

Political Affairs Brief

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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House of Lords Short Debate

Extremism

Baroness Knight of Collingtree: To ask Her Majesty's Government how they intend to combat the threat of extremism among Muslims in Britain.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord West of Spithead): The Government are committed to tackling all forms of extremism. CONTEST presents our strategy to reduce the risk from international terrorism. The Prevent strand aims to stop people from becoming or supporting violent extremists.

The international terrorist threat is mainly from al-Qaeda and AQ-influenced groups, which primarily seek to recruit vulnerable individuals from Muslim communities. Muslim communities, though not the sole focus, remain a priority for Prevent support.

Baroness Knight of Collingtree: My Lords, does the Minister think that the recent permission given for a hard-line Muslim priest-Yahya Ibrahim, banned in America-to come to Britain to speak in a number of British universities might just be adding to the extreme concern expressed by the State Department in America, and have led to the House of Commons Select Committee to describe our approach to the al-Qaeda programme as "lethargic"?

Lord West of Spithead: My Lords, the noble Baroness touches on a very sensitive point: who we deal with, who we talk to, and who we allow to come into the country. There are very specific rules about who we can stop coming in and, in the assessment of the Home Secretary, the particular individual talked about did not meet the cut-off level for not being allowed in. We are always dealing with some organisations which, one could argue, are on the cusp of these things. It is vital that we engage with them because sometimes they can make a genuine difference in stopping violent extremism, though they might have views that we abhor. ...

Lord Wright of Richmond: Surely a major cause of Muslim extremism is the failure of our Government and other members of the quartet to stop the continuing expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and the eviction of Palestinians from East Jerusalem.

Lord West of Spithead: My Lords, over many years I have travelled to the Middle East in various guises, whether as Chief of Defence Intelligence, First Sea Lord, commander of a battle group or whatever, and now of course as a Minister. This is a significant and important issue, and there is no doubt that it poisons a lot of other issues. The British Government are clear on our views on it. The noble Lord is right that a resolution of the

affairs in the Middle East would make a huge difference to extremism; it would change it fundamentally.

Lord Dholakia: My Lords, does the Minister accept that a large number of people from the Muslim community are law-abiding citizens and that it would be wrong to generalise about or stereotype that community with regard to terrorism? ...

Lord West of Spithead: My Lords, the noble Lord is right-Prevent is not about stigmatising any communities at all. There is no doubt that the vast majority of Muslims oppose violent extremism; only a tiny minority are violent extremists. ...

The Lord Bishop of Leicester: My Lords, does the Minister agree that one of the unintended consequences of the Prevent strategy has been at times to reduce trusting relations between Muslims and those of other faith communities in some of our cities? ...

Lord West of Spithead: ...Things like our Channel programme do a huge amount in identifying and pulling out those who are vulnerable and working with local communities. The vast majority of our Muslim community understand this and are becoming linked in to the Prevent agenda. ...

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222-0002.htm#1002222000308>

UK Parliamentary Questions

Crime: Universal Jurisdiction

Baroness Northover: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have received a request from the United Nations Secretary-General under paragraph 1 of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/117 for information and observations on the scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction, including information on judicial practice; and if so, whether they have submitted or intend to submit such a document to the Secretary-General before 30 April; whether that document includes or will include details of the arrest warrant procedure in the United Kingdom; and whether they will publish that document. [HL1988]

The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead): Under UN General Assembly Resolution 64/117, the UK has received a request from the UN Secretary-General to provide information on the scope and application of the principles of universal jurisdiction, including information on judicial practice. The UK does intend to submit a response to this request, and the Government is aware of the deadline for response. All responses will be published in a report by the UN Secretary-General.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222w0005.htm#10022236003549>

Justice: Arrest Warrants

Baroness Northover: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have received representations from other states since 13 December 2009 in relation to the United Kingdom's arrest warrant procedure in cases where there is universal jurisdiction for United Kingdom courts; and, if so, which states have made such representations. [HL1878]

The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead): Since 13 December 2009, my ministerial colleagues have discussed the issues arising from the UK's arrest warrant procedure in cases where there is universal jurisdiction with Israeli Ministers. Since this issue has been in the media, Government officials have also been asked by US and EU counterparts for updates about the issue, which we have provided.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222w0009.htm#10022236003582>

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Community Relations

UK Parliamentary Questions

Communities: Faith Forums

Baroness Warsi: To ask Her Majesty's Government which groups, causes or organisations were funded in each round of the Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund programme; how much was given to each; and how much funding is to be allocated. [HL1910]

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government & Department for Work and Pensions (Lord McKenzie of Luton): The information requested is in the tables below. The Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund ran from 2004-05 to 2007-08 and my department has no plans to initiate a further application round.

