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Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-03411 Christina McKelvie: EU Strategy toward the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by the European Commission of *The EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012–2016*; notes that the strategy sets out 40 specific measures to tackle human trafficking on an EU-wide basis, including the provision of clear information to victims on people's rights under EU law and national legislation, in particular the right to assistance, healthcare and residency; agrees with the Commissioner for Home Affairs, Cecilia Malmström, that the EU must aim to eradicate trafficking; understands that the strategy will now go to the European Parliament and Council for discussion; hopes that MEPs will give it their full backing, and urges the administrations of all of the member states, including the UK, to play a full and constructive role in cross-European anti-trafficking work and to adopt this strategy as part of their own national efforts against human trafficking.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-03411&ResultsPerPage=10>

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Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Entry Clearances: Internet

Jim Shannon: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department when the UK Border Agency plans to update all relevant applications online to ensure that they are not out of date and invalid. [112218]

Reply from Damian Green: The UK Border Agency seeks to ensure all application forms available on its website are up-to-date, with clearly labelled validity dates. The UK Border Agency does recognise that some applicants may download forms some time before completing and submitting them. For a period of three weeks after any changes come into effect, the UK Border Agency accepts applications on the old form.

The UK Border Agency plans to modernise the application process which will remove the need for customers to print off an application form and complete it. Current plans indicate that this modernisation will be complete by 2015.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120619/text/120619w0001.htm#120620200026>

Immigration Controls

Jim Cunningham: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what plans her Department has to raise the minimum income requirements for immigration sponsors. [111814]

Reply from Damian Green: The Home Secretary announced on 11 June 2012 that the Government will set a minimum income threshold of £18,600 for sponsoring a non-EEA spouse or partner to settle in the UK. There will be a higher threshold for each child sponsored: a £22,400 threshold for a partner with one child, with an additional £2,400 for each further child. The new financial requirement will be introduced on 9 July 2012. Full details are in the Statement of Intent, a copy of which has been placed in the House of Commons Library.

Jim Cunningham: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate her Department has made of the change in immigration levels arising from an increase in the minimum income requirements for immigration sponsors. [111815]

Reply from Damian Green: The introduction of the new financial requirement is expected to lead to a reduction in family route visa grants of 13,600 to 17,800 per annum. A full impact assessment of the changes to the family route will be published shortly.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120618/text/120618w0002.htm#1206185100035>

Immigrants: Domestic Violence

John Spellar: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what evidence the UK Border Agency requires to accept a claim for leave to remain as a victim of domestic violence. [111372]

Reply from Damian Green: In order for a claim for indefinite leave to remain as a victim of domestic violence to be considered under part 8 paragraph 289A of the Immigration Rules, the applicant must have been granted entry clearance or leave to remain as a partner in a genuine and subsisting relationship, be in the UK and provide evidence that their relationship was caused to permanently break down before that leave expired as a result of domestic violence.

Evidence to prove domestic violence has taken place can include court orders, criminal convictions, police cautions and formal documentary evidence such as a letter from Chair of a multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC).

Where formal documentation is not available, other types of evidence such as a medical report from a doctor or hospital, police incident report(s), letter(s) from

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social service departments and written report(s) from a domestic violence support organisation are accepted in support of a claim.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120618/text/120618w0002.htm#12061851000033>

Immigration: Detention

Lord Avebury: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will revise the UK Border Agency's Enforcement Instructions and Guidance to ensure that decisions to initiate and maintain detention include an assessment of the likelihood of deportation being carried out within a period of detention that is lawful and reasonable.[HL631]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Henley): Chapter 55 of the UK Border Agency's Enforcement Instructions and Guidance already makes clear that detention may only continue for a period that is reasonable in all the circumstances for the specific purpose for which it was authorised. The guidance also makes clear that, if before the expiry of the reasonable period it becomes apparent that the purpose of the power, for example removal or deportation, cannot be effected within that reasonable period, the power to detain should not be exercised. Furthermore, the guidance confirms that detention can only lawfully be exercised where there is a realistic prospect of removal or deportation within a reasonable period.

In cases involving foreign national offenders, due to the need to protect the public, where the deportation criteria are met, the normal presumption in favour of temporary admission or temporary release, rather than detention, should be weighed against the risk of the individual reoffending or absconding. If detention is considered appropriate, this is subject to the proviso that there is the prospect of removal within a reasonable timescale.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120619w0001.htm#12061963000123>

Immigration

Kerry McCarthy: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many legacy cases have been (a) processed and (b) were outstanding in each month since their transfer to the Case Assurance and Audit Unit. [112325]

Reply from Damian Green: The information requested is not held on a month by month basis, however as reported to the Home Affairs Select Committee on 3 May 2012 the Case Assurance and Audit Unit has resolved 12,600 asylum legacy cases since their transfer from Case Resolution Directorate.

As reported, at the end of March 2012, there were 80,000 cases in the asylum controlled archive and 21,000 live cases.

Gemma Doyle: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people were refused entry to the UK at the UK border on (a) 10 May 2011 and (b) 10 May 2012. [112536]

Reply from Damian Green: The Home Office does not publish data on how many people were refused entry to the UK on particular dates.

