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Immigration and Asylum

Press Releases

Settled status advice for EU citizens

<https://www.gov.scot/news/settled-status-advice-for-eu-citizens/>

UK-France joint action plan on illegal migration across the Channel

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-france-joint-action-plan-on-illegal-migration-across-the-channel>

French patrols doubled to tackle migrant crossings

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/french-patrols-doubled-to-tackle-migrant-crossings>

New Publication

House of Lords European Union Committee: Brexit: refugee protection and asylum policy

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201719/ldselect/ldeucom/428/428.pdf>

News

Brexit: EU citizens who miss registration deadline face deportation - minister

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-50003563>

EU nationals lacking settled status could be deported, minister says

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/oct/10/eu-nationals-lacking-settled-status-could-be-deported-minister-says>

Surge in applications from European citizens to stay in UK

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-10-09/news/eu-nationals-rush-for-settled-status-in-uk-as-no-deal-brex-it-looms-sn3fc53jr>

Only two of the 1.5 million applicants for EU settlement scheme rejected as unsuitable

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/10/09/two-15-million-applicants-eu-settlement-scheme-rejected-unsuitable/>

Brexit: EU citizens' rights should be enshrined in law, says SNP migration minister

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/brexit-eu-citizens-rights-should-be-enshrined-in-law-says-snp-migration-minister-1-5022972>

'I've been here 50 years': the EU citizens struggling for the right to stay in Britain

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/oct/08/ive-been-here-50-years-the-eu-citizens-struggling-for-the-right-to-stay-in-britain>

The Windrush scandal was traumatic. Survivors need tailored mental health care

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/oct/09/windrush-scandal-survivors-mental-health-care>

Only six per cent of migrants illegally crossing the Channel have been deported, figures show

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/10/11/six-per-cent-migrants-illegally-crossing-channel-have-deported/>

Vulnerable refugees face 'legal limbo' and separation from families if there is no-deal Brexit, parliamentary committee warns

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brexit-no-deal-refugees-asylum-seekers-house-of-lords-a9151326.html>

Four men held after migrant's death at sea

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-10-09/news/four-men-held-after-migrants-death-at-sea-qrbqhlbk9>

Bigger refugee crisis looming, EU warned

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-10-07/world/bigger-refugee-crisis-looming-eu-warned-62c8snhtp>

NHS doctor may leave UK over refusal of permission to remain for mother

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/oct/10/nhs-doctor-leave-uk-refusal-of-visa-elderly-mother>

Human trafficking gang guilty of selling women in Glasgow

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-49813942>

Glasgow human trafficking gang jailed over prostitution and slavery ring

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17962987.glasgow-human-trafficking-gang-jailed-prostitution-slavery-ring/>

Trafficking conviction: Behind closed doors, gang's family traded in victims' misery

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17964456.trafficking-conviction-behind-closed-doors-gangs-family-traded-victims-misery/>

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Community Relations

New Publication

Briefing: Religious Education in schools (England)

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7167/CBP-7167.pdf>

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Equality

Scottish Parliament Oral Answers

Black History Month

Ruth Maguire (SNP): To ask the Scottish Government how it is marking black history month. (S5O-03660)

Reply from the Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie):

The First Minister and I both attended the launch of black history month in Parliament on 24 September, hosted by the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights. Tomorrow, I will be participating in a black history month tour of Glasgow, exploring the city's historical ties with slavery.

Scottish Government race equality officials will also be attending black history month events during October. The Scottish Government race equality staff network also has a series of internal events planned to mark the month. Just last week, I met with the African Council in Aberdeen to discuss many issues facing our citizens, and how it uses black history month to tackle racism.

Ruth Maguire: There is a rich and long black history in Scotland, with some sources stating that the first man who was arrested for wearing a kilt after Culloden was a black man. Does the minister agree that black history is Scottish history, and that we should not only celebrate it for one month a year, but do all that we can to integrate it and learn about it all year round?

Reply from Christina McKelvie: Yes—I am delighted to agree absolutely with my colleague Ruth Maguire on that point. We are a culturally enriched nation; some of the colours of our tartans express the fact that we have a very rich and colourful cultural background.