To read tables see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222w0003.htm>

Baroness Warsi: To ask Her Majesty's Government which groups, causes or organisations were funded in each round of the Faiths in Action Fund; how much was given to each; and how much funding is to be allocated. [HL1911]

Lord McKenzie of Luton: The information requested is in the table below. The second round of Faiths in Action is still open to applications for grants up to £6,000, and £2 million is available.

To read tables see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222w0004.htm>

Baroness Warsi: To ask Her Majesty's Government which Regional Faith Forums were funded in each of the past three years; by how much; and how much funding is to be allocated. [HL1912]

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government & Department for Work and Pensions (Lord McKenzie of Luton): The Inter Faith Framework, Face-to-Face & Side-by-Side, published in July 2008, made provision for funding all nine regional faith forums over the three-year Comprehensive Spending Review period. The total three-year allocation is £1.89 million, representing £70,000 per annum to each forum. Eight of the nine forums have so far drawn down their full allocation. In the financial year 2008-09, eight of the nine forums received additional financial support for specific items amounting to a total of almost £200,000. During the current financial year all nine forums were allocated a further £5,000 each to enable them to support last November's Inter Faith Week across their region.

Baroness Warsi: To ask Her Majesty's Government what progress they have made on the development of regional Faith Links; what funding has already been allocated; and what funding has yet to be allocated. [HL1913]

Lord McKenzie of Luton: The Inter Faith Framework, Face-to-Face & Side-by-Side, published in July 2008, set out the four key building blocks for supporting inter-faith activity. We are continuing to explore the role that structures such as Faith Links can play in the building block which focuses on "structures and processes which promote dialogue and social action". There is no funding allocated to Faith Links.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222w0005.htm>

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UK Parliamentary Questions

Palestinians: Overseas Aid

Mr. Soames: To ask the Secretary of State for International Development whether an assessment has been made of the damage to projects in Gaza which have been (a) built and (b) financed by Government money since the Oslo Peace Accords. [317323]

Mr. Michael Foster: We have not made any specific assessments of the damage caused to projects in Gaza either built or financed with UK Government funding since the Oslo Peace Accords.

Mr. Soames: To ask the Secretary of State for International Development to what (a) infrastructure, (b) institutions and (c) civic sites that have been built in Gaza since the Oslo Peace Accords the Government has contributed funding. [317324]

Mr. Michael Foster: Since the Oslo Peace Accords in 1993, the Department for International Development (DFID) has directly funded a number of small infrastructure and civic site projects in Gaza including repairs to the water and sanitation network, rehabilitation of damaged schools, creation of safe play areas for children, and repairs to approximately 70 kilometres of road. More information on the projects we currently fund is available on the DFID website.

DFID also provides core funding to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) which provide education, health care and housing to Palestinian refugees across the region. UNRWA spends approximately one third of its funding in Gaza, which includes infrastructure and civic sites such as health clinics and schools.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100222/text/100222w0053.htm#10022311000144>

Israel: Imports and Exports

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government what was the total value of European Union exports to Israel in each of the last three years; and what was the total value of imports from Israel to the European Union in each of the last three years. [HL1940]

The Financial Services Secretary to the Treasury (Lord Myners): The responsibility for information about European Union exports to and imports from Israel lies with Eurostat (the Statistical Office of the European Communities). Such data can be accessed via the following website:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/newxtweb/>.