For Quarter 2 (April to June 2011) there were 4,237 refusals. The statistics for Quarter 2 of 2012 are planned to be published in August 2012, and will be available on the Home Office website: www.homeoffice.gov.uk

Previous quarterly statistics can also be found here.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120619/text/120619w0002.htm#1206202000033>

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Immigration

Gemma Doyle: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people were detained for further questioning by the UK Border Agency at UK borders on 10 May (a) 2011 and (b) 2012. [112550]

Reply from Damian Green: The data requested is not published by the Home Office. However, data on the number of those who are refused entry is published quarterly.

For Quarter 2 (April to June 2011) there were 4,237 refusals. The statistics for Quarter 2 of 2012 are planned to be published in August 2012. These can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk>

Justin Tomlinson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department of the UK Border Agency applications that were refused a right to remain, what proportion her Department estimates left the UK in the last year for which figures are available. [112591]

Reply from Damian Green: The Home Office publishes immigration statistics on a quarterly and annual basis, copies of which can be found in the Library of the House. The latest published statistics on asylum and non-asylum removals can also be found at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q1-2012/>

The data requested is not held in a format compatible with National Statistics protocols, or produced as part of the UK Border Agency's standard reports.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120620/text/120620w0003.htm#120620104000023>

Asylum

Kerry McCarthy: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will consider granting temporary immigration status to refused asylum seekers who are unable to return to their home countries. [111346]

Reply from Damian Green: Every asylum claim is carefully considered on its individual merits against the UK's obligations under the Refugee Convention and European Convention on Human Rights. Every applicant whose fundamental human rights would be contravened by returning to their home country is granted appropriate status in the UK. Those who do not qualify are expected to make every effort to return to their country of origin. Where there is a legitimate temporary barrier to return, support is available in cases where the individual would otherwise be destitute until return is possible.

Kerry McCarthy: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will consider granting temporary immigration status to refused asylum seekers who are effectively stateless because their country of origin will not accept them and, as a result, they are unable to claim Section 4 support. [111347]

Reply from Damian Green: Asylum seekers who do not qualify for status are expected to return to their country of origin unless there is a legitimate temporary barrier to return, in which case support will be provided until return is possible if the individual would otherwise be destitute.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120618/text/120618w0002.htm#12061851000029>

Asylum

Kerry McCarthy: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what support she is providing to refused asylum seekers who are unable to return to their home countries which (a) are and (b) are not countries to which the UK is not carrying out removals. [111376]

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Reply from Damian Green: All failed asylum seekers can apply for support under Section 4(2) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. In order to be granted support they need to show that they are destitute and can satisfy one or more of the conditions set out in regulation 3(2) of the Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Accommodation to Failed Asylum-Seekers) Regulations 2005.

Section 4 support consists of accommodation and a weekly allowance to cover essential living needs.

Mr Buckland: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many UK Border Agency legacy cases there are. [111612]

Reply from Damian Green: As reported by the UK Border Agency chief executive in his letter to the Home Affairs Select Committee on 22 May 2012, the number of legacy cases are: Live asylum cohort 21,000, Asylum Controlled archive 80,000, Migration Controlled Archive 21,500.

Andrea Leadsom: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many asylum seekers were transferred from the UK to each other EU member state in each year from 1994 to 2002. [112459]

Reply from Damian Green: The information requested is shown in the following table.

	<i>Asylum seekers transferred from the UK to other EU member states</i> ⁽²⁾
1997	⁽¹⁾ 103
1998	849
1999	838
2000	703
2001	600
2002	1,060

⁽¹⁾ Figures are only available from the date the Dublin Convention was ratified on 1 September 1997. ⁽²⁾ The figures are based on management information data that is not quality assured under National Statistics protocols. The figures do not constitute part of National Statistics and should be treated as provisional. Figures for 2011 are not currently available, nor has it been possible within the time frame to provide a breakdown by member state.

Paul Blomfield: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many failed Sudanese asylum seekers were removed from the UK to (a) Sudan and (b) South Sudan in (i) 2010-11 and (ii) 2011-12. [112521]

Reply from Damian Green: The following table shows the total number of Sudanese asylum cases removed or voluntarily departed to Sudan and South Sudan from the UK in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

<i>Removals and voluntary departures</i> ^(1,2,3 of) <i>Sudanese asylum cases to Sudan and South Sudan</i> ⁽⁴⁾ , 2010-11 and 2011-12		
<i>Number</i>		
<i>Sudanese asylum cases removed or voluntarily departed to:</i>	2010-11 ⁽⁵⁾	2011-12 ⁽⁵⁾
Sudan	19	15
Sudan (South)	n/a	0

n/a = not applicable ⁽¹⁾ Includes enforced removals, people departing voluntarily after notifying the UK Border Agency of their intention to leave prior to their departure, people leaving under assisted voluntary return programmes run by Refugee Action (prior to April 2011, run by the International Organization for Migration) and people who it has

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Been established left without informing the immigration authorities. ⁽²⁾ Figures include dependants. ⁽³⁾ Removals and voluntary departures recorded on the system as at the dates on which the data extracts were taken. ⁽⁴⁾ Destination as recorded on source database. ⁽⁵⁾ Provisional figures. Figures will under record due to data cleansing and data matching exercises that take place after the extracts are taken.