I will give Ruth Maguire a wee bit of an update. Race equality officials and I have on-going meetings with many organisations. In 2019-20, we have allocated more than £2.3 million to fund those organisations to advance race equality all year round, not in black history month alone. In February 2019, the Respect Me anti-bullying service published an anti-racist bullying resource that addresses inclusion and how to challenge racism in schools effectively. We continue to support and fund Respect Me to do that work.

In “A fairer Scotland for all: race equality action plan and highlight report 2017-2021”, the Scottish Government committed to increase the number of teachers from underrepresented groups at all levels of Scottish schools. I hope that that will encourage and reassure Ruth Maguire that we take our cultural enrichment from black history month and promote it all year round, in every single month of the year.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=12312&i=111272&c=2207943#ScotParlOR>

The Action Plan referred to above can be read at
<https://tinyurl.com/y6nr7s4q>

News

Young, black and off to study at the University of Oxford

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-london-50057299/young-black-and-off-to-study-at-the-university-of-oxford>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-19433 Jackson Carlaw (Conservative): That the Parliament welcomes the University of the West of Scotland’s Vision Schools Scotland project and supports its key objective of accrediting primary and secondary schools that have demonstrated excellence in the teaching of the Holocaust; notes that the initiative has two levels of accreditation and that its other principal aims include assisting in the further development of Citizenship Education in schools by tackling prejudice and discrimination through the lessons taught by the Holocaust, the fostering of an approach to Holocaust Education that has a focus on antisemitism in the contemporary world as well as antisemitism at other points in history, such as in Europe during the 1930s, the sharing of good practice in Holocaust Education between teachers and schools, and supporting teachers through delivery of continued professional learning; acknowledges that Vision Schools Scotland had a hugely successful pilot project in June 2017 with two secondary schools and one primary school receiving the accreditation; further acknowledges that the 2017 launch was followed by the first full awards ceremony at the Parliament in November 2018, which saw one primary and three secondary schools achieve the level 1 award, while one other secondary school was able to achieve the level 2 award; congratulates the University of the West of Scotland and its partner, the Holocaust Educational Trust, on the early achievements of Vision Schools

Scotland, and looks forward to the second annual awards ceremony, which will be held at the Parliament on 7 November 2019, which will result in more Scottish schools receiving both level 1 and 2 awards.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-19433>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Oral Answers

Racism in Football

(Urgent Question) **Rosena Allin-Khan (Labour):** To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to make a statement on the racist abuse that was aimed at England players in their match against Bulgaria.

The Minister for Sport, Media and Creative Industries (Nigel Adams): Like all Members of this House and the country, I was appalled by the disgusting racist abuse encountered by the England football team and its support staff in Bulgaria last night. Whether you are a player, a manager, a supporter or a member of the staff no participant in sport should have to tolerate discrimination of any kind. ...

We have made progress in this country to combat discrimination in our domestic game and make our stadiums more welcoming places to be. The Government are supporting a number of anti-racism initiatives, including the Premier League's "No room for racism," "Show racism the red card" and "Kick it out" campaigns, all of which have achieved a great deal in this area, and in February my predecessor in this role held a summit on discrimination with a range of bodies acting within football, but it is clear that we cannot be complacent, and we must remain a leading voice on this issue internationally.

International competitions such as this one should bring cultures and countries together. It was a step in the right direction to see the UEFA protocol engage last night—for the first time, I understand—but it is clear that much more needs to be done to stamp out racism in the game. I am also encouraged by the reaction of the Bulgarian Prime Minister, who has spoken out and called for changes at the Bulgarian Football Association.

UEFA must now get its response right, and leave no doubt that the consequences of failing to tackle this issue will be severe. I am writing today to the UEFA president, urging him to conclude UEFA's investigations swiftly and to ensure that all football authorities and fans are clear that the consequences of failing to tackle this issue will be severe. The England team has my full support and I expect tough action from UEFA in response to this.

