Nationals**

**Deidre Brock (SNP)** [222649] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he will make it his policy to offer UK citizenship to EU citizens free of charge on the same basis as the EU Settlement Scheme.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** As the Prime Minister announced on 21 January, there will be no fee for applications under the EU Settlement Scheme when we roll out the scheme in full by 30 March. Anyone who has applied during the pilot phase, or who does so, will have their fee reimbursed. The Home Office will set out further details in due course.

We have no plans to reduce or abolish the fee for British citizenship applications for EU citizens.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-18/222649/>

*The announcement referred to above can be read at*

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-01-21/debates/0FBF8F8F-E4B4-47A2-BD0A-958EFC89BD7E/LeavingTheEU#contribution-99B39557-ED82-420D-B124-FF83FC72F686>

### **British Nationality: EU Nationals**

**Deidre Brock (SNP)** [223902] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make it his policy to refund the fees paid by EU citizens who have chosen to apply for UK citizenship rather than for settled status.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** As the Prime Minister announced on 21 January, there will be no fee for applications under the EU Settlement Scheme when we roll out the scheme in full by 30 March. Anyone who has applied during the pilot phase, or who does so, will have their fee reimbursed. We have no plans to refund any fees paid for citizenship applications made by EU or non-EU citizens.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-20/223902/>

*The announcement referred to above can be read at*

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-01-21/debates/0FBF8F8F-E4B4-47A2-BD0A-958EFC89BD7E/LeavingTheEU#contribution-99B39557-ED82-420D-B124-FF83FC72F686>

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Tulip Siddiq (Labour)** [223190] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department will take and what benchmarks his Department will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the EU Settlement Scheme.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** As part of our commitment to improving the end to end process for applicants, feedback will be sought via an online survey, alongside other feedback mechanisms we have in place.

An example of where we have achieved this would be during Private Beta 2, the survey was undertaken voluntarily by applicants after they had submitted their application form. In total, 1,330 PB2 applicants completed the survey, which covered a variety of elements from communications to the different stages in the application process. More information can be found in the Private Beta 2 report below:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/772139/EU\\_Settlement\\_Scheme\\_Private\\_Beta\\_2\\_Report.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/772139/EU_Settlement_Scheme_Private_Beta_2_Report.pdf)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223190/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-applicant-information>*

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Tom Brake (Liberal Democrat)** [224028] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of applicants were unable to complete the application process for settled status during the second phase of the trial of the EU Settlement Scheme.

**Tom Brake (Liberal Democrat)** [224029] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of applicants were granted pre-settled status during the second phase of the trial of the EU Settlement Scheme.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The EU Settlement Scheme opened on a trial basis at the end of August 2018 and a wider public beta commenced in January 2019. In total across all the test phases we have granted over 100,000 applications. We have published a report on second testing phase which sets out further details of the outcomes:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-private-beta-2/eu-settlement-scheme-private-beta-testing-phase-2-report>.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-20/224028/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-20/224029/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-applicant-information>*

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Paul Blomfield (Labour)** [223217] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Governments proposals for European Temporary Leave to Remain status will require primary legislation.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** In the event that the United Kingdom leaves the European Union in a no deal scenario, we will seek to end free movement as soon as possible through the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill. Once enacted, this will repeal the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, which currently implement free movement in UK law. EEA and Swiss citizens and their close family members then arriving in the UK who wish to stay longer than three months will need to apply for European Temporary Leave to Remain, for which, for a no deal scenario, provision will be made in the Immigration Rules in due course.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223217/>

*The following four questions all received the same answer*

### **Immigration: Scotland**

**Ian Murray (Labour)** [225477] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions he has had with representatives of the Scottish higher education sector on the proposed three-year limit to the European Temporary Leave to Remain scheme in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

### **Overseas Students: Scotland**

**Ian Murray (Labour)** [225478] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential effect on EEA students wishing to study at Scottish universities of setting the time limit for the European Temporary Leave to Remain

**Ian Murray (Labour)** [225480] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether students arriving at Scottish universities under the European Temporary Leave to Remain scheme would have to apply for a Tier 4 visa mid-way through their studies in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal.  
scheme at three years.

### **Overseas Students: EEA Nationals**

**Ian Murray (Labour)** [225479] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has plans to extend the three-year time period for the European Temporary Leave to Remain scheme for EEA students wishing to study at UK universities.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Government has regular contact with representatives of the higher education sector, and the Scottish Government, and will continue to consult with the relevant stakeholders during the course of our 12 month engagement with stakeholders on the UK's future skills-based immigration system.

Securing a deal with the European Union remains the Government's top priority. However, it is prudent to plan for every scenario

The Government has been consistently clear that once the UK has left the EU, free movement will end. In a no-deal scenario a temporary, transitional arrangement will be implemented until the future skills-based immigration system comes into force. In this scenario, once free movement has ended, EEA citizens will still be able to enter the UK as they do now during the transition period, for an initial stay of up to three months and will be able to visit, work or study without applying for a visa. If EEA citizens want to stay in the UK for more than three months, they will need to apply in the UK within this time for European Temporary Leave to Remain, which may be granted for a further 36 months.

This arrangement should cater for the needs of the majority of international students. However, we do recognise that there are a number of students for whose studies are longer than three years, including some studying at Scottish universities.

In the event of no deal, EEA citizens wishing to come to the UK to study for more than three years could obtain European Temporary Leave to Remain and, at the conclusion of the period of leave, apply for a student visa under the future immigration system.

Alternatively, the student could apply at the outset for a Tier 4 visa under the existing system which would enable them to secure leave covering the entire duration of their studies. We have been very clear that there will continue to be no limit on the number of international students who can come to study in the UK.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-25/225477/>

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<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-25/225480/>

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<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-25/225479/>

#### **Immigration: EEA Nationals**

**Alex Chalk (Conservative)** [220968] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the EU Settlement Scheme will open to applications from EEA nationals.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The EU Settlement Scheme will be open to all EEA citizens, including citizens of the EEA EFTA states (Norway Iceland and Liechtenstein) and Swiss citizens by 30 March 2019.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-13/220968/>

#### **Immigration: EEA Nationals**

**Tulip Siddiq (Labour)** [223189] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will publish his Department's guidance on how EEA citizens will be able to demonstrate their right to reside after 29 March 2019 in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Government has made clear that the current arrangements for demonstrating eligibility to services for EEA nationals living in the UK will not change before the introduction of the future skills-based immigration system in 2021, including in the event the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

This position is set out in the Government's White Paper on the UK's future skills-based immigration system and the Citizens' Rights Policy Paper published on 6 December 2018. Guidance for EEA nationals, employers and service providers will be updated to reiterate this.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223189/>

*The White Paper referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/766465/The-UKs-future-skills-based-immigration-system-print-ready.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/766465/The-UKs-future-skills-based-immigration-system-print-ready.pdf)

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Peter Kyle (Labour)** [223847] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his EU Settlement Scheme: Statement of Intent, when he plans to publish details on the immigration status of (a) EU citizen family members and (b) spouses of British citizen Crown servants; and if he will make a statement.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** As noted in the Statement of Intent on the EU Settlement Scheme, the Government is considering carefully how to ensure that EU citizen spouses and other family members of British citizen Crown servants are not unfairly disadvantaged by absences from the UK as a result of overseas postings. We will publish the relevant details shortly.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-20/223847/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-applicant-information>

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Hugh Gaffney (Labour)** [223237] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department,

what steps his Department is taking to promote the EU settlement scheme to children of non-UK EU citizens.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** We are working in partnership with vulnerable group representatives, local authorities and other experts to make sure we reach everyone.

We have established a children's specific content steering group to develop age-appropriate communications content and material for children as part of the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) communications programme.

This group has members from a range of children's rights bodies including legal experts, academics specialising in European children's rights and communications professionals.

The group recognises the need to create communications materials that provide greater detail on requirements for children to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (as well as organisations making applications on behalf of children). Any materials produced are also intended to empower children and young people to understand their legal rights as EU citizens in the UK.

The intention is also to include children in the development of the content and market-test our products with children, adhering to all ethical standards, to ensure they are fit-for-purpose.