It is not possible within these figures to say what stage in the asylum process these people have reached at the time of their removal, including whether their claim has failed at that point, because those departing voluntarily can do so at any stage without necessarily notifying the UK Border Agency.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of persons removed or departed voluntarily from the UK within 'Immigration Statistics'. The data on removals and voluntary departures by country of nationality and destination are available in the latest release, Immigration Statistics: January to March 2012, tables rv.05 and rv.05.q, from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Science, research and statistics web pages at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q1-2012/>

Andrea Leadsom: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many asylum seekers were transferred to the UK from other EU member states in each of the years from 1994 to 2002. [112576]

Reply from Damian Green: The information requested is not held centrally and could be obtained only at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120619/text/120619w0001.htm#1206202000014>

Asylum

robert Buckland: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many UK Border Agency legacy cases were completed in each of the last five years. [111613]

Reply from Damian Green: As reported to the Home Affairs Select Committee on 3 May 2012, the Case Assurance and Audit Unit concluded the asylum legacy cases of 12,600 people in the preceding 12 months.

Prior to April 2011 legacy asylum cases were concluded by the Case Resolution Directorate. Annual conclusion figures are not recorded.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120620/text/120620w0003.htm#120620104000018>

Asylum Seekers

Baroness Lister of Burtersett: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many individuals, including dependants, were in receipt of Section 95 asylum support in each of the past five years, broken down by age.[HL698]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Henley): The following table shows the number of asylum seekers in receipt of Section 95 support. Information broken down by age is not available.

<i>Asylum seekers in receipt of Section 95 support, as at end of year</i>	
2007	43,052
2008	31,339
2009	28,518
2010	22,039
2011	20,894

Section 95 support: Support may be provided under Section 95 of the Immigration

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and Asylum Act 1999 to destitute asylum seekers until their asylum claim is finally determined.

Section 95 support can be provided as both accommodation and subsistence, or accommodation or subsistence only. Data from 2010 onwards are provisional figures.

The data include dependants in receipt of support.

The data excludes unaccompanied asylum seeking children supported by local authorities.

The number of asylum seekers granted Section 95 support is published on a quarterly basis and can be found in Table as.17q, available in Asylum Excel Tables Volume five. The latest publication covering the first quarter of 2012 is available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Research Development and Statistics website at

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q1-2012>.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120619w0001.htm#12061963000114>

Asylum Seekers

Baroness Lister of Burtersett: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many individuals were in receipt of section 4 asylum support in each of the past five years; and how many of those (1) were lone parents, (2) were dependent children, and (3) had a disability.[HL695]

Reply from The Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Henley): The information requested is shown in the following table. Please note that the information is derived from local management information and has not been subject to National Statistics protocols.

Individuals in receipt of section 4 asylum support in each of the past five years; and how many of those (1) were lone parents, (2) were dependent children, and (3) had a disability

	Apr-08	Apr-09	Apr-10	Apr-11	Apr-12
Individuals	11685	14218	11548	3824	3226
U18	1646	2377	1945	786	779
Single parents	1044	1270	941	399	421
Disability	*	*	*	*	6

(1) All figures quoted are management information which has been subject to internal quality checks.

(2) Disability figures refer to number of applications with someone having disability, and the applications may correspond to one or more individuals

(3) Figures below 5 are indicated with an "*"

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120621w0001.htm#12062146000176>

Immigration: Detention

Lord Lester of Herne Hill: To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Henley on 11 June (WA 196), why the UK Border Agency does not maintain records of the number of cases where their decision to detain has been upheld or overturned; how they currently monitor whether they comply with the law; and whether they will maintain such records in future.[HL754]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Henley): While the UK

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Border Agency does hold records pertaining to detention of individuals, it is not able to extract statistical information which accurately meets the specific nature of the original request from the noble Lord. To do so would require scrutinising each individual case. There are no plans currently to hold such records.

The UK Border Agency has clear guidelines for operational staff regarding detention of individuals to ensure all actions are compliant with the law. Each detention has clear monitoring procedures and has to be reviewed at different dates to ensure it remains justified.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120621w0001.htm#12062146000186>

Immigration: Deportation

Lord Eames: To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the standard of care afforded to the children of persons awaiting deportation from the United Kingdom.[HL740]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Henley): The UK Border Agency has developed a new approach for managing the return of families in response to the Government's commitment to end the detention of children for immigration purposes. The aim is to encourage families to leave without the need for enforcement action when they have no right to remain in the UK and for children to remain with their families in the community wherever possible. Where children stay in UK Border Agency facilities, it is now only for very short periods immediately prior to removal, in either Cedars pre-departure accommodation (where welfare services are provided by Barnardo's), or (in the case of families stopped at the border and a small number of high-risk or criminal cases) Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre. Both facilities have been specifically developed with the needs of families and children in mind and are subject to regular inspection by the appropriate statutory bodies.