For your information, the above website provides the following data:

| <i>EU27 trade with Israel, 2006 to 2009</i> | | |
|--|--------------|--------|
| | EUR Billions | |
| PERIOD | IMPORT | EXPORT |
| Jan-Dec 2006 | 10.0 | 14.0 |
| Jan-Dec 2007 | 11.4 | 14.3 |
| Jan-Dec 2008 | 11.2 | 14.0 |
| Jan-Oct 2009 | 7.3 | 9.2 |

Source: COMEXT database, Eurostat

Note: For 2009, data is only available for January to October

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222w0009.htm#10022236003581>

Israel and Palestine

Lord Dykes: To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations from the public they have received in the last 12 months about a one-state solution to the Palestine-Israel situation. [HL1816]

The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead): We have received several letters, in the last 12 months, from the public suggesting a one-state solution. However, we will continue to focus our efforts on a two-state solution, which we, along with the United States and the international community, believe is in the interest of both the Palestinians and the Israelis.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222w0009.htm#10022236003580>

Gaza

Baroness Tonge: To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had in the European Union about supplies of diesel fuel to the central power station in Gaza. [HL1673]

Lord Brett: Officials of the Department for International Development (DfID) are in regular contact with the European Union regarding supplies of diesel fuel to the central power station in Gaza.

Until November 2009, the European Union (EU) provided €9 million per month for the supply of 8.8 million litres of industrial diesel for the power station in Gaza. The EU has clarified that the ending of this support was the subject of a comprehensive discussion with the Palestinian Authority (PA), in which it was agreed that EU funds should be focussed on other priorities. The PA has since undertaken to bear the cost of fuel from its own budget.

Baroness Tonge: To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had in the European Union and with non-governmental organisations concerning power supplies in Gaza. [HL1674]

Lord Brett: Officials of the Department for International Development (DfID) are in regular contact with the European Union, United Nation (UN) agencies, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) regarding power supplies in Gaza.

Around one-third of Gaza's power needs are provided by Gaza's electricity plant. The restrictions on fuel supply means that the plant does not run at full capacity, leading to power cuts of four to five hours a day for several days each week. NGO and UN partners have noted the impact of power shortages on the fragile public health situation in Gaza. In health facilities, increased disruptions to the power supply mean that important medical procedures need to be put on hold; they also result in greater wear and tear on hard-pressed back-up generators. Water supplies are irregular as pumps do not work during power outages, and the capacity of the waste water system to deal with sewage is affected leading to overflows and discharge of raw and partially treated sewage into the sea.

Cooking gas is used for both the preparation of food and heating. In the last two months the amount of cooking gas imported into Gaza has varied between 24 per cent and 42 per cent of the pre-blockade levels. NGOs have highlighted this shortfall as a significant humanitarian concern, particularly during winter. Periodic consignments of petrol and non-industrial diesel are allowed into Gaza for UN Relief and Works Agency use, but supplies for the open market through the crossings have been sporadic. The bulk of Gaza's diesel and petrol needs are met by supplies brought through tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222w0007.htm#10022236003566>

UK Parliament Ministerial Statement: House of Commons

British Passports (Dubai)

The Minister for Europe (Chris Bryant): ... On 19 January, Mahmoud al-Mabhouh was killed in Dubai. The first press reports about the death appeared on 28 January. On 31 January, the Emirati authorities confirmed to our officials press reports that European-I repeat, European-passports had been used, and undertook to provide us and others with further details as their investigation proceeded. That was followed up by embassy officials in Dubai and Abu Dhabi on several occasions. On 12 February, the Emirati authorities informed UK officials in London that UK passports might-repeat, might-have been involved. On 15 February, they confirmed that and provided the details of six British passports involved. Soon after, on the same day, they provided a full briefing to the media.

On 17 February, the Prime Minister announced a full investigation by the Serious Organised Crime Agency. On 21 February, the Foreign Secretary spoke to Abdullah bin Zayed, the Emirati Foreign Minister, who confirmed that they would be sending us details of at least a further two British passports that might have been involved. That information was received by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office today. It would be wrong of me to prejudge the SOCA investigation, but let me make it crystal clear that no part of the British Government, either Minister or official, had any foreknowledge of Mr. al-Mabhouh's killing, the use of British passports in it or any clandestine operation being planned. To suggest otherwise is to make an irresponsible allegation without any basis in fact.