Furthermore, we are engaging regularly with local authorities regarding their responsibilities for looked after children who are impacted by the introduction of the EU Settlement Scheme and are providing guidance to help them manage these often complex cases.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223237/>

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Caroline Spelman (Conservative)** [222791] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of (a) the number of non-UK EU children in care and (b) the number of those children in each local authority that were part of his Department's private beta phase two testing pilot by (i) age and (ii) EU nationality.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The precise number of non-UK EU children in care is not known. Local authorities do not routinely collect this data. The Home Office has estimated that there are approximately 5,000 EU children in care in the UK, not including care leavers. This estimate is based on ONS data on the proportion of EEA citizens per Local Authority and government data on volumes of children in care per Local Authority

The second Private Beta phase included some applications for Looked After Children made by five local authorities. The local authorities which participated did so voluntarily for some of the EU children in their care. In total 19 applications were made on behalf of looked after children by these local authorities. Applicants were aged between 5-17 and comprised 6 different nationalities.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-18/222791/>

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Caroline Spelman (Conservative)** [222792] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of non-UK EU children in care who could not take part in his Department's private beta phase test pilot (a) in total and (b) in each local authority pilot site because they did not have a passport.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** According to the rules laid before parliament (on 11/10/2018) for the second Private Beta phase of the EU Settlement Scheme, only a child being looked after (within the meaning of section 22(1) of the Children Act

1989) by one of the five named local authorities, with a chipped passport, was eligible to apply.

The Home Office did not estimate the number of children who could not take part in the Private Beta phase because they did not have a passport.

All EU applicants, including looked after children, will be able to apply with an ID card or a passport once the scheme is rolled out fully from 30 March 2019. In addition, from that date it will be possible for applicants to submit alternative evidence of their identity and nationality where they are unable to provide a passport or national identity card due to circumstances outside of their control, or for compelling practical or compassionate reasons.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-18/222792/>

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Caroline Spelman (Conservative)** [222793] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-UK EU children in care took part in the Home Office's private beta testing phase two of the EU Settlement Scheme (a) in total and (b) in each local authority area; how many (i) received settled status, (ii) received pre-settled status, (iii) were refused, (iv) requested an administrative review (A) in total and (B) in each local authority area.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** In total 19 applications were made on behalf of looked after children by the participating local authorities. We are unable to provide a breakdown by local authority as this may identify some of the children involved.

16 have received settled status.

0 have received pre-settled status

0 have been refused

0 have requested an administrative review

We are working with the relevant local authorities to gather further evidence for the 3 outstanding cases.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-18/222793/>

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Caroline Spelman (Conservative)** [222737] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether during the private beta testing phase two of the EU Settlement Scheme his Department instructed local authorities to support eligible non-UK EU children in care to secure British citizenship.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** During the second Private Beta phase of the EU Settlement Scheme, participating local authorities were not instructed to support eligible EU national children in care to secure British citizenship.

Local authorities participated on a voluntary basis to apply on behalf of some children in their care. Only looked after EU national children (within the meaning of section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) were eligible to participate in this phase of the scheme.

The Private Beta phase did not involve applications for British citizenship, which is a separate process.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-18/222737/>

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Tom Brake (Liberal Democrat)** [224027] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to tackle the issue of the official name of Bulgarian citizens appearing in Cyrillic on their EU settled status applications as a result of the first

line of their passport being written in the Cyrillic script.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The EU Settlement Scheme is streamlined, user-friendly and will be accessible to all prospective applicants. To provide a simple user experience and to increase data accuracy, we use technology to read data direct from the passport Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) the text at the bottom of a passport and the passport chip.

Neither the MRZ nor the chip in the document include special characters such as Cyrillic script. This is in line with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standard for passports that all EU passports adhere to. The ICAO standard provides translation matrices for each marking to the English alphabet, and it is intended that the digital status shown to individuals will follow the same format and display names in Latin script only. However, in some cases, we are aware that Cyrillic characters are appearing within the digital status name, and we are investigating why this is happening so that this can be rectified.

The test phases have provided us with a useful opportunity to prove various elements of the scheme functionality and we continue to refine the handling of special characters, including how this could apply retrospectively to any applicants who may want their data to be corrected.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-20/224027/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-applicant-information>*

### **Refugees: Finance**

**Tulip Siddiq (Labour)** [223186] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that newly approved refugees are not subject to a break in support when their asylum support ends after 28 days.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Government has implemented a number of initiatives to enable refugees to access benefits and housing promptly once any support they have been provided by the Home Office ends 28 days after the grant of their status. These include providing a National Insurance number and the offer of an appointment with their nearest Jobcentre Plus office, so that the refugees can make a claim for mainstream benefits provided by the Department of Work and Pensions.

Refugees are also eligible to receive assistance with housing from their local authority, in the same way as British Citizens or other permanent residents of the UK and are treated as having a priority need if they have children or are considered vulnerable. Asylum accommodation providers are under a contractual duty to refer these cases to the appropriate local authority.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223186/>

### **Undocumented Migrants: Fines and Sentencing**

**David Simpson (DUP)** [225466] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is the Government's policy to increase the level of (a) fines and (b) sentences for people transporting illegal immigrants to the UK.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** There are no plans to increase the penalty for the criminal offence of facilitating the unlawful entry of a person into the UK from the current maximum of 14 years' imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-25/225466/>

### **Asylum: Saudi Arabia**

**Jim Shannon (DUP)** [223053] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Saudi Arabian citizens have applied for asylum in each of the last five years.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Home Office publishes data, in its quarterly Immigration Statistics release, on the number of applications for asylum in the UK, broken down by nationality for each quarter, in table as\_01\_q (Asylum, volume 1). These data include main applicants only. Latest edition available at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/758192/asylum1-sep-2018-tables.ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/758192/asylum1-sep-2018-tables.ods)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223053/>

### **Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre: Per Capita Costs**

**Chi Onwurah (Labour)** [222642] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost per detainee is of detaining someone at Yarlswood immigration removal centre; and how that cost is calculated.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Costs of individual Removal centres are commercially sensitive. The costs for calculating the average daily cost of a removal centre are as below.

The costs are derived at by dividing the Total Resource Costs of running Detention Centres (Contracts, staff, Rent, Rates, Utilities and Depreciation) by the average number of bed spaces (currently 3448).

The average cost to detain an individual in immigration detention is provided on a per day basis. The current daily cost per detainee is £88.29, which corresponds to an annual cost of £32,227 (£88.29 multiplied by 365 days). Data can be found at the link below

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-enforcement-data-november-2018>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-18/222642/>

### **Immigrants: Detainees**

**Tulip Siddiq (Labour)** [223185] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 18 February 2019 to Question 218833 on Immigrants: Detainees, what the cost was of the escorting contract for immigration detainees in the last 12 months for which information is available.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Home Office contract for the provision of escorting services for immigration detainees as provided by Tascor E&D Services Ltd until 30th April 2018, and by Mitie Care and Custody Ltd from 1st May 2018.

The operating costs of these contracts is commercially confidential and public disclosure would prejudice the commercial interests of the Home Office and its suppliers. However, the Home Office publishes payments in excess of £25K on its website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/home-office-spending>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223185/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-08/218833/>

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Benjamin Gudza**

**Dan Jarvis (Labour)** [223202] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to safeguard the welfare of Benjamin Gudza, a resident of the Barnsley Central constituency, who has been detained at Morton Hall detention centre and is due to be deported to Zimbabwe.

**Dan Jarvis (Labour)** [223203] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department has taken to make adjustments for Benjamin Gudza's learning difficulties and mobility problems, while he is in detention at Morton Hall.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The welfare and safety of all detainees are matters of the utmost importance. We are clear that detention and removal must be carried out with dignity and respect, and we expect nothing but the highest standards of care from our commercial partners.

The welfare of detainees and the conditions of detention are governed by the Detention Centre Rules 2001 and must additionally meet the published Operating Standards for IRCs and the comprehensive guidance set out in published Detention Services Orders. This collective framework provides guidance on issues associated with this case.