Rosena Allin-Khan: ... Last night, we saw the most horrific racist abuse aimed at England players in their match against Bulgaria, which caused the match to be halted on two occasions. Photos and clips followed of fans performing Nazi salutes, and the racist chanting continued. It is utterly deplorable. I had a conversation with the FA's chief executive last night during the match, in which I reiterated our support for the England players. The entire country will be proud of the England team last night, and Gareth Southgate has shown true leadership in defence of his players. This abuse must be stamped out. No one should have to arrive at work to be subjected to any form of discrimination, so why are our players still being subjected to this? In future, if players decide to walk off the pitch in protest, they must have the full support of this House, our press and the football bodies.

We ourselves, however, are not exempt from this problem. It would be irresponsible for us to condemn the behaviour of fans around the world without addressing the fact that many players have indeed suffered racist abuse online, from the stands and in their day-to-day lives at the hands of a small section of our own fans. I know that the Government have

committed to writing to UEFA, which I really welcome, but will the Minister outline what further steps they are taking to address the scourge of racism in sport? UEFA has a duty to act here. The world is watching. A fine is not enough, so I am asking our Government to ensure that we are backing up the FA to seek the harshest possible punishments. Stadium bans are a must, and forfeiting matches and expulsion from tournaments must not be ruled out. Enough is enough. The time to act is now.

Nigel Adams: I echo every single word that the hon. Lady has just uttered. ... I sense that this is a bit of a pivotal moment. We have experienced these issues for far too long, but I think there is a collective desire to see action taken. I fully support the way the FA swiftly launched its complaint, the way UEFA is undertaking its investigation and the way the players handled themselves on the pitch. They let the football do the talking in the second half, but this situation clearly cannot go on, and UEFA should rule nothing out in terms of sanctions.

As I said previously, my predecessor hosted a summit with all the football authorities in England. Our Department is outlining its plans and how it will take them forward. That follows a summit on the issue earlier in the year, which involved players, coaches, fan groups, players' representatives, a policing unit and campaign groups. There are a lot of proposals and plans that we will be working on, including stronger education measures, better reporting systems and better training and support for referees. Incidentally, I commend the referee last night for the way he handled himself and the way he supported the English players, giving them the option of step 2 of the UEFA protocol. As the hon. Lady knows, there is still more to do; it is vital that the football authorities continue to prioritise tackling this despicable abuse, and we expect them to do that.

Tracey Crouch (Conservative): ... does the Minister also agree with the chairman's comments in the post-match interview, where he said that we cannot necessarily take the moral high ground on this issue because, while we have made progress on tackling racism in English football, there is still so much more that we need to do at every single tier of football in England?

Nigel Adams: ... we need to get our own homework done before we start preaching, but the problem is of such a huge scale that when international problems such as this arise, we must speak up and we must demand action. She is 100% right that we still need to clear up the mess on our own doorstep.

Gavin Newlands (SNP): ... it would be wrong to portray last night's disgusting scenes as isolated incidents. The truth is that they are not. Racist chants and abuse form part of a growing and consistent pattern through parts of the game across Europe. This must mark a seminal moment, as the Minister said, in how football authorities crack down and eradicate racism of all kinds in our sport. ...

We cannot have the Serbian FA fined €80,000 for fans' racist chanting while former Arsenal striker Nicklas Bendtner was fined €100,000 for displaying a betting firm's logo. These are hate crimes and should be treated as such by UEFA. ...

Nigel Adams: ... We expect the penalties to be severe. It is not the first incident; we experienced it with the Montenegro game. The idea that we have bunches of people making Nazi salutes and doing monkey chants—these are sub-human behaviours—cannot be tolerated. ...

Nigel Adams: ... racist and homophobic chanting at football matches is a criminal offence. It is quite simple. Action can be taken, and we have provided some funding to Kick It Out to ensure that all hate crimes, whether during a game or on social media, are accurately recorded so that the necessary action, including on whether to involve the Crown Prosecution Service, is taken. ...