Lord Lester of Herne Hill: To ask Her Majesty's Government by what process, notwithstanding the United Kingdom's obligations under the Geneva Convention relating to the status of refugees, the UK Border Agency deported Tamils to Sri Lanka who were subsequently awarded asylum in the United Kingdom, following ill-treatment in Sri Lanka; and what steps they are taking to avoid a similar situation occurring in future.[HL775]

Reply from Lord Henley: It is government policy not to comment on specific cases. Every asylum claim made in the UK is carefully considered against our obligations under the refugee convention and the European Convention on Human Rights. In reaching a decision on an application, anxious scrutiny is given to the facts of the case, including the situation in the claimant's home country. The UK Border Agency's returns policy is kept constantly under review and decisions are taken in the light of prevailing circumstances. Returns are only enforced when it is safe to do so and when the agency and the courts are satisfied that the individual has no international protection needs.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120621w0001.htm#12062146000185>

Deportation

Alun Cairns: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 15 May 2012, *Official Report*, column 63W, on deportation, how many immigrants the UK Border Agency deported in each of the last five years; to which countries; and using what form and class of travel. [111101]

Reply from Damian Green: Deportations are a specific subset of removals which are enforced either following a criminal conviction or when it is judged that a

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person's removal from the UK is conducive to the public good. The deportation order prohibits the person returning to the UK until such time as it may be revoked. Most illegal immigrants are removed under administrative or illegal entry powers from the UK rather than being deported.

It has therefore been assumed that the question refers to the number of enforced removals and voluntary departures from the UK as opposed to the number of deportations.

The table placed in the House Library, shows the total number of removals and voluntary departures by country of destination in each year from 2007 to 2011.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of persons removed or departed voluntarily from the UK within Immigration Statistics. The data on removals and voluntary departures by country of destination is available in the latest release, Immigration Statistics: January-March 2012, tables rv.06 and rv.06.q, from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Science, research and statistics web pages at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics/migration/migration-statistics1/>

The UK Border Agency seeks to achieve the best value for money when returning nationals with no right to remain in the UK. Ticket costs and a number of other factors are taken into account when deciding on the method and route of return. It is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown of the form and class of travel without examination of individual records at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120621/text/120621w0002.htm#12062169000015>

Human Trafficking

Peter Bone: What steps schools are taking to raise awareness of the effect of human trafficking. [111836]

Reply from the Minister for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning

(Mr John Hayes): Human trafficking is an outrage. William Wilberforce spoke of “this bloody traffic, of which our posterity, looking back...will scarce believe that it has been suffered to exist so long a disgrace and dishonour to this country.”

We must be in our age as determined as he was in his to end the pain of this wicked trade in human lives.

Peter Bone: The Minister and the Prime Minister have shown their commitment to fighting human trafficking, but the dreadful case that was recently reported of internal trafficking within the United Kingdom shows the necessity of our schools highlighting this evil crime. Will the Minister meet me, other members of the all-party group on human trafficking and Anthony Steen to discuss how we can take the matter forward?

Reply from John Hayes: Yes, of course I will. My hon. Friend is absolutely right that schools have a vital role to play, which was why we issued new guidelines to that end. He will also know that since he last asked me about this matter—he is a doughty champion of the victims of this dreadful trade—I have, as he asked, written to charities to engage them in the process.

Paul Goggins: In line with the recommendations in today's report on children who go missing from care, will the Minister please discuss with his colleagues in the Home Office the importance of keeping on the police national database the details of all trafficked children who go missing, so that they are not forgotten and so that if, for example, they turn up in a cannabis factory, they can be treated immediately as victims rather than criminals?

Reply from John Hayes: The right hon. Gentleman is quite right to draw attention to that excellent report, which I was able to read this morning. He is right that co-

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ordinated action by local authorities, the Home Office and the Department for Education is vital, and we will indeed go about that business in the fashion and spirit that he describes.

Jane Ellison: On the subject of raising awareness of crime in schools, some primary-age girls are at particular risk of being taken abroad in the long summer holidays to suffer female genital mutilation. Will the Minister take this opportunity to emphasise the safeguarding responsibilities of schools in that regard?

Reply from John Hayes: Yes, indeed. I had a meeting with my officials and discussed just that matter. It is, as my hon. Friend will know—because she has also been a champion of these matters—something that happens across the year in different volumes. There are peak periods for this, and we need to take action to take account of that and to use all agencies to offer the right kind of advice in those areas that are most vulnerable and to those young people who are most vulnerable.

Lisa Nandy: In the response to today's report on children in care, Ministers made no mention of the 60% of trafficked children who routinely go missing. Will he respond to widespread concerns surrounding the move of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre into the National Crime Agency, described by CEOP's former head as about saving face, not saving children, and ensure that child safeguarding is made an explicit strategic priority for the NCA so that the focus on these children is not lost?