We undertake regular reviews of detention to ensure it remains lawful, appropriate and proportionate. When an individual's circumstances change or new information comes to light which mean they are no longer suitable to be detained, their release is arranged.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223202/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223203/>

**Deportation: Zimbabwe**

**Dan Jarvis (Labour)** [223205] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment his Department has made of the risk to Zimbabwean nationals facing deportation to Zimbabwe.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** All asylum and human rights applications from Zimbabwean nationals are carefully considered on their individual merits in accordance with our international obligations. Each individual assessment is made against the background of the latest available country of origin information and any relevant caselaw.

The Country Policy and Information Note Zimbabwe: Opposition to the government published in April 2018 (available on Gov.uk) outlines our position. We are aware of the situation in Zimbabwe and are keeping it under review, however caselaw has established that a state of civil war and/or civil unrest is not enough, in itself, to provide for a grant of asylum. A person needs to show a risk above and beyond those general inherent risks.

The April 2018 Country Policy and Information Note is in the process of being updated, incorporating recommendations from a review commissioned by the Independent Advisory Group on Country Information. This will be published in due course.

Where a decision has been made that a person does not require international protection, removal is only enforced when we and the courts conclude that it is safe to do so, with a safe route of return.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223205/>

The policy note referred to above can be read at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/703520/Zim\\_CPIN - Pol opps - April 2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/703520/Zim_CPIN_-_Pol_opps_-_April_2018.pdf)

### **Deportation: West Africa**

**Caroline Lucas (Green)** [194670] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 9 October 2018 to Question 174681 on deportation: West Africa, what the outcome was of the considerations taking place in relation to the two people who were referred under the National Referral Mechanism for the identification of victims of trafficking; and what type of status was granted to the individual who was a family member of an EEA national.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** There are conclusive grounds to accept that the two people referred under the National Referral Mechanism for the identification of victims of trafficking, are both victims of modern day slavery.

One individual has been granted a period of discretionary leave. There are no reasons to believe that the other individual requires protection and/or assistance and therefore a grant of Discretionary Leave has not been made.

The individual was issued a residence card as a non-EEA national family member confirming their right to reside in accordance with EEA Treaty rights.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-11-22/194670/>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-09-13/174681/>

## **UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers**

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Lord Greaves (Liberal Democrat)** [HL13583] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the total cost of the EU Settlement Scheme to date; and what is the estimated total cost up to the deadline for applications on 30 June 2021.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** For the 2018/19 financial year, HM Treasury provided EU Exit funding allocation of £395 million to Home Office. £170 million has been reserved for the development and delivery of the EU Settlement Scheme. This includes building a simple, user-friendly digital application system, communications campaign and caseworkers to process applications.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-02-11/HL13583/>

### **Syria: Refugees**

**Lord Porter of Spalding (Conservative)** [HL13747] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Department for International Development will continue to contribute funds to the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme when the current scheme ends in 2020.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** Work has begun with key stakeholders and international organisations on our future Asylum and Resettlement Strategy. This includes consideration of the UK's resettlement offer, and how it is funded, beyond 2020.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-02-14/HL13747/>

## Undocumented Migrants

**Lord Green of Deddington (Crossbench)** [HL13694] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many migrants who had entered the UK illegally were encountered by (1) port authorities, and (2) the police after passing through UK ports in each year since 2010.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The Home Office does not routinely publish this level of data on clandestine entry or attempts to enter the UK but data on clandestine detection that has been published can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/number-of-clandestines-detected-at-the-juxtaposed-controls-and-at-uk-ports-from-2010-to-2014>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-02-13/HL13694/>

## Refugees

**Lord Beecham (Labour)** [HL13834] To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has had with the Home Office about extending the 28 day move-on period after refugee status has been granted.

**Reply from Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth:** MHCLG continues to work closely with Home Office on ways to improve the support to newly recognised refugees, but there are no plans to extend the 28-day move-on period.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-02-19/HL13834/>

## Press Releases

**Scotland to suffer under UK immigration proposals**

<https://www.gov.scot/news/scotland-to-suffer-under-uk-immigration-proposals/>

**Staying in the UK for longer than 3 months if there's no Brexit deal**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/european-temporary-leave-to-remain-in-the-uk>

**Thousands to benefit from new English language programmes**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-to-benefit-from-new-english-language-programmes>

**Call for applications: Migration Media Award 2019**

<https://www.easo.europa.eu/news-events/call-applications-migration-media-award-2019>

## New Publications

**UK Immigration Policy After Leaving the EU Impacts on Scotland's Economy, Population and Society**

<https://tinyurl.com/y3whbxu4>

**Migration Statistics Quarterly Report: February 2019**

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/bulletins/migrationstatisticsquarterlyreport/february2019/pdf>

**Overview of the immigration system**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/overview-of-the-immigration-system>

## **Summary of latest statistics**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/summary-of-latest-statistics>

## **How many people come to the UK each year?**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/how-many-people-come-to-the-uk-each-year>

## **Why do people come to the UK? (1) To visit**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-1-to-visit>

## **Why do people come to the UK? (2) To work**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-2-to-work>

## **Why do people come to the UK? (3) To study**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-3-to-study>

## **Why do people come to the UK? (4) For family reasons**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-4-for-family-reasons>

## **How many people do we grant asylum or protection to?**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/how-many-people-do-we-grant-asylum-or-protection-to>

## **How many people continue their stay in the UK?**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/how-many-people-continue-their-stay-in-the-uk>

## **How many people are detained or returned?**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-december-2018/how-many-people-are-detained-or-returned>

## **Immigration Enforcement Transparency Data 2018**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/781930/IE\\_Q4\\_2018\\_Published..ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/781930/IE_Q4_2018_Published..ods)

## **Prejudice Against Immigrants Symptomizes a Larger Syndrome, Is Strongly Diminished by Socioeconomic Development, and the UK Is Not an Outlier: Insights From the WVS, EVS, and EQLS Surveys**

<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fsoc.2019.00012/full>

## **News**

### **Change census questions to reflect multilingual Scotland, think tank urges**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/change-census-questions-to-reflect-multilingual-scotland-think-tank-urges-1-4880418>

**Fear for Scots universities over 'bizarre' no-deal visa**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17467904.fear-for-scots-universities-over-bizarre-no-deal-visa/>

**Thousands of university students could be 'put off' Scotland by hard Brexit**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/general-election/thousands-of-university-students-could-be-put-off-scotland-by-hard-brexit-1-4881470>

**Net migration from outside the EU hits 15-year high, as exodus of EU citizens continues before Brexit**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/02/28/net-migration-outside-eu-hits-15-year-high-exodus-eu-citizens/>

**East Europeans quit UK as EU migration hits 10-year low**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/03/01/east-europeans-quit-uk-eu-migration-hits-10-year-low/>

**Immigration from EU drops to nine year low**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-03-01/news/net-migration-from-outside-eu-hits-highest-level-for-15-years-6wdx3wkwd>

**Sajid Javid stuns MPs by backing bid to secure EU citizens' rights after no-deal after Theresa May dismissed it**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17463297.sajid-javid-stuns-mps-by-backing-bid-to-secure-eu-citizens-rights-after-no-deal-after-theresa-may-dismissed-it/>

**Chagos Islanders treatment leads to fears of new Windrush scandal**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/03/01/chagos-islanders-treatment-leads-fears-new-windrush-scandal/>

**The fight for EU citizens' rights could become another Windrush**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/feb/28/alberto-costa-eu-citizens-uk-brexit-windrush-home-office>

**Right to Rent policy in Scotland and Wales successfully challenged**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/right-rent-policy-scotland-and-wales-successfully-challenged>

**Right to Rent scheme ruled incompatible with human rights law**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/mar/01/right-to-rent-scheme-ruled-incompatible-with-human-rights-law>

**Tenant immigration checks breach human rights, High Court rules in blow to Theresa May**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-03-01/news/tenant-immigration-checks-breach-human-rights-high-court-rules-in-blow-to-theresa-may-jlg0tvix5>

**A new support programme to help congregations welcome refugees and asylum seekers**

[https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/2019/new\\_support\\_programme\\_to\\_help\\_congregations\\_welcome\\_refugees\\_and\\_asylum\\_seekers](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2019/new_support_programme_to_help_congregations_welcome_refugees_and_asylum_seekers)