Chris Elmore (Labour): ... What we are talking about in one example was people dressed in black shirts making the Nazi salute. These elements of racism are being pushed on social media platforms. ... May I ask him to press the Culture Secretary and, indeed, the

Prime Minister to bring forward the online harms Bill that was mentioned in the Queen's Speech? That would mean that social media companies can start to be tackled and regulated so that they are unable to have excuses and to say, "Oh we can't take down these pictures of people making Nazi salutes at football matches because it takes too long to process." We need the Bill. We need it to be stronger and to ensure that this type of racism is not fuelled by the social media platforms. ...

Nigel Adams: ... what we saw last night—extremists dressed in black, making Nazi salutes and making monkey chants—was bordering on the subhuman and should not be tolerated. Online abuse—any form of online abuse—should not be tolerated. ...

To read the full transcript see

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-10-15/debates/BFBB922F-6D70-4AB3-8974-1A2FF3C46306/RacismInFootball>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

Football: Racism

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (Baroness Barran) repeated the first House of Commons Answer that appears in the section above.

Lord Griffiths of Burry Port (Labour): ... I wonder whether it is not the outbreak of something that lurks beneath the surface and is therefore much more widely worrying than simply what happens on the football field. That gives a sense of urgency to our need to respond. I note that the Bulgarian Prime Minister has spoken out and that, subsequently, the president of the Bulgarian Football Union has resigned. Clearly, within Bulgaria there is feeling about this too. Perhaps we should try to keep our diplomatic channels open and our arms outreached to embrace the positive side of Bulgarian society, as well as being critical of the damning and damnable incidents that we have all been witness to.

Reply from Baroness Barran: ... we welcome the positive action that was taken so promptly by the Bulgarian Government last night and note the resignation of the president of the Bulgarian FA. The noble Lord is right that there are wider forces at work here. We have worked for a long time to try to stamp out racism in all parts of our society, but particularly in football, and we continue to be vigilant.

Lord Addington (Liberal Democrat): ... It took concerted action by both the football authorities and the Government to clean up the game here to the extent that we have. What steps are being taken to get the Governments of all the UEFA countries to take action together to make sure racism is not tolerated, so that there is consistency of action across the piece?

Reply from Baroness Barran: ... I repeat the spirit of the comments made by my honourable friend in the other place. He is open to meetings and to supporting every effort in this area. We are clear that the football authorities need to be in the lead in solving this but, as the noble Lord noted, Governments can be useful in supporting them. My honourable friend the Minister is committed to doing that.

Lord Bassam of Brighton (Labour): My Lords, it is 19 years since I took legislation through this House to tackle racism and hooliganism in our stadia. Will the Minister now look again at the legislation and consider making racist chanting and other racist behaviour in stadia a more severe and aggravated offence? Will she also press ministerial colleagues to ensure that international standards on this subject are raised and brought in line with those in this country? We have led the way in tackling these issues.

Reply from Baroness Barran: ... I commend the noble Lord for the work he led in this area. I am happy to take away his suggestions and consider them. The Government have been active in trying to work with the football authorities; we met

them in February this year. Actions were published in July, and we are keen to see how those translate into practice.

Lord Cashman (Non-affiliated): My Lords, does the Minister agree that the only route out of this discrimination is through education and information? We have made great progress in this country; I welcome developments in Bulgaria. On education, does the Minister agree that we should support head teachers and teachers whether they are working in Bulgaria or Birmingham?

Reply from Baroness Barran: The noble Lord is right that education is an important part of this, and it is included in some of the proposals the football authorities published in July, as well as improving reporting systems, better training and support for referees and stewards and improved use of CCTV. It is not one single thing that will address this but a combination.

Baroness Browning (Conservative): My Lords, watching the television footage of the Bulgaria match, it was obvious that one could identify the faces of many of the culprits. What action is going to be taken against those individuals? If my noble friend does not know, perhaps she could make inquiries. Are we going to see the same people turn up at football matches elsewhere? It was quite obvious that they were not there for the football.

Reply from Baroness Barran: I do not have a specific answer to my noble friend's question, but I will inquire and write to her.

Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top (Labour): My Lords, we have to be careful that we do not become too complacent. Those of us who continue to love football, who go to matches even when they are terrible, know that this is still an issue in this country. We have none the less the richest league in the world—the Premier League—and it could and should be doing far more, influencing what is going on internationally but also working not just through Premier League clubs but throughout the Football League, with grass-roots clubs that are struggling to survive and do not have the money for education and training programmes and so on. Is it not about time that the Government made it clear to groups such as the Premier League that they have a responsibility and cannot let us down by pushing it off?

Reply from Baroness Barran: The Government have made it very clear how strongly they feel about these issues. We believe that the football authorities should be in the lead in delivering on this, but there was a renewed commitment this morning from the Minister to make sure that that happens as quickly and effectively as possible.

The Lord Bishop of Leeds: My Lords, it is very clear that what we saw in that match yesterday is just part of a much wider issue around the rise of far-right fascism in eastern European countries. Are the Government paying attention to that, and to the context in which this particular phenomenon in football fits in?

Reply from Baroness Barran: I think the Government and noble Lords are aware of the rise of far-right extremism. Sadly, that has certainly come through in statistics in our own country. We are working extremely hard to counter it.

Lord Stirrup (Crossbench): My Lords, does the Minister not agree that this is not just about football or one country? We are seeing a growth of extremist views and ideologies across our societies that harm us all. What is required is not simply to condemn them but to see a renaissance of international leadership on behalf of the values and standards we have long held dear and for which those who went before us fought and died. If she agrees, from whence does she think such international leadership might spring?

Reply from Baroness Barran: My view is that one should always start with oneself; we can all play a part in that leadership. I hear the concern of both the noble and gallant Lord and the right reverend Prelate about what is happening more broadly in our society. I absolutely acknowledge that, but would temper it with the importance of celebrating some of the extraordinary work going on at a local level to bridge those divides, both between faith communities and across other divides.

We need to keep some balance in this narrative.

Lord Campbell of Pittenween (Liberal Democrat): My Lords, to return to the point made by my noble friend Lord Addington, it is generally recognised that UEFA has been pretty spineless in dealing with incidents of this kind. Might I respectfully suggest that the Minister approach her colleague the Minister for Sport and seek a direct audience with UEFA senior officials to encourage them to take exactly the kind of approach to incidents of this kind which public opinion in this country undoubtedly deserves?

Reply from Baroness Barran: My understanding is that my honourable friend the Minister is writing or has written to UEFA and is open to a meeting if that is what is requested.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2019-10-15/debates/262FDC56-2C5F-4377-8647-93B57C2017BC/FootballRacism>

UK Parliament Home Affairs Committee

Inquiry into Hate crime and its violent consequences: evidence session

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/hate-crime-and-its-violent-consequences/oral/106362.html>

Press Releases

Police Scotland is supporting National Hate Crime Awareness Week

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2019/october/police-scotland-is-supporting-national-hate-crime-awareness-week>

Fiyaz Mugal of TellMAMA on building trust through tackling hate crime

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/fiyaz-mugal-tellmama-building-trust-through-tackling-hate-crime>

Genocide survivors share their experiences in Northern Ireland

<https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/news/genocide-survivors-share-their-experiences-northern-ireland>

New Publications

Hate Crime, England and Wales, 2018/19

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/839172/hate-crime-1819-hosb2419.pdf

Hate crime, England and Wales, 2018 to 2019: data tables

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/838451/hate-crime-1819-hosb2419-tables.ods

Hate crime, England and Wales, 2018 to 2019: appendix tables

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/838452/hate-crime-1819-hosb2419-appendix-tables.ods

News

Corbyn: Voter ID plans discriminate against ethnic minorities

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-50051178>

MP Chris Williamson loses anti-Semitism suspension appeal

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-50002636>

Labour councillor cleared over Facebook Hitler remark

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-50063953>

Attitudes to racism in Scotland 'rolling backwards,' experts warn

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/people/attitudes-to-racism-in-scotland-rolling-backwards-experts-warn-1-5023441>

Hate crimes up 10 per cent across England and Wales

<https://tellmamauk.org/hate-crimes-up-10-per-cent-across-england-and-wales/>

Hate crime surged during Brexit 'surrender' bill debates in parliament, police reveal