I know that there is considerable concern among hon. Members about the possible role of the Israeli authorities, so I should set out our exchanges with them. On 18 February, the Israeli ambassador came to the Foreign Office for a meeting with the permanent under-secretary, and earlier this afternoon my right hon. Friend the Foreign Secretary met the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Lieberman, in Brussels. My right hon. Friend underlined the deep discontent felt in this country, in this Government and in this House over this issue. He made it clear that we were concerned about the implications of the killing of Mr. al-Mabhouh for stability in the region. He stressed that we require full co-operation from the Israeli authorities with the SOCA investigation. He said that we stand ready to work with Israel on bringing stability and peace to the middle east, but that we can do so only on the basis of trust and mutual transparency.

Hon. Members are rightly also concerned about the incident's impact on the British nationals involved. I can confirm that our embassy in Tel Aviv has been in touch with all six whose passports have already been reported as having been misused. We will do all that we can to ensure that they get the consular support that they need.

col 23 Mr. Hague: ... I have three quick sets of questions. On the timing, can the Minister clear up the discrepancy between the Dubai police saying on 30 January, "we have the identities of the people involved" and "are approaching all the channels including embassies and consulates", and the Government's insisting that they knew nothing of the forged identities until 16 days later? Was it simply that the police did not pass on those identities, what efforts were made to secure them, and why does the Minister think that the information was not supplied for so long? Yesterday, the Dubai authorities indicated that diplomatic passports may have been used by other suspects, without naming any other country. Is that the matter to which the Minister referred in relation to the information obtained from Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed yesterday?

On the wider implications, is the Minister concerned that relations with the United Arab Emirates have been damaged by these events? Our ambassador was summoned to its Foreign Ministry yesterday; can the Minister say what message was delivered? It has been reported that the cloned passports contained irregularities which could have marked them out as suspect. What plans are there to guard against the future fraudulent use of British passports?

Finally, looking to the future, have the Government sought, or has the Foreign Secretary

sought in his meeting with Mr. Lieberman today, assurances from Israel, as a friendly nation, that it will not sanction, for whatever reason, including in any intelligence operations, the misuse of British passports?

Chris Bryant: ... It was not until 15 February that the Emirati authorities confirmed what they had said on 12 February only might be the case, namely that UK passports might have been used.

To answer directly the right hon. Gentleman's question about whether the two passports to which I have been referring and the added information that we have provided today relate to the question of whether diplomatic passports might have been involved: no, that is not the point at issue.

The right hon. Gentleman is right to raise the matter of relations with the United Arab Emirates—an ally with which we want to work as closely as possible. We have sought to give full assurances that we had absolutely no foreknowledge of this situation. Any suggestions in the media that we might have had any foreknowledge are completely untrue and unjust. ...

col 24 **Nick Harvey:** There is widespread concern at the misuse of British passports, or cloned passports ... However, there is even wider concern about the unlawful killing itself. I welcome the fact that the Foreign Secretary has communicated disquiet to the Israelis about this matter. I urge the Government to continue to do that, but not to lose sight of the wider picture: blockade of Gaza and the illegal settlements on the west bank, despite the best efforts of President Obama to dissuade Israel, are the greater issues. In putting pressure on the Israelis as best we are able, we must keep open a productive dialogue so that those wider issues can be pursued with the utmost diligence.

Chris Bryant: ... we consider ourselves to be a critical friend to Israel, and the emphasis is fully on both those words. ...

Sir Gerald Kaufman: ... tell me when the international community will take action to deal with the crimes committed by this rogue state of Israel, which sends out assassination squads; which, as I have seen for myself, imprisons and blockades 1.5 million people in Gaza in violation of the Geneva convention; and which persistently violates international law by building settlements in Jerusalem and on the west bank? If it were any other country, would we not by now have imposed sanctions and an arms ban? ...

col 25 **Hugo Swire:** Does the Minister not share the concern of many about the comments of senior members of Hamas that there could well be an escalation of violence between Hamas and the Israelis anywhere in the world? ...