**British prejudice against immigrants is among lowest in Europe, study shows**  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/2019/02/26/british-prejudice-against-immigrants-among-lowest-europe-study/>

**‘Everyone should say to politicians: “put a time limit on detention.”’**  
[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/blogs/3410\\_everyone\\_should\\_say\\_to\\_politicians\\_put\\_a\\_time\\_limit\\_on\\_detention](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/blogs/3410_everyone_should_say_to_politicians_put_a_time_limit_on_detention)

**Baby among migrants found crossing English Channel**  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-47372076>

**Nine migrants stopped in English Channel**  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-47390660>

**Services delayed as police hunt migrants hiding in channel ferry’s funnel**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/services-delayed-as-police-hunt-migrants-hiding-in-channel-ferry-s-funnel-6twv3rsn9>

**Migrants are phoning police to collect them from Channel boats**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-02-27/news/migrants-are-plotting-to-collect-them-from-channel-boats-85jw5w3xx>

**Woman faces deportation after 17 years in UK**  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-shropshire-47361498>

**Deportation for being single? This shows the real bigotry gay people face**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/feb/25/deportation-single-bigotry-gay-people-yew-fook-sam-home-office>

**‘I did 12 years in jail from the age of 16. Now I’m a reformed man helping young offenders – and the government is trying to deport me’**  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/paul-douglas-colnbrook-removal-centre-immigration-deportation-young-offender-a8792696.html>

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## Community Relations

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-16002 Gail Ross (SNP): BEMIS Year of Young People** – That the Parliament congratulates BEMIS Scotland on the finale of its Year of Young People 2018 and Scottish Winter Festivals 2018-19 events, which was held in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on 26 January 2019 as part of the world-renowned Celtic Connections festival; notes that BEMIS Global Ensemble, which headlined the concert alongside the Basque percussion group, Oreka TX, Indian dance group, Dance Abinaya, and Japanese drummers, Tsuchigumo Daiko, represented a unique celebration of Scotland’s diversity, its traditions and cultural heritage; celebrates that the group, comprising people from African, Indian, Iranian, Jewish, Irish, Scottish Gaelic and Japanese communities in Scotland, showcased a unique representation of Scotland that had been further encapsulated in BEMIS-led events during the Year of Young People 2018, St. Andrew’s Fair Saturday 2018 and the Scottish Winter Festivals 2018-19; warmly congratulates the 73 local community events held across the

country where citizens from over 25 self-identified international, European and domestic ethnic and cultural minority communities, who call Scotland home, embraced St. Andrews Day, Burns Night and other important dates by using diverse language, music, dance, poetry, food and song to articulate Scotland in 2019, and pays tribute to the partnership approach adopted by BEMIS to engage key institutions in the year's celebrations, including Celtic Connections, the Scottish Football Association, The Fair Saturday Foundation (Bilbao) and Dundee St. Andrew's Fusion Festival, which has helped to build a profile and showcase the best of Scotland's traditions and diverse communities.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-16002>

## Press Release

**From Brexit to Begum, Britain is divided. Muslims can help to break down barriers**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/from-brexit-to-begum-britain-is-divided-muslims-can-help-to-break-down-barriers-pqlxk95j9>

## News

**As hate crimes rise, Muslim leaders take the lead in visiting churches, synagogues, and temples**

<https://mcb.org.uk/press-releases/as-hate-crimes-rise-muslim-leaders-take-the-lead-in-visiting-churches-synagogues-and-temples/>

**Visit my mosque day 2019**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/visit-my-mosque-day-2019-muslim-islam-religion-faith-community-uk-council-britain-a8803446.html>

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## Equality

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

#### Unemployment: Ethnic Groups

**Seema Malhotra (Labour Co-op) [224336]** To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to tackle the comparatively high rates of unemployment among adults from (a) Black and (b) Pakistani and Bangladeshi ethnic groups in each (i) region and (ii) nation of the UK.

**Reply from Alok Sharma:** In 2015 the Government made a commitment to increase the level of ethnic minority employment by 20% by 2020. Since then, 556,000 more people from ethnic minority backgrounds are in employment, a 17% increase. The Black/African/Caribbean unemployment rate of 8.4% is the lowest it has been since this series began in 2001 as is the Pakistani and Bangladeshi unemployment rate of 7.7%.

We know there is more to do following the Race Disparity Audit in 2017 which revealed a gap in employment rates between ethnic minority groups and the overall population. The Department has been addressing this by maximising the effectiveness of our jobcentres and influencing the behaviour of employers in supporting ethnic minority jobseekers into employment.

For example, the Department identified 20 challenge areas across Great Britain to work with that have a large gap between ethnic minority and white employment rates. We have delivered mentoring circles in all 20 challenge areas which involve national employers offering specialised support to unemployed, ethnic minority jobseekers to help build their confidence and raise their aspirations. In January 2019, I announced that these mentoring circles will now be rolled out nationally from April 2019.

We also know from the Race Disparity Audit that gender matters, even more so for the Pakistani and Bangladeshi group, where employment rates for females is less than half of White groups. To help overcome this barrier, in September we started trialling a programme with Pakistani and Bangladeshi women in Birmingham. The women participated in workshops to explore the benefits of becoming work ready and the financial incentives for their families in taking up paid employment. We will use this learning to help determine how we can deliver similar programmes across the Jobcentre network in 2019.

*[Figures are all based on averages from January 2018 – December 2018 (Labour Force Survey, ONS) for the UK.]*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-21/224336/>

*The Race Disparity Audit, referred to above, can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/686071/Revised\\_RDA\\_report\\_March\\_2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/686071/Revised_RDA_report_March_2018.pdf)

## UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer

### Education: Travellers

**Baroness Whitaker (Labour)** [HL13770] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Statement by Viscount Younger of Leckie on 4 February (HLWS1264), what action they will take to improve access for Gypsy, Traveller and Roma young people to further and higher education.

**Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie:** Widening access and participation in higher and further education is a priority for this government. Everyone with the capability to succeed should have the opportunity to benefit from a university education, regardless of their background or where they grew up. On 1 February 2019, we announced measures to tackle ethnic disparities in higher education. The announcement is attached and can also be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/universities-must-do-more-to-tackle-ethnic-disparity>.

The new regulator for higher education, the Office for Students (OfS) has a statutory duty in regards to students who share particular characteristics, (protected under the Equality Act 2010), and where there is specific evidence that barriers exist that may prevent equality of opportunity, including those from the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

Through Access and Participation Plans agreed with the OfS, higher education providers are expected to reduce the gaps in access, success and progression for under-represented groups amongst their students.

Eligible 16 to 19 year olds do not pay tuition fees for post-16 further education (e.g. A Levels and approved technical qualifications). This enables young people to meet the requirement of continuing to participate in education or training beyond the age of 16.

Eligibility to receive public funding for further education for adults (those aged 19

and above), is based on age, prior attainment and a learner's circumstances. Skills provision is prioritised and focussed towards young adults, those with low skills and unemployed people who are actively seeking work.

In addition, the government also provides financial support to enable learners to participate in post-16 further education, whatever their financial situation. This includes contributions to costs such as transport, childcare, essential books, equipment and accommodation.

[HL13770 Tackling ethnic disparity](#)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-02-14/HL13770/>

*The statement referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Lords/2019-02-04/HLWS1264/>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-16047 Anas Sarwar (Labour): Inclusion and Diversity Charter Mark** – That the Parliament welcomes the launch of Action for Children's Charter Mark, which is a recognition for schools tackling prejudice and discrimination; notes that the pupil-led initiative was devised and co-produced by young black and minority ethnic (BAME) women, supported by the charity's Heritage and Inclusion project; believes that the Charter Mark will help schools examine policy, practice and legal obligations on equality for all young people; considers that it will show BAME young people that their school includes and supports them to identify their rights; believes that it will also be an important tool in tackling prejudice-based bullying within classrooms; wishes Action for Children success with the scheme, and encourages local authorities and the Scottish Government to engage with Action for Children and the Cross Party Group on Tackling Islamophobia as the programme is rolled out across Scotland.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-16047>

*Guidance to the Charter Mark referred to above can be read at*

<https://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/media/1569412/cpcm-guidance-leaflet-schools.pdf>

### UK Parliament Debate

**Macpherson Report: 20th Anniversary**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-25/debates/46D35D08-3CEF-4C4D-BC1B-2DE28F5D0E87/MacphersonReport20ThAnniversary>

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Oral Answers

#### Business of the House

**Bob Blackman (Conservative):** This House has rightly concentrated a substantial amount of time on debating measures to combat antisemitism, but we should abhor all racism, racial hatred and religious hatred. It is now time for a proper debate on a definition

of Islamophobia. The all-party group on Islamophobia has come up with a working proposal, on which it is consulting, but that has drawn criticism from a large number of faith communities. It is time for the Government to come forward with a proposal so that we have a clear definition that everyone can support. May we have a debate on this in Government time so that we can reach some solid conclusions on which the whole House can agree?