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/brexit-hate-crime-surrender-bill-boris-johnson-debate-benn-act-police-a9152106.html>

What happened when I met a Holocaust denier on a hospital ward: Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/what-happened-when-i-met-a-holocaust-denier-on-a-hospital-ward-alex-cole-hamilton-msp-1-5023815>

What we do with our words matters

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/what-we-do-with-our-words-matters-3jsd8k0zv>

If we can't call racism by its name, diversity will remain a meaningless buzzword

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/oct/08/racism-diversity-naga-munchetty-bbc-inflammatory-language>

Universities must do more to tackle racial harassment on campus, report says

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/university-racism-harassment-hate-crime-students-campus-abuse-a9147591.html>

Elite universities are too obsessed with tradition to tackle racism effectively

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2019/oct/10/elite-universities-are-too-obsessed-with-tradition-to-tackle-racism-effectively>

Goldsmiths racism report finds BME students feel unsafe on campus

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/oct/10/goldsmiths-university-to-tackle-racism-after-damning-report>

Survey demonstrates positive university progress in tackling harassment and hate crime, but highlights areas for improvement

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/news/Pages/Survey-demonstrates-positive-university-progress-in-tackling-harassment-and-hate-crime,-but-highlights-areas-for-improvement.aspx>

I was counting my sins in a synagogue during the Halle attack. It feels like I was at the scene of the crime

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/germany-halle-synagogue-attack-jewish-protection-fear-a9150036.html>

Scottish tanning salon criticised for sharing pictures of 'racist doll' to promote business

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/people/scottish-tanning-salon-criticised-for-sharing-pictures-of-racist-doll-to-promote-business-1-5023529>

Aston Villa 'disgusted' by racist chants aimed at players during win over Norwich

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/premier-league/aston-villa-racist-chants-disgusted-norwich-city-marvelous-nakamba-epl-a9146316.html>

Aston Villa 'disgusted' by fans chanting racist song about their players

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2019/oct/07/aston-villa-disgusted-by-fans-chanting-racist-song-about-their-players>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Scottish Parliament Written Answers

UK Parliament Legislative Programme

S5W-25810 Bruce Crawford (SNP): To ask the Scottish Government what legislative consent motions it will lodge in the Parliament in connection with the legislative programme of the UK Government to be announced in The Queen's Speech on 14 October 2019.

Reply from Mike Russell: In accordance with the Scotland Act 1998, as amended, the UK Parliament does not normally legislate with regard to devolved matters in Scotland without the consent of the Scottish Parliament. This covers legislation for devolved purposes (that is matters within the legislative competence of the Parliament), and changes to the competence of the Parliament or the Scottish Ministers (in line with the statutory procedural safeguards to competence under the Scotland Act).

In accordance with Chapter 9B of Standing Orders, the formal consent of the Scottish Parliament is required in relation to all proposals for Westminster primary legislation with regard to devolved matters, including alterations to devolved competence.

The principle of legislative consent, in all its elements, is crucial to the devolution settlement, acknowledging the constitutional position of the Scottish Parliament and the democratic mandate conferred on it by the people of Scotland. In the view of the Scottish Government, legislative consent will remain an essential part of the constitution of the UK for as long as the Westminster Parliament retains its current powers and functions in relation to Scotland.

In the normal course of business, legislation for devolved purposes should be scrutinised and determined in the Scottish Parliament. There may however be situations in which it is helpful and appropriate for legislation for devolved purposes to be taken forward at Westminster.

Within the legislative programme announced today by the UK Government, we have identified possible options to legislate for the benefit of Scotland on matters that are within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, or which alter legislative or executive competence. The Scottish Government will consider the

content of all Bills before deciding its recommendation to the Parliament on legislative consent. It will then be for the Scottish Parliament to determine whether to give or withhold consent.