Chris Bryant: Of course we oppose the militant position adopted by Hamas. We have said regularly that we would be only too happy to speak to Hamas if it were possible to do so once it had adopted the four conditions laid down by the Quartet. ...

... we need to ensure that we have full co-operation with the SOCA report from the Israeli authorities. When speaking to my right hon. Friend the Foreign Secretary this afternoon, the Israeli Minister was left in absolutely no doubt about that, as was the ambassador when he came to see the permanent under-secretary last week.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100222/debtext/100222-0004.htm#1002228000005>

UK Parliament Ministerial Statement: House of Lords

Passports: Mahmoud al-Mabhouh

The House of Commons Statement was read by Lord Brett

col 828 **Lord Howell of Guildford:** ... We are left with some very ugly feelings indeed about our own passport system and its integrity. Does the Minister accept that the debasement of our passport documents and the apparent identity thefts involved in this case strike at the heart of our sovereignty and security, and can he confirm or elaborate on what assurances the Government of Israel have given that there has been no abuse of any kind of our intelligence co-operation with them? ... How soon did the Government

first learn of these passport thefts? ... At what point was the Serious Organised Crime Agency involved? ...

col 829 Baroness Falkner of Margravine: ... These are very serious matters that touch on attempts to get a peace settlement in the Middle East, on the safety and security of our own citizens, and on the ability of our passport, intelligence and other services to secure the integrity of data held on British citizens. ... Can the Minister confirm that the security of other data held on databases which we might share with Israeli government sources is not compromised? ... I ask the Minister to touch on the rather curious interpretation of events around the meeting of 18 February between the Israeli ambassador and Sir Peter Ricketts. It seems that it was inconclusive. We do not know what happened at the meeting, yet we are told today that the Foreign Secretary has met Israel's Foreign Minister, Mr Lieberman, and expressed his deep discontent. Was that not expressed to Mr Ron Prosor at the meeting on 18 February, and if not, why? What has changed between 18 February-four days ago-and today, to make the Foreign Secretary far clearer about the implications for Israel of this extra-judicial killing ...? ...

col 830 Lord Brett: ... at least two criminal inquiries are taking place: the SOCA inquiry into possible misuse of British passports, and, in the Emirates, a murder inquiry. I am not sure what will happen in our European partner countries whose passports also were misused-Ireland, Germany and France. We have to be somewhat careful, certainly in apportioning blame. ... we saw [the response of the Israeli Ambassador] because he made a brief statement on television. He simply said-I think that it is a fact-that he would take the message from the UK Government back to his Government. That was as far as he went. The meeting that took place today between the Foreign Secretary and his Israeli counterpart was requested by the Israelis some 10 days ago. I have related, as my colleague in another place has, the response of the British Foreign Secretary. In turn, we await the response of the Foreign Minister of Israel. ... we have not received any reassurances from the Israeli Government. At the moment we have no proof of an extra-judicial killing, whatever supposition we might have and whatever speculation there has been in the press. ...

col 831 Lord Wright of Richmond: ... I am one of the many Members of this House who has long been arguing that we should be talking to Hamas. Does the Minister agree that, given the inevitable conspiracy theories that will arise from the use of British passports, it is essential that the Government condemn this crime? Whatever the circumstances and whatever the responsibilities, does he agree that we should condemn unequivocally the murder-the death-of a senior member of Hamas?

Lord Brett: ... we do not see this death-judicial, extra-judicial or whatever-as having any helpful effect on ... a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem that is acceptable to both sides. ... talks with Hamas take place indirectly. Hamas is talking to the Egyptian authorities, ... However, we are not in a position where we talk directly to Hamas.

Lord Clinton-Davis: While recognising that the falsification of British passports was totally unacceptable, will my noble friend attempt to keep the matter in perspective? Did the deceased ever condemn the killing of innocent Israeli citizens by rockets aimed by Hamas?

col 832 Lord Brett: ... I do not find a great deal of benefit in attributing blame to one side or the other. Suffice it to say that there is enough blame to go round. ...

Lord Eden of Winton: ... it was recently reported that a British passport-holder, on arrival in Israel, had the experience of having his passport ... taken by the authorities and kept for 15 to 20 minutes-presumably long enough to photograph it-and then returned to him without explanation. ...