**Andrea Leadsom:** My hon. Friend is right to raise our disgust at any form of racial or religious hatred or disadvantage. The APPG that he mentions has a very interesting proposition and I am sure that he will find a way to bring that to the attention of Ministers so that we can see what progress can be made.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-28/debates/BC716A05-71F7-48A9-8FF9-E7C194CCE952/BusinessOfTheHouse#contribution-4794F253-E99E-4FB4-BC45-43E06D3351F0>

### Prime Minister's Questions

**James Cleverly (Conservative):** Yesterday, we heard of the horrific antisemitic attack on an elderly Jewish gentleman in north London. Tonight, right hon. and hon. colleagues from across the House will be breaking bread with the Community Security Trust, a charity that exists to defend against antisemitic violence. Does my right hon. Friend agree that we can never be blasé about antisemitism, we can never be tolerant of antisemitism, and the Labour party can never be too apologetic about antisemitism? [909477]

**Reply from the Prime Minister:** First, I join my hon. Friend in recognising the work done by the Community Security Trust. It does such important and valuable work throughout the year, and I am pleased that the Government are able to support the work it does. He is absolutely right to say that one can never be too apologetic about antisemitism, but I think what we have heard sums up Labour under its leader: it loses the hon. Member for Liverpool, Wavertree (Luciana Berger) and it keeps the hon. Member for Derby North (Chris Williamson). That tells us all we need to know about the Labour leadership: they are present but not involved. Perhaps if the Labour leader actually wants to take action against racism, he would suspend the hon. Member for Derby North.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-27/debates/29279E4A-C05F-4397-BA73-054E73A0B26D/Engagements#contribution-9BDF5A5C8-BEB4-4BF1-8F6E-17CA4BDAE31C>

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

### Antisemitism: Crime

**Christine Jardine (Liberal Democrat)** [223246] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many antisemitic crimes have been reported to the police in the last 12 months.

**Reply from Nick Hurd:** The Home Office collects and publishes statistics on the number of Hate crime offences recorded by the police in England and Wales. Data on religious hate crimes are published in Table B1 in the Hate crime Data Tables and can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/748083/hate-crime-1718-hosb2018-tables.ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/748083/hate-crime-1718-hosb2018-tables.ods)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-19/223246/>

### Antisemitism

**Virendra Sharma (Labour)** [223838] To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps his Department taking to (a) monitor and (b) tackle levels of antisemitism in the UK.

**Reply from Heather Wheeler:** We work closely with the Community Security Trust and other representative community partners through the Cross-Government Working Group to Tackle Antisemitism. The Working Group is held up as an example of best practice internationally for cooperation between government and minority communities. Through the Working Group we have funded projects to highlight and counter antisemitism directed at women, and to combat the dissemination of antisemitic tropes in society.

We have also worked with the police to improve the recording of hate crime. This includes a requirement to record the targeted faith or belief in incidents of religiously motivated hate crime. The first set of statistics reflecting this new requirement with disaggregated figures for religiously motivated hate crime were published in October 2018. These statistics can be found at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/748598/hate-crime-1718-hosb2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/748598/hate-crime-1718-hosb2018.pdf).

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-20/223838/>

## Press Releases

**Hate crime: availability of information recorded by the police in Scotland**

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/developing-information-hate-crime-recorded-police-scotland/>

**Glasgow Sheriff Court: sentencing of Bradley Wallace after he pled guilty to assaulting a priest by spitting at him – an offence aggravated by religious prejudice**

<http://www.scotland-judiciary.org.uk/8/2141/HMA-v-Bradley-Wallace>

## New Publications

**Developing Information on Hate Crime Recorded by the Police in Scotland**

<https://tinyurl.com/y4gbru45> )

**Freedom of Information release: Criminal proceedings information, offences where a racial aggravator was recorded**

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-201900000138/>

and

<https://tinyurl.com/y2vl2krq>

**Runnymede Trust: The Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report: 20 Years On**

<https://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/StephenLawrence20briefing.pdf>

## News: Antisemitism in the UK Labour Party

**Scottish Jewish leader blasts Labour as racist party**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/scottish-jewish-leader-blasts-labour-as-racist-party-1-4880778>

**Scottish Labour leader Richard Leonard snubs trade union on antisemitism row councillor**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17472320.scottish-labour-leader-richard-leonard-snubs-trade-union-on-antisemitism-row-councillor/>

**Labour anti-Semitism row intensifies as general secretary slams deputy leader**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17471314.labour-anti-semitism-row-intensifies-as-general-secretary-slams-deputy-leader/>

**Labour anti-Semitism: Tom Watson clashes with party boss**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-47425319>

**Tom Watson to discuss with Jeremy Corbyn making tackling anti-Semitism Labour's 'number one issue'**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17467709.tom-watson-to-discuss-with-jeremy-corbyn-making-tackling-anti-semitism-labours-number-one-issue/>

**Antisemitism row is a badge of shame for Labour, says Watson**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-03-01/news/antisemitism-row-is-a-badge-of-shame-for-labour-says-watson-7km65fgd2>

**Labour civil war over anti-Semitism deepens as General Secretary accuses Tom Watson of breaking the law**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/03/01/diane-abbotts-local-party-says-scandal-claim-labour-institutionally/>

**Labour's general secretary criticises Tom Watson over handling of antisemitism row**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-antisemitism-tom-watson-jennie-formby-jeremy-corbyn-a8804106.html>

**Tom Watson directly challenges Jeremy Corbyn over antisemitism, handing him dossier of 50 complaints**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/02/24/tom-watson-issues-direct-challenge-jeremy-corbyn-anti-semitism/>

**Corbyn set for clash with Watson over MP's antisemitism remarks**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/feb/27/labour-mp-chris-williamson-party-too-apologetic-over-antisemitism-complaints>

**Tom Watson says he will personally monitor antisemitism cases**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/feb/25/tom-watson-says-he-will-monitor-labour-antisemitism-cases>

**Tom Watson: Luciana Berger leaving Labour over antisemitism was 'worst day of shame in party's 120-year history'**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/tom-watson-luciana-berger-labour-antisemitism-chris-williamson-a8800946.html>

**Nearly 500 Corbyn allies sign letter of apology over antisemitism**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/feb/28/labour-worst-day-shame-tom-watson-luciana-berger-resignation>

**Labour antisemitism apology letter signed by nearly 1,000 Corbyn supporters**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-antisemitism-letter-apology-corbyn-a8802631.html>

**Lord Falconer reopens Labour anti-semitic hate cases**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/lord-falconer-reopens-labour-anti-semitic-hate-cases-wr6wgdlsf>

**Falconer may reopen inquiry into 'toxic' Liverpool party**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/falconer-may-reopen-inquiry-into-toxic-liverpool-party-68rhtmj6t>

**Diane Abbott 'silent' as claims of antisemitism dismissed**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-03-02/news/diane-abbott-silent-as-claims-of-antisemitism-dismissed-zb773kxnm>

**Momentum chief admits Labour has a 'widespread' anti-Semitism problem**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/02/25/labour-has-widespread-problem-anti-semitism-momentum-chief-says/>

**Labour activists backlash over anti-Semitism row**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-47421300>

**Berger quitting over anti-Semitism Labour's worst day, says Watson**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-47400029>

**Labour succumbs to pressure and suspends MP Williamson at centre of another anti-Semitism row**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17464175.labour-succumbs-to-pressure-and-suspends-mp-williamson-at-centre-of-another-anti-semitism-row/>