One particular consideration when determining if consent should be recommended to the Parliament will be in relation to provisions related to withdrawal from the European Union. Following the passage of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, the UK Government has made clear that it does not regard the consent of the Scottish Parliament is required for provisions or even specific Bills relating to EU exit. As a result, the Scottish Government has taken the position that until Scottish Ministers can be assured that the decisions of the Parliament will be respected, they will not lodge any legislative consent motions on Brexit-related provisions, except in the most exceptional of circumstances. However, regardless of any decision Scottish Ministers make regarding whether or not to support consent, it remains important that the Scottish Parliament can scrutinise any Brexit-related provision. The Scottish Government will continue to lodge legislative consent memorandums setting out its views on the substance of any such provision. It remains open to the UK Government to commit to respecting the Scottish Parliament's views as regards EU exit-related provision.

The UK Bills which we currently expect may give rise to the requirement for the legislative consent of the Scottish Parliament are:

Agriculture Bill

Animal Welfare Bill

Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill

Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill

Domestic Abuse Bill

Environment Bill

European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill

Fisheries Bill

Immigration and Social Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill

Sentencing (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Bill

Trade Bill

It is possible that further opportunities to legislate for Scotland by means of Legislative Consent Motion may occur in connection with other UK Bills, including Private Members' Bills. Any additional proposals of this kind, together with any relevant amendments to the UK Government Bills listed above, will be drawn to the attention of the Parliament as they arise, in line with the requirements of Standing Orders.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-25810>

Press Release

Queen's Speech: Scotland's voice must be heard on Brexit

<https://www.gov.scot/news/queens-speech-scotlands-voice-must-be-heard-on-brexit/>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

News

Queen's Speech: What is it and why is it important?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-32816450>

Queen's Speech: New laws on crime, health and the environment

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-50039587>

Queen's Speech: What is on Boris Johnson's to-do list?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-50016682>

Passport facial recognition checks fail to work with dark skin

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49993647>

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Other News

Welsh Government: Hate Crime Awareness Week 2019

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-hate-crime-awareness-week-2019>

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Bills in Progress

** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Children (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/112632.aspx>

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/112997.aspx>

**** Disclosure (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/111895.aspx>

Evidence session, Education and Skills Committee

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=12320&i=111341#ScotParlOR>

Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/111850.aspx>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

Children (Scotland) Bill (closing date 15 November 2019)

<https://www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/112981.aspx>

Independent Child Trafficking Guardians (closing date 17 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/looked-after-children-unit/independent-child-trafficking-guardians/>

Freedom of Information extension of coverage (closing date 22 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/constitution-and-cabinet/freedom-of-information-extension-of-coverage/>

Widening the scope of the current victim statement scheme (closing date 24 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/justice/current-victim-statement-scheme/>

Financial Redress for Historical Child Abuse in Care (closing date 25 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/redress-survivor-relations/financial-redress-historical-child-abuse-in-care/>

Use of interpreters in the asylum process (closing date not stated)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-evidence-use-of-interpreters-in-the-asylum-process>

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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Job Opportunities

[Click here](#) to find out about job opportunities.

[Click here](#) to find out about Graduate, Modern, and Foundation Apprenticeship opportunities.

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Funding Opportunities

** new or updated this week

**** closing date extended!**

Glasgow Communities Fund

Closing date for applications: 25 October

Glasgow City Council funding of between £20,000 and £200,000 per year for up to three years for community and Third Sector organisations in Glasgow. The Fund aims to tackle

poverty and inequality through building the skills, capacity and resilience of individuals and communities, and supporting activities and services that will enable and empower communities to become involved in the social, economic and cultural life of the city.

The Fund has the following overarching outcomes:

- People and communities have access to services, support and opportunities that improve their lives and well-being
- People and communities are more self-reliant and are better able to identify ways to improve and take control of their lives and well-being
- People are better able to gain the skills, capacity and confidence to play an active role in their communities
- People and communities are better able to influence and participate in decision making and service development
- People and communities are better able to identify and deliver solutions that meet their needs

For information see <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/glasgowcommunitiesfund>

and for Guidance and application forms see

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/24983/Application-Process>

Celtic Connections in the Community

Closing date for applications: 25 October

BEMIS Scotland in partnership with Unison, Celtic Connections, and the Scottish Government are offering a new opportunity for Glasgow's communities to programme a bespoke *Celtic Connections in the Community* celebratory event, with grants available of up to £1,500.