Reply from John Hayes: The Secretary of State and the Under-Secretary of State for Education, the hon. Member for East Worthing and Shoreham (Tim Loughton), who has responsibility for children, are having a meeting this afternoon on just those matters, to ensure that our response is co-ordinated in the way the hon. Lady describes. It is fair to say that there is an issue about the different claims about the number of children who go missing and the need for a more consistent approach to how those records are maintained. I hear what she says and it will no doubt help to inform the discussions that will take place this afternoon—because we do not hesitate on these matters—between the Secretary of State and the Under-Secretary.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120618/debtext/120618-0001.htm#12061811000020>

Diplomatic Service: Human Trafficking

Peter Bone: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what assessment he has made of the role played by the UK's overseas missions in tackling the problem of human trafficking. [112517]

Reply from Jeremy Browne: Our embassies and high commissions provide a platform for departments including the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA), the Department for International Development (DFID) and the UK Border Agency (UKBA) to implement the Government's Human Trafficking Strategy overseas. Work is primarily focused on the nine top source countries for potentially trafficked victims in the UK and some work is carried out in transit countries.

Our embassies and high commissions make a valuable contribution to tackling human trafficking including through:

working with foreign governments and other organisations to build their capacity to disrupt human trafficking, for example by working with investigators and prosecutors to increase prosecutions for human trafficking offences;

addressing the root causes of human trafficking through DFID's work to alleviate poverty overseas, for example the four-year DFID-led South Asia Project covering India, Nepal and Bangladesh which aims to reduce the number of women and girls from being trafficked and to protect the rights of women and girls who migrate for

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work from Asia;
encouraging governments in source and transit countries to take the lead to protect potential victims and reintegrate victims; and
contributing to the UK's and international efforts to combat trafficking by ensuring that UK interests are effectively represented bilaterally and in multilateral fora, including the EU and the UN.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120619/text/120619w0003.htm#1206202000111>

Human Trafficking: Convictions

Fiona Mactaggart: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice how many convictions there were for offences related to human trafficking in 2011. [112431]

Reply from Crispin Blunt: The number of defendants found guilty at all courts in England and Wales in 2011 for human trafficking offences, on a principal offence basis, is eight.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120619/text/120619w0003.htm#1206202000132>

Press Releases

New family visit visa appeal regulations

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/june/25-family-visit-visa-appeal>

Asylum decisions in the EU27 EU Member States granted protection to 84 100 asylum seekers in 2011

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=STAT/12/96&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

World Refugee Day

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/world-refugee-day>

Joint Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Cecilia Malmström, on the occasion of the World Refugee Day

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/467&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

An EU Strategy towards the eradication of trafficking in Human beings

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/455&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Combatting the slavery of our times: 40 new measures for an EU strategy against trafficking in human beings

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/619&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

New UN report shows record 800,000 people became refugees in 2011

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=42259&Cr=refugee&Cr1=>

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With 42 million forcibly displaced around world, Secretary-General says refugees leave because they have no choice, but 'we must chose to help'

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2012/sgsm14353.doc.htm>

New Publications

Report on the internal review of human trafficking legislation

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/human-trafficking-legislation?view=Binary>

A Year of Crises: UNHCR Global Trends 2011

<http://www.unhcr.org/4fd6f87f9.html>

UK migration controversies: a simple guide

<http://www.rgs.org/NR/rdonlyres/4711AA55-F60A-4B16-9F30-27DEF5232C03/0/MigrationFINAL.pdf>

News

Refugee pens 'Thank You Glasgow' song for adopted city to launch awareness week in Scotland

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2012/06/18/refugee-pens-thank-you-glasgow-song-for-adopted-city-to-launch-awareness-week-in-scotland-86908-23897652/>

In defence of Ypeople

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/in-defence-of-ypeople.17911093>

Cabinet split as Baroness Warsi attacks 'racist' curbs on immigration

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/cabinet-split-as-baroness-warsi-attacks-racist-curbs-on-immigration-7873596.html>

Immigration crackdown is driving away foreign talent, warns City

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/immigration-crackdown-is-driving-away-foreign-talent-warns-city-7866802.html>

Miliband: Labour 'got it wrong' on immigration

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-18539472>

Ed Miliband promises new immigration measures to protect British workers

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/ed-miliband-promises-new-immigration-measures-to-protect-british-workers-7876158.html>

Change rules on migrant workers, says Ed Miliband

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/jun/21/change-rules-migrant-workers-miliband>

Immigration minister welcomes Labour's admission of failure over increase in migrants

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/immigration-minister-welcomes-labours-admission-of-failure-over-increase-in-migrants-7872707.html>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

Theresa May tells firms to stop complaining about immigration cap

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/9342642/Theresa-May-tells-firms-to-stop-complaining-about-immigration-cap.html>

All over Europe, immigration is moving in from the political fringes

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/9350672/All-over-Europe-immigration-is-moving-in-from-the-political-fringes.html>

Tony Blair: I don't regret opening UK borders to European immigrants

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/9352335/Tony-Blair-I-dont-regret-opening-UK-borders-to-European-immigrants.html>

SNP ducks question of migrant limits post-independence

<http://www.scotsman.com/scotland-on-sunday/politics/snp-ducks-question-of-migrant-limits-post-independence-1-2373287>

A place to be myself: One asylum seeker's fight for justice

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/features/a-place-to-be-myself-one-asylum-seeker-s-fight-for-justice-1-2371176>

English Now A Second Language To One Million School Children

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2012/06/21/school-pupils-english-second-language_n_1615648.html?utm_hp_ref=uk-politics

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Race Relations

New Publication

Media representations of black young men and boys

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/corporate/pdf/2113275.pdf>

News

Our black youngsters: how often do you hear the good news?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/jun/20/where-is-good-news-black-youngsters>

Gypsy Wedding 'stereotype' challenged by traveller photos

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-18524178>

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Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Apprenticeships: Ethnic Minorities

Baroness Hussein-Ece: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many people from an ethnic-minority background aged 16 to 24 are undertaking apprenticeships.