**Jeremy Corbyn accused of blocking suspension of Labour MP Chris Williamson amid antisemitism row**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/jeremy-corbyn-chris-williamson-antisemitism-labour-mp-video-jewish-abuse-a8800496.html>

**Chris Williamson: Labour MP who said his party is 'too apologetic' over antisemitism suspended**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/chris-williamson-antisemitism-corbyn-suspended-a8800101.html>

**Labour MP Chris Williamson suspended in anti-Semitism row**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-47393626>

**Labour MP Chris Williamson apologises over anti-Semitism backlash**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/labour-mp-chris-williamson-apologises-over-anti-semitism-backlash-1-4880505>

**Labour splits exposed as MP is suspended over antisemitism remarks**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/feb/27/labour-suspends-chris-williamson-over-antisemitism-remarks>

**Labour MP faces party censure over antisemitism film**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/feb/26/labour-mp-chris-williamson-faces-criticism-over-film-about-antisemitism-in-the-party>

**Labour MP criticised after arranging screening of film about anti-Semitism in Parliament**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/02/26/labour-mp-criticised-arranging-screening-film-anti-semitism/>

**Chris Williamson: Labour MP filmed telling activists party is too 'apologetic' about antisemitism**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/chris-williamson-labour-mp-antisemitism-video-jeremy-corbyn-momentum-a8798581.html>

**Chris Williamson suspended from Labour after claiming party has been 'too apologetic' over anti-Semitism**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/02/27/labour-mps-demand-corbyn-ally-suspended-claiming-party-has-apologetic/>

**Labour anti-Semitism: MP says party is 'too apologetic'**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-47380784>

**I do not hate Jews, says Labour AM Jenny Rathbone**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-politics-47387890>

**Local Labour parties drawn into row over antisemitism claims**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/mar/01/local-labour-parties-drawn-into-row-over-antisemitism-claims>

**Labour faces new row over efforts to curb antisemitism**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/mar/02/new-labour-party-row-over-antisemitism-jeremy-corbyn>

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**Henry Smith MP on Conservative Party Islamophobia claims**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-politics-47406400/henry-smith-mp-on-conservative-party-islamophobia-claims>

**The Tories' response to raging Islamophobia? Turn a blind eye**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/02/tories-islamophobia-bigotry>

**Tory councillor suspended over Islamophobic comments about bombing mosques made in Facebook group he moderates**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/tory-islamophobia-councillor-mosque-facebook-martyn-york-a8804486.html>

**67% of hate crime in Scotland race related, figures show**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/67-of-hate-crime-in-scotland-race-related-figures-show-1-4880301>

**Half of hate crimes in Glasgow and Edinburgh**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17463684.half-of-hate-crimes-in-glasgow-and-edinburgh/>

**Man jailed for spitting on Catholic priest outside church**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-47387094>

**Bradley Wallace jailed after spitting on priest during Orange Walk**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17463045.bradley-wallace-jailed-after-spitting-on-priest-during-orange-walk/>

**Loyalist who spat on priest outside church sent to jail**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-02-28/scotland/loyalist-who-spat-on-priest-outside-church-sent-to-jail-wpcjcdqw7>

**Police watchdog Jennifer Izekor 'framed by Met officers' for investigating racism**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/police-watchdog-jennifer-izekor-framed-by-met-officers-for-investigating-racism-pgbxhg9lt>

**Scots pupils reveal sickening racial abuse hurled at them in school**

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/scots-pupils-reveal-sickening-racial-14063672>

**Charity tackles discrimination in schools**

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/charity-tackles-discrimination-in-schools>

**Are we living in the dark ages?**

<https://www.actiononsectarianism.info/news/are-we-living-in-the-dark-ages-2>

**Facebook bans Tommy Robinson's page**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-47371290>

**Right-wing activist Tommy Robinson banned from Facebook and Instagram**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/right-wing-activist-tommy-robinson-banned-from-facebook-and-instagram-1-4879503>

**Tommy Robinson: YouTube faces mounting pressure to ban right-wing activist**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/tommy-robinson-youtube-faces-mounting-pressure-to-ban-right-wing-activist-1-4880474>

**Labour's Tom Watson calls on YouTube to ban Tommy Robinson**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17472349.labours-tom-watson-calls-on-youtube-to-ban-tommy-robinson/>

**Tommy Robinson banned from Facebook and Instagram for Muslim hate speech**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-02-27/news/tommy-robinson-banned-from-facebook-and-instagram-for-muslim-hate-speech-q3bhs0pgz>

**Tommy Robinson banned from Facebook and Instagram**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/feb/26/tommy-robinson-banned-from-facebook-and-instagram>

**Police chiefs argue against new hate crime covering elderly**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17458032.police-chiefs-argue-against-new-hate-crime-covering-elderly/>

**Aberdeenshire primary school kids find sick racist notes saying 'Kill the n\*\*\*\*\*s' as cops launch probe**

<https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/3928719/primary-school-aberdeenshire-racist-notes-street-cops-probe/>

**BBC staff to receive 'unconscious bias' training**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/bbc-staff-to-receive-unconscious-bias-training-1-4882482>

**IBM slammed over 'racist' job application**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2019/02/27/ibm-slammed-racist-job-application/>

**Backlash after BBC Scotland recruit Nazi dog salute' criminal**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/backlash-after-bbc-scotland-recruit-nazi-dog-salute-criminal-1-4882454>

**Police warn of rise in football sectarianism and violence**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-47402200>

**Time for a new approach on sectarianism**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/17468700.herald-view-time-for-a-new-approach-on-sectarianism/>

**Football alone doesn't cause and can't cure sectarianism**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/brian-wilson-football-alone-doesn-t-cause-and-can-t-cure-sectarianism-1-4881732>

**It is time to bring football to heel – as roughly as possible**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17458993.neil-mackay-it-is-time-to-bring-football-to-heel-as-roughly-as-possible/>

**'Disgusting' IRA chant about Brendan Rodgers filmed in pub**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-03-01/scotland/disgusting-ira-chant-about-brendan-rodgers-filmed-in-pub-m3hjhw768>

**Chelsea avoid Uefa punishment over 'anti-Semitic' chants**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/football/2019/02/28/chelsea-avoid-uefa-punishment-uefa-anti-semitic-chants/>

**Uefa drop investigation into Chelsea over alleged racist chanting during Europa League tie**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/european/chelsea-alleged-racist-chants-europa-league-uefa-vidi-a8802111.html>

**Ryanair flight rant man David Mesher 'faces no charges'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-47357714>

**Ryanair racist tirade: man avoids UK charges as plane was in Spain**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/feb/25/racist-ryanair-tirade-avoids-charges-spain-essex>

**Police admit 'Ryanair racist' David Mesher cannot be prosecuted in UK**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-02-26/news/police-admit-ryanair-racist-david-mesher-cannot-be-prosecuted-in-uk-h5scprbg8>

**The 22 black men who have faced the same stereotypes**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-47376317/the-22-black-men-who-have-faced-the-same-stereotypes>

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**Scottish Greens appoint Alison Johnstone as new co-leader**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-47429786>

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### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

#### **Children in Care: Ethnic Groups**

**Diana Johnson (Labour)** [225441] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer on 19 February to Question 221613 on Children in Care: Ethnic Groups, whether the figures provided include children in care under Section 20 Voluntary Arrangements.

**Reply from Nadhim Zahawi:** The figures provided to question 221613 included all looked after legal statuses, excluding children looked after under an agreed series of short term arrangements, and so did include children in care under Section 20 Voluntary Arrangements.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-25/225441/>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-14/221613/>

### UK Parliament, House of Lords Oral Answers

#### **Islamic Ceremony: Civil Marriage Registration**

**Baroness Cox (Crossbench):** To ask Her Majesty's Government, following Resolution 2253 (2019) passed on 22 January by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, what plans they have to review the Marriage Act 1949 to make it a legal requirement for Muslim couples to civilly register their marriage before, or at the same time as, their Islamic ceremony.