The events can involve music, song, dance or food or other cultural celebrations. BEMIS wants to support exciting, innovative, diverse events that will celebrate the best of our communities and provide an opportunity for skilled community musicians, singers, dancers and others, who may not have had the opportunity to do so before to perform as part of this world-famous international music festival.

For information and to apply see

<https://bemis.org.uk/project/celtic-connections-in-the-community/>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

** new or updated this week

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Black History Month

until 31 October 2019

Black History Month illuminates Scotland's 'hidden history', and brings into sharp relief the various strands of suffering, humiliation, exploitation and denigration of African, Caribbean and Asian people, as well as being about solidarity and the building of allies in relation to experiences of racism in Scotland. To read the full programme of events see https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7ec2e5_bee1dd34a1e849af9dba0c7afc3112d5.pdf

**** this week!**

Living Library

20 October 2019 in Edinburgh (11.00-5.00)

This library works just like a normal library: visitors browse the catalogue, choose the book they want to read and borrow it. But in the Living Library, books are people, and reading consists of conversation!

The Living Library seeks to challenge prejudice and discrimination in a warm, inclusive and welcoming space. Organised by a young Regional Ambassador for the Holocaust Educational Trust in collaboration with the Scottish International Storytelling Festival. For information see <https://www.sisf.org.uk/event/?eventid=20721-living-library>

**** this week!**

Introduction to Fundraising

23 October 2019 in Tranent (9.30)

Institute of Fundraising introduction to the rules governing fundraising and how it has to be carried out legally and ethically. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y3ebmqeb>

**** this week!**

Rights and Entitlements of EEA Nationals

23 October 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

20 November 2019 in Stirling (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training to explore fundamental issues of settled and pre-settled status, welfare and housing entitlements of EEA nationals. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training>

**** this week!**

Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

23 October 2019 in Glasgow (1.30-4.30)

20 November 2019 in Stirling (1.30-4.30)

PAiH training to explore how the asylum system works, the process involved in making a claim for asylum, 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>

Challenging the Hostile Environment

25 October 2019 in Glasgow (11.00)

Positive Action in Housing AGM Conference and workshops to discuss the challenges for refugee, migrant and EU citizens rights, the impact of poverty and discrimination, and ways to further develop crisis services for destitute and homeless people from BME, refugee and migrant communities. For information see <https://paih.typeform.com/to/O2yYFH>

New Scots Gathering

26 October 2019 in Edinburgh (11.30-4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council event inviting refugees, asylum seekers, community groups and neighbours to meet, talk, learn together and engage with the New Scots Integration Strategy. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y579j36k>

Working with refugees and the asylum process

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

Refugee rights to housing

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

Age assessment awareness

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

Working with refugees and VPRS resettlement

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

**** St Andrew's Multi-Cultural Cup**

1 December 2019 in Glasgow

Closing date for applications 4 November 2019

A 7v7 football tournament hosted by the Scottish FA and BEMIS that will see teams from across Scotland compete for the St. Andrew's Multi-Cultural Cup.

This year's event is themed around [St. Andrews Fair Saturday](#). After Black Friday, thousands of artists and cultural organisations around the world get together in a unique festival and support social causes through their show. Scotland is joining the celebration of Fair Saturday as part of the wider celebration of St Andrew's Day and everyone is invited to take part in St Andrew's Fair Saturday. St Andrew's Fair Saturday is a Scottish Government initiative which is being delivered by the Fair Saturday Foundation. Application form available from <https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/sa-mcc-application.docx>

Engaging with seldom heard voices

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

Refugee community sponsorship

11 December 2019 in Glasgow

For information see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what_we_do/training or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

No Recourse to Public Funds

11 December 2019 in Glasgow (1.30-4.30)

PAiH training to help frontline workers identify a tenant's current status, clarify what this means in terms of access to public funds and plan effective support where difficulties arise. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training>

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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>

Refugee Survival Trust <https://www.rst.org.uk/>

Freedom from Torture <https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/>

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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