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (Baroness Wilcox): My Lords, final data for the 2010-11 academic year show that 8.7%-that is, 23,890-of new apprenticeships aged under 25 were from an ethnic minority background. This figure has increased from 7.2% in 2009-10.

Baroness Hussein-Ece: I thank my noble friend for that reply. However, she will be aware that over 55% of black men aged between 18 and 24 are currently unemployed, a figure which has nearly doubled since 2008; that ethnic minorities are underrepresented in the Government's apprenticeship schemes in the more prestigious industries such as construction and engineering; and that those who do manage to get on an apprenticeship scheme are less likely to progress to a related job. So although I welcome the review they are undertaking, will the Government address in this review and monitor the number of ethnic minorities-as well as women and people with disabilities-who are taking up these apprenticeships in order to ensure equal access?

Reply from Baroness Wilcox: I agree with my noble friend that there is scope to ensure that apprenticeships better support learners from a wide range of backgrounds. I am aware of her interest and her expertise in this area and her excellent work for the Equality and Human Rights Commission. My colleagues in the other place and I are very keen that the apprenticeships programme should be genuinely accessible to all. I do not have time to go into it all now, but I would welcome the opportunity to meet with my noble friend to discuss any more thoughts she may have that we can take forward.

Baroness Whitaker: Does the Minister know how many Gypsy, Roma and Traveller young people have been offered apprenticeships, and if not could she please find out?

Reply from Baroness Wilcox: I heard the question as being about Travellers. I do not have any information on that here with me now but I would be only too delighted to talk to the noble Baroness. We have seen an awful lot of programmes on the television recently about weddings and Travellers et cetera, and I think that we have all become much more familiar with the life they lead and the difficulties associated with that roaming lifestyle. I would be only too delighted to come back with the information, not only for the noble Baroness but for myself.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120618-0001.htm#1206188000632>

Schools: Gypsy, Roma and Travellers

Lord Avebury: To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the inclusion of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils within the Ofsted evaluation schedule for the inspection of maintained schools and academies as a specific group of vulnerable children, how they will ensure that Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools and registered inspectors are sufficiently well trained to be able to make informed judgements about the quality of policy, provision and practice in relation these pupils.[HL630]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools (Lord Hill of Oareford): This question is a matter for Ofsted. HM Chief Inspector, Sir Michael Wilshaw, has written to the noble Lord, and a copy of his response has been placed in the House Libraries.

Letter from Sir Michael Wilshaw, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Ofsted, to Lord Avebury, dated 13 June 2012.

Parliamentary Question Number HL630: To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the

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light of the inclusion of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils within the Ofsted evaluation schedule for the inspection of maintained schools and academies as a specific group of vulnerable children, how they will ensure that Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools and registered inspectors are sufficiently well trained to be able to make informed judgments about the quality of policy, provision and practice in relation these pupils.

Your recent Parliamentary Question has been passed to me, as Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, for response.

Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) and additional inspectors employed by Ofsted's contracted inspection service providers undergo rigorous initial training and are subject periodically to further training-particularly when a new inspection framework is introduced.

Inspectors were trained fully to implement the current framework, which was introduced in January 2012, and will be trained to apply the amended framework in advance of its implementation in September 2012. This training focuses on the importance of schools and teachers meeting the individual needs of each pupil.

One of the key principles underpinning the current inspection framework and the September 2012 amended framework is that inspection should focus on "narrowing the gap". Inspectors investigate how well the school is enabling pupils from underachieving groups nationally to bridge the gap between their achievement and the achievement of all pupils nationally. The inspection framework is clear that where particular groups of pupils are not learning and making progress that is at least in line with all pupils nationally then this should be investigated fully. This approach applies to Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils in the same way as it does to other groups of pupils who may be vulnerable to underachievement. In addition, lead inspectors are able to focus on groups and individuals, including Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils, through detailed case studies in order to test the quality of the school's provision for those pupils.

A copy of this reply has been sent to Lord Hill of Oareford, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools, and will be placed in the Library of both Houses.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120620w0001.htm#12062087000353>

Press Release

Equality and Human Rights Commission outlines plans for future and launches staff consultation

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2012/june/commission-outlines-plans-for-future-and-launches-staff-consultation/>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Holyrood Parliamentary Questions

Racist Hate Crime

John Park: To ask the Scottish Executive what steps it is taking to tackle racist hate crime. (S4O-01153)

Racism and Religious Hatred Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Reply from the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham): All hate crimes are deplorable and have no place in modern Scotland.

Earlier this month, we cautiously welcomed newly published figures that show a decrease in racist incidents recorded by the police in Scotland for 2010-11. Although those figures showed a decrease in racist incidents, there is absolutely no room for complacency and the Scottish Government is committed to tackling all types of hate crime and supports all efforts to stamp it out.