**Reply from the Advocate-General for Scotland (Lord Keen of Elie):** My Lords, we recognise that the noble Baroness, Lady Cox, has brought a number of proposals for reform to the House. We are aware of Resolution 2253 from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. We remain committed to exploring the legal and practical challenges of limited reform relating to the law on marriage and religious weddings, as outlined in the Government's recently published *Integrated Communities Action Plan*.

**Baroness Cox:** My Lords, I thank the Minister for his reply and his reference to the fact that I have introduced Private Member's Bills for eight consecutive years in an attempt to highlight the suffering from gender discrimination in the application of sharia law of many Muslim women, many of whom have come to me desperate, destitute and even suicidal, with no rights following asymmetrical divorce inflicted by their husbands. Therefore, while I welcome Her Majesty's Government's commitment to explore the legal and practical challenges of marriage reform, I ask the Minister for an assurance that this legislation will

be introduced as a matter of great urgency, as so many women are now suffering in this country in ways that would make the suffragettes turn in their graves.

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** My Lords, we share the noble Baroness's concern that some may feel compelled to accept decisions made informally, such as those made by religious councils. But marriage is a complex area of law and the issues will require careful consideration. We intend to explore those, as I indicated. Where sharia councils exist, for example, they must abide by the law. Where there is a conflict with national law and the court is asked to adjudicate, national law will always prevail.

**Lord Anderson of Swansea (Labour):** My Lords, almost two-thirds of Muslim women married in the UK are not legally married and, as the Prime Minister has acknowledged, after divorce may be subject to penury, so what will the Government do? This is not discriminatory because the independent review suggests only that sharia courts also have a civil component, or at least there is a parallel civil ceremony, that puts Muslim women on the same basis as Jewish and Christian women. A year has passed since the independent review. Why will the Government not protect these very vulnerable Muslim women?

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** My Lords, we are concerned that these people should be protected. The decision to go through with what is sometimes termed a nikah ceremony is widespread and unfortunately it does not give rise to a lawful marriage in England and Wales. But, as from April, we are taking forward detailed work to determine the best course of action to address such issues.

**Baroness Berridge (Conservative):** My Lords, recent High Court decisions show that this is an issue that affects religious ceremonies generally, but such ceremonies are marriages under UK criminal law if they are forced marriages. However, a victim of a forced religious marriage can then be left destitute as there are no remedies that follow to get access to the matrimonial property—unfortunately, Parliament left that gap. So can my noble friend please outline when this injustice will be remedied, as it is certainly a barrier to victims of forced marriage coming forward if they face destitution because they cannot get hold of their rightful matrimonial property?

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** My Lords, I must make it clear that the offence of forced marriage does not give legal recognition to marriages but is intended to protect victims from this abhorrent practice, regardless of the validity or otherwise of the marriage. Access to financial orders available on divorce depends on whether or not there has been a legally void or dissolved marriage and is governed by an entirely separate legal regime.

**Baroness Burt of Solihull (Liberal Democrat):** ... marriage ... gives protections and rights that should be available to all couples regardless of whether or not they are religious. But these Muslim women, who believe that they are legally wed, may not find out that they do not have the protections of the law until far too late. That is why the requirement for a civil ceremony as well, as recommended by the Home Office's own independent review last year, is so important. Is it not high time now for a fundamental review of the Marriage Act 1949 to recognise all forms of marriage in the 21st century?

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** The general proposition that we should recognise all forms of marriage raises issues in itself. Our marriage law actually goes back to Lord Hardwicke's Act of 1753 rather than just to 1949. It is a complex area that we will consider from the spring onwards and in which we will have to move with care. But we cannot simply recognise all informal types of marriage. We have a basic marriage law in this country based on the place in which it is celebrated and the fact that that place is open to the public and that it should be witnessed. We cannot move away from that. Indeed, to do so would create other issues and problems for ourselves.

**Lord Green of Deddington (Crossbench):** My Lords, we all recognise that this is a very

complex issue, as the Minister has said. I pay tribute to the efforts of my noble friend Lady Cox, who has been on this case for years and years. Does the Minister not recognise that literally tens of thousands of women are in a very disadvantaged position? The Government produce one excuse after another but when will they actually take some effective action to end this outrageous situation?

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** My Lords, there is a very real issue out there and it has to do with education and information as much as anything else. Many vulnerable people are not aware of what is required for a valid marriage ceremony in England and Wales. Therefore, we must address that issue—I accept that. But simply to move in the direction of recognising, for example, the nikah form of ceremony creates very real difficulties in itself. To take one example, how will you then police the issue of sham marriages?

**Lord Cormack:** My Lords, as one who has attended a number of meetings arranged by the noble Baroness and wishes to salute her courage and persistence, I ask my noble and learned friend on the Front Bench to try to inject a sense of urgency here. It is all very well saying, “We have considered it”, and “We will look at it”. We need action. It is a complicated subject but we need some real urgency here.

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** My Lords, following the Government’s *Integrated Communities Action Plan*, we are going to take forward an analysis of policy objectives in this area and detailed work will be carried out.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2019-02-28/debates/9E6C7E1B-4462-47F4-A769-2546C5524403/IslamicCeremonyCivilMarriageRegistration>

The Council of Europe Resolution referred to above can be read at <http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=25353>

The Action Plan referred to above can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-communities-action-plan>

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## New Publications

**Court of Justice of the European Union: The Organic production logo of the European Union cannot be placed on meat derived from animals that have been slaughtered in accordance with religious rites without first being stunned**

<https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2019-02/cp190015en.pdf>

**Ethnic Minorities at the 2017 British General Election**

<https://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/2017%20Election%20Briefing.pdf>

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**'Suspicious item' found near mosque in Edinburgh**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-47418017>

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### **Scottish Parliament**

#### **\*\* Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/108681.aspx>

Stage 1 debate

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11959&i=108133#ScotParlOR>

Financial Resolution

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11959&i=108141#ScotParlOR>

#### **Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/108702.aspx>

### **UK Parliament**

#### **Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/asylumseekerspermissiontowork.html>

#### **Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) (No. 2)**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/asylumseekerspermissiontoworkno2.html>

#### **Border Control Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/bordercontrol.html>

#### **\*\* Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill**

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

Second Reading, House of Commons

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-26/debates/7AF56966-95B8-49D2-B007-21A8ADEC61C/BusinessWithoutDebate#debate-3705910>

House of Commons Library Briefing

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-8510/CBP-8510.pdf>

#### **EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill**

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

#### **Gypsy and Traveller Communities (Housing, Planning and Education)**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/gypsyandtravellercommunitieshousingplanningandeducation.html>

#### **Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/holocaustreturnofculturalobjectsamendment.html>

#### **Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill**

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

## **\*\* Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/immigrationandsocialsecuritycoordinationeuwithdrawal.html>

Committee Stage, House of Commons

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-26/debates/cfeb8af5-237d-4a97-92aa-58a2ef894951/ImmigrationAndSocialSecurityCoordination\(EUWithdrawal\)Bill\(FifthSitting\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-26/debates/cfeb8af5-237d-4a97-92aa-58a2ef894951/ImmigrationAndSocialSecurityCoordination(EUWithdrawal)Bill(FifthSitting))

and

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-26/debates/19db3426-9d9f-47bb-bde2-b652d493023a/ImmigrationAndSocialSecurityCo-Ordination\(EUWithdrawal\)Bill\(SixthSitting\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-26/debates/19db3426-9d9f-47bb-bde2-b652d493023a/ImmigrationAndSocialSecurityCo-Ordination(EUWithdrawal)Bill(SixthSitting))

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[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-28/debates/c9f2707e-3005-4432-9046-0ecb566e22e7/ImmigrationAndSocialSecurityCoordination\(EUWithdrawal\)Bill\(SeventhSitting\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-28/debates/c9f2707e-3005-4432-9046-0ecb566e22e7/ImmigrationAndSocialSecurityCoordination(EUWithdrawal)Bill(SeventhSitting))

and

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-28/debates/8f5f3005-3700-436c-8b7c-143534c3c51d/ImmigrationAndSocialSecurityCo-Ordination\(EUWithdrawal\)Bill\(EighthSitting\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-02-28/debates/8f5f3005-3700-436c-8b7c-143534c3c51d/ImmigrationAndSocialSecurityCo-Ordination(EUWithdrawal)Bill(EighthSitting))