Lord Brett: ... The truth is, when passports cross international borders, however briefly, that information is recorded in one form or another. The issues here are: how did these British passports get to be misused by whoever it was, and what is the implication for those and other British passport-holders? ...

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/100222-0004.htm#1002222000314>

United Nations

Israeli claim on sites in occupied Palestinian territory matter of concern

A senior United Nations official today voiced concern at Israel's announcement that it was adding two religious sites in occupied Palestinian territory to its list of national heritage sites, warning against moves that could prejudice the resumption of peace talks. Noting that the Israeli announcement concerning the tombs of the biblical patriarch Abraham in Hebron and the biblical matriarch Rachel in Bethlehem had led to heightened tensions, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry stressed that the sites are of historical and religious significance not only to Judaism but also to Islam and Christianity.

"I urge Israel not to take any steps on the ground which undermine trust or could prejudice negotiations, the resumption of which should be the highest shared priority of all who seek peace," he said in a statement, referring to Israeli-Palestinian peace talks that have been stalled for over a year.

"I also call for restraint and calm. As I underscored in my visit to Hebron last week, I would like to see more positive steps by Israel to enable Palestinian development and state-building in the area and throughout the West Bank, reflecting a genuine commitment to the two-State solution," he added of the internationally endorsed plan for Israel and Palestine to live side by side in peace and security.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=33847&Cr=palestin&Cr1=>

Middle East situation tops Assembly President's talks with Egyptian leader

... Ali Treki told Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that he plans to hold a plenary meeting as soon as possible to pass a resolution regarding the implementation of the recommendations made by the mission led by Justice Richard Goldstone, a former UN war crimes prosecutor, into the conflict. ...

To read the full press release see

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=33853&Cr=treki&Cr1=>

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Foreign Affairs

UK Parliament Early Day Motion

Diane Abbott (891) resettlement of Yemeni Jews – That this House is concerned that the small number of remaining Jews living in Yemen are facing ongoing religious persecution and systematic mistreatment which represents a critical threat to the health, safety and security of their community; notes that the United States administration has facilitated the resettlement of Yemeni Jews in the US for those with ties to that country; and urges the Government to follow this example and consider providing specific measures for those members of the group with ties to the UK who urgently need protection on humanitarian grounds.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=40500&SESSION=903>

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Relevant Legislation ** New or updated

UK Parliament

**** Children, Schools and Families Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/childrenschoolsandfamilies.html>

Consideration of Bill

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmbills/061/amend/psc0612302m.973-979.html>

**** Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/constitutionalreformandgovernance.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmbills/068/amend/psc0682202a.1011-1014.html>

**** Crime and Security Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/crimeandsecurity.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmbills/003/amend/psc0032302m.237-243.html>

Equality Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/equality.html>

Flood and Water Management Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/floodandwatermanagement.html>

Scottish Parliament

End of Life Assistance Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

Draft Census Order

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/ssi2010/draft/pdf/sdsi_9780111007907_en.pdf

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Consultations ** new or updated

Communities and Local Government: Creating a Single Equality Scheme for 2010 – 2013 (closes 28 February 2010)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/corporate/pdf/987402.pdf>

Ecclesiastical Exemption (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Order 2010 (closes 15 March 2010)

http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/consultations/6605.aspx

2011 Census Statistical Outputs (England and Wales) (closes 26 March 2010)

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/census/2011-census/consultations/open-consultations/2011-output-consultation---main-statistical-outputs/index.html>

Equality Bill: Draft Codes of Conduct (closes 2 April 2010)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legislative-framework/equality-bill/equality-bill-codes-of-practice-consultation/#1>

Equality Bill: Draft Guidance (closes 16 April 2010)

<http://ehrc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

Death Certification, Burial, and Cremation (Scotland) (closes 21 April 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/300112/0093686.pdf>

Humanitarian Assistance Strategic Guidance (closes 14 May)

http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/consultations/HA_strategic_guide_draft.pdf

2011 Census Statistical Outputs (Scotland) (closes 14 May 2010)

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/census/censushm2011/preparations/consultation-and-research/formal-consultations/spring-10-consultation.html>

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