That is why we are providing nearly £9 million in funding during the period 2012 to 2015 to organisations whose work is aimed at tackling racist attitudes and improving the lives of minority ethnic communities, including refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and Gypsy Travellers. That includes £2.9 million to strategic partners such as the Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations, Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland and the Scottish Refugee Council to deliver race equality at a national level and represent the views of minority ethnic groups and individuals in Scotland. We also provided funding of £5.9 million to organisations to deliver projects working towards race equality at a grass-roots level.

Even one racist hate crime is one too many and we continue to work with those organisations to create the one Scotland to which we all aspire.

John Park: The minister might be aware of the report in the Dundee Courier on 13 June of a 50 per cent increase in race hate crime in Fife. Obviously, that is concerning. It has been suggested in reports in the newspaper that Fife Constabulary is recording those crimes differently now, which might account for the spike. Will the minister look into the spike in Fife and consider publishing some figures from Fife in the next three to six months, which will help us to see whether the issue is simply down to reporting methods or whether something more sinister underlies the figures?

Reply from Roseanna Cunningham: It is often the case that there are variations in the national figures. Sometimes, that is to do with issues such as changes in recording methods or the fact that there has been a specific focus on a particular crime. The member is quite right to flag up the differential between Fife and other parts of Scotland. I undertake to have a closer look at the matter to try to establish the underlying causes and determine whether the issue is simply a technical one or whether a problem is developing in Fife. I will meet the member in the near future, if he wishes.

Malcolm Chisholm: The minister will not wish to comment on the decisions that courts have made or may make on this matter, but will she, in general terms, applaud the decision that was taken by the City of Edinburgh Council—and, I believe, Dundee City Council—not to allow marches by the so-called Scottish defence league? Does she agree that there is no place in Scotland for the Scottish defence league's message of hate against ethnic minority communities in general and the Muslim community in particular? [Applause.]

Reply from Roseanna Cunningham: The applause perhaps gives the member the answer that he might expect. I suspect that every member in the chamber is united in their abhorrence of the message that is being promulgated in Scotland by what is a small group of individuals who insist on making arguments that the rest of us simply do not and never will agree with. I commend those councils that are taking active steps to prevent that message from being broadcast even more loudly on the streets of Scotland's cities.

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=7095&mode=html#job_64640

Racism and Religious Hatred Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Sectarianism

Christina McKelvie: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to educate children and young people about the dangers of sectarianism. (S4O-01156)

Reply from the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham): The curriculum for excellence provides the right environment to enable our young people to develop as informed and responsible citizens, and education remains central to the Scottish Government's approach to tackling sectarianism. I am therefore delighted that Education Scotland will highlight its work to combat sectarianism at this year's Scottish learning festival, which will showcase best practice in the area. That best practice includes a range of projects that are currently funded by the Scottish Government and which use many approaches, such as the arts, sports and classroom-based learning, to deliver real outcomes for our young people.

Christina McKelvie: Will the minister join me in congratulating the Larkhall community on being awarded the first Nil by Mouth communities award, which was granted for the positive work that has been undertaken by the community, the churches and the Machan Trust to tackle sectarianism? I convey an invitation to the minister to see the great work that the Machan Trust in Larkhall does in tackling the scourge of sectarianism in its community.

Reply from Roseanna Cunningham: I am delighted to join my colleague Christina McKelvie in applauding the creativity of the Machan Trust and staff and pupils on the initiative. That initiative is an example of the great work that is happening in Larkhall and the surrounding area, and is one of the reasons why Larkhall has become the first area in Scotland to receive the Nil by Mouth award, which recognises several years of hard work in uniting people of different religious and cultural backgrounds.

I have visited a variety of schools in the past few months, and would be delighted to visit the member's constituency, meet those who are involved in that excellent project and see first hand some of the other exciting initiatives that are taking place across Larkhall and the surrounding area. There are, of course, such initiatives in other parts of Scotland, too. An enormous amount of very good work is being done in Scotland right now on sectarianism, and I commend everybody who is involved in it, but I particularly commend Larkhall for being the first to get champion for change accreditation status.

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=7095&mode=html#iob_64643

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Castes

Richard Fuller: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent consideration she has given to using the powers in section 9(5)(a) of the Equality Act 2010 to make caste an aspect of race for purposes of the Act. [112761]

Reply from Lynne Featherstone: Our consideration of this matter is still ongoing. This is a sensitive issue; any consideration of how best to proceed must balance the perceived need for legislative intervention against this Government's emphasis on challenging red tape and avoidance of additional regulation which may put an unnecessary burden on employers and other businesses.

Richard Fuller: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what representations she has received on making caste an aspect of race under the Equality Act 2010. [112762]

Racism and Religious Hatred Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Reply from Lynne Featherstone: We have received, and continue to receive, representations and correspondence on this matter from both individuals and organisations.

Among those organisations are:

Anti Caste Discrimination Alliance

Association for Community Cohesion

British Sikh Consultative Forum

Castewatch UK

Hindu Council UK

Hindu Forum of Britain

The National Council of Hindu Temples UK

National Hindu Students Forum

Odysseus Trust

Voice of Dalit International

Representations have included a number received as part of the Government's Red Tape Challenge spotlight on equalities exercise that was conducted in 2011.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120621/text/120621w0002.htm#12062169000013>

Press Release

**European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) Annual Report:
Fundamental rights: challenges and achievements in 2011**

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/FRA-2012_Annual-Report-2011_EN.pdf

New Publication

Antisemitism: Summary overview of the situation in the European Union 2001-2011

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/FRA-2012-Antisemitism-update-2011_EN.pdf

News

South Lanarkshire high school receives accolade for 'bigot-busting' work tackling sectarianism

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2012/06/19/south-lanarkshire-high-school-receives-accolade-for-bigot-busting-work-tackling-sectarianism-86908-23897981/>

School prize for taking on the bigots

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/school-prize-for-taking-on-the-bigots.17908530>

Students' anti-hate films are to go viral

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/students-anti-hate-films-are-to-go-viral.17951580>

Students protest at 'racist' supervisor

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/students-protest-at-racist-supervisor-7878747.html?origin=internalSearch>

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Other Holyrood

Parliamentary Questions

Prison Population

Stewart Maxwell: To ask the Scottish Executive how many prisoners there have been in each of the last five years, broken down by (a) gender, (b) age, (c) ethnicity, (d) religion and (e) nationality.(S4W-07831)

Reply from Kenny MacAskill: Prison Population by Gender, Age, Ethnicity, Religion and Nationality from 2006 to 2010

	30-06-2010	30-06-2009	30-06-2008	30-06-2007	30-06-2006
Total	7,983	8,183	7,761	7,154	7,205
Gender					
Male	7,544	7,767	7,349	6,810	6,820
Female	439	416	412	344	385
Age					
16-19 ¹	640	758	756	755	719
20 - 24	1,618	1,698	1,576	1,437	1,416
25 - 29	1,539	1,561	1,528	1,343	1,370
30 - 34	1,246	1,230	1,136	1,062	1,084
35 - 39	958	962	976	923	1,009
40 - 44	805	820	745	688	701
45 - 49	548	528	476	425	412
50 - 54	291	297	263	231	220
55 - 59	154	170	139	149	136
60 - 64	93	86	87	71	69
65 or over	91	73	79	70	69
Ethnic background ²					
White	7,652	7,829	7,430	6,910	7,000
Black-Caribbean	26	43	44	42	32
Black-African	56	54	65	34	18
Black-Other	22	27	26	18	22
Indian	16	11	7	9	14
Pakistani	74	72	68	58	69
Bangladeshi	6	6	2	3	3
Chinese	70	79	52	21	11
Other Asian	27	24	26	23	10
Mixed	23	18	19	14	5
Other	11	20	22	22	21
Religion ³					
Church Of Scotland	2,448	2,538	2,486	2,503	2,640
Roman Catholic	1,861	1,905	1,793	1,697	1,758
Other Christian	336	341	335	263	264
Muslim	180	167	168	133	122
Buddhist	35	47	33	16	3
Sikh	8	9	10	9	7

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Hindu	3	2	2	0	4
Jewish	3	4	3	3	4
Other (Jehovah's Witness & Mormon)	67	83	117	88	94
None	3,042	3,087	2,814	2,442	2,309
Nationality ⁴					
British	7,632	7,799	7,813	7,247	7,059
Non-British	258	314	275	206	133

Sources: Scottish Government Justice Analytical Services and National Registers for Scotland.

Notes: The data presented here are drawn from the Scottish Prison Service PR2 administrative IT system and updated and quality assured on an on-going basis. Figures shown here may therefore differ slightly from those published previously.

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3. Religion figures have been taken from the 2001 Census and cover all people aged 16 and over. They are for "current religion". Those who did not answer the (optional) question on current religion in the Census have been allocated proportionately to the other categories.

4. Prison figures are as at 1 September. Population figures for nationality are for all ages and do not cover people living in communal establishments.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advanced&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-07831&ResultsPerPage=10>

Prison Population

Stewart Maxwell: To ask the Scottish Executive how many prisoners there have been per 100,000 population in each of the last five years, broken down by (a) gender, (b) age, (c) ethnicity, (d) religion and (e) nationality. (S4W-07832)

Reply from Kenny MacAskill: The information requested is as follows.

	30-06-2010	30-06-2009	30-06-2008	30-06-2007	30-06-2006
Total	185	191	182	169	172
Gender					
Male	366	379	362	338	341
Female	20	19	19	16	18
Age					
16-19 ¹	243	287	286	286	273
20 – 24	448	473	445	414	418
25 – 29	439	456	456	415	441
30 – 34	401	407	380	348	342
35 – 39	286	276	269	246	262
40 – 44	207	206	185	170	173
45 – 49	136	133	121	110	109
50 – 54	79	83	75	67	66
55 – 59	48	53	43	45	39
60 – 64	28	27	28	24	25

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65 or over	10	8	9	8	8
Ethnic background ²					
White	190	195	185	172	174
Black-Caribbean	1776	2937	3005	2869	2186
Black-African