## **Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill**

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

## **Immigration (Time Limit on Detention) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/immigrationtimelimitondetention.html>

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

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

## **Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill**

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

## **Online Forums Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/onlineforums.html>

## **Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill**

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

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<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionno2.html>

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

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**Scottish charity law** (closing date 1 April 2019)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9ln88df>

## **Proposed Post-Mortem Examinations (Defence Time-Limit) (Scotland) Bill**

(closing date 4 April 2019)

[www.parliament.scot/S5MembersBills/20190108\\_Gil\\_Paterson\\_Consultation\\_document.pdf](http://www.parliament.scot/S5MembersBills/20190108_Gil_Paterson_Consultation_document.pdf)

**Defamation in Scots law** (closing date 5 April 2019)

<https://tinyurl.com/yb7dv8tu>

**The Law of Succession** (closing date 10 May 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/justice/law-of-succession-2019/>

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act** (closing date 10 May 2019)

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/111249.aspx>

**Experiences of Islamophobia** (closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/amina-islamophobia>

**Raising skills and standards of supporters of refugees and asylum seekers**

(closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3R8SDYN>

**Police Scotland: Your view counts** (open all year)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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## **Events, Conferences, and Training**

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### **Working with People from Diverse Religion & Belief Backgrounds**

5 March 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-1.00)

Interfaith Scotland course to increase confidence in discussing and responding to the religion and belief of others at work, learn about the core beliefs and cultural practices of the main faiths, and the individual needs that may arise from a person's faith or belief identity. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y9bkt6e2>

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### **Lunchtime Equality Workshop**

6 March 2019 in Kirkcaldy (12.00-1.30)

Fife Centre for Equalities workshop to find out about the latest equality statistics for Fife. For information contact [Elric@centreforequalities.org.uk](mailto:Elric@centreforequalities.org.uk) / 01592 645310.

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### **Working with Interpreters**

7 March 2019 in Glasgow

24 April 2019 in Glasgow

8 October 2019 in Glasgow

28 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to train service providers in the processes of using an interpreter, examine the pitfalls – and consequences – of this aspect of service provision, looking at confidentiality, professional boundaries, including appropriate behaviour and standards, and evaluation processes. Reduced fees available for relevant organisations. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/jt93f0g> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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### **Women only: Training for Trainers: Confidence Building and Hate Crime Reporting**

8 March 2019 in Edinburgh (9.45-2.25)

15 March 2019 in Edinburgh (9.45-2.15)

22 March 2019 in Edinburgh (9.45-2.15)

Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre training for women to learn how to deal with discrimination and hate crime, build confidence, learn new skills, and learn how to train other women in the community. For information contact 0141 212 8420 / [info@mwrc.org.uk](mailto:info@mwrc.org.uk) or see <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/D0f28QVX4AU5xS4.jpg:large>

### **Rights and Entitlements of EEA Nationals**

12 March 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

19 March 2019 in Edinburgh (9.30-12.30)

PAiH course to provide information on fundamental issues of housing, employment and welfare entitlements of EEA nationals and explore how service users might prepare themselves to avoid possible threats of Brexit. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/#unique-identifier2>

### **Introduction to Race Equality**

12 March 2019 in Glasgow (10.00-3.30)

CRER training to increase understanding of race and racism in the Scottish context, and provide the tools to promote equality for minority ethnic people. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y5rguwh2>

### **Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

12 March 2019 in Glasgow (1.30-12.30)

19 March 2019 in Edinburgh (1.30-4.30)

PAiH course to provide information about rights of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK, explore how the asylum system works from the perspective of a claimant and the process involved in making a claim for asylum, and explore the barriers faced by both refugees and asylum seekers building a new life in Scotland and their respective entitlement to services. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/#unique-identifier3>

### **Three Mottos for Excellence in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

14 March 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-1.00)

Interfaith Scotland course to consider three models that help guide our thinking, as we seek to tackle discrimination, communicate across difference and understand the relationship between our identities, our experiences and our worldview. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yd8uhfeq>

### **Introduction to Policing Programme**

16 and 24 March, and 6 April 2019 (three-day course) in Edinburgh and Tulliallan Police Scotland course to encourage people from minority ethnic communities to consider a career in policing. For information see [https://www.scojec.org/memo/files/19iii\\_ps.pdf](https://www.scojec.org/memo/files/19iii_ps.pdf) , contact [recruitmentpositiveactionteam@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:recruitmentpositiveactionteam@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or request to join the closed facebook group 'Police Scotland Positive Action'

### **Refugee rights to housing**

22 March 2019 in Glasgow

7 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course identifying the different groups of asylum seekers and refugees most likely to seek housing in Scotland, their legal rights, and the duties and obligations on local authorities and other housing organisations towards them. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y9pvpl5r> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Discover your Journey: Police Scotland women-only event**

23 March 2019 in Edinburgh (9.30-3.30)

30 March 2019 in Jackton (9.30-3.30)

Police Scotland event to encourage women to consider a career in policing. For information about the Edinburgh event see [www.scojec.org/memo/files/19iii\\_ps2.jpg](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/19iii_ps2.jpg) , and about the Jackton event see [www.scojec.org/memo/files/19iii\\_ps3.jpg](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/19iii_ps3.jpg) contact [recruitmentpositiveactionteam@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:recruitmentpositiveactionteam@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

### **Engaging with seldom heard voices**

27 March 2019 in Glasgow

5 December 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course looking at the various approaches, tools and techniques we can adopt to reach out to people who are seldom heard. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8tg2x4k> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **\*\* 2021 Ethnic Group and Religion Questions Update Event**

27 March 2019 in Edinburgh (9.30-11.30)

28 March 2019 in Glasgow (2.00-4.00)

National Records of Scotland events about the ethnic group and religion questions that are being proposed for Scotland's Census 2021. For information <https://tinyurl.com/y2dfndfx>

### **Equality and intersectionality**

29 March 2019 in Edinburgh (12.00-4.00)

University of Edinburgh and Equality Network event to share learning about equality work and applying intersectionality across cities, sectors and countries of the UK, and network with people working in equality third sector organisations in England and Scotland, people in the public sector, academics and equality policy makers. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yaerx9fm>

### **Inclusion Cultivation**

16 April 2019 in Kirkcaldy (9.30-4.00)

Fife Centre for Equalities workshop to help those aspire to be equality trainers to learn the techniques in designing and conducting a programme of activities, approaches you can adopt in your promotional strategy, and confidence to lead discussions on fairness and equality. For more information see <https://tinyurl.com/yb6anztx>

### **Working with unaccompanied refugee children**

1 May 2019 in Glasgow

26 September 2019 in Glasgow

6 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to enable service providers to better understand separated children, and how you can help them in their journey. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y7mz5uuv> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Age assessment awareness**

9 May 2019 in Glasgow

13 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to give social workers and other relevant staff an awareness of the components that are used to build a picture of a person's age. It draws on a variety of existing Age Assessment practice guidelines and demonstrates how these apply in Scotland. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8f2z7p4> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Working with refugees and the asylum process**

15 May 2019 in Glasgow

18 September 2019 in Glasgow

31 October 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK, and what opportunities exist for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. Reduced fees available for relevant organisations. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Refugee community sponsorship**

21 May 2019 in Glasgow

11 December 2019 in Glasgow

For information see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/training](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what_we_do/training) or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Working with refugees and VPRS resettlement**

23 May 2019 in Glasgow

2 October 2019 in Glasgow

21 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlight the challenges and opportunities they face as they build new lives in Scotland. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/zy436gr> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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## **Useful Links**

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

**Scottish Government** <https://www.gov.scot/>

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

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

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en>

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

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

**Interfaith Scotland** <https://interfaithscotland.org/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission** <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en>

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

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

**ACAS** <http://www.acas.org.uk/>

**SCVO** <https://scvo.org.uk/>

**Volunteer Scotland** <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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

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

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

**Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services**

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

**BBC News** <https://www.bbc.com/news>

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**SCoJeC**

The Scottish Council of  
**Jewish Communities**

Representing, connecting and supporting Jewish people in Scotland



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

**BEMIS**

Empowering Scotland's Ethnic and  
Cultural Minority Communities

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



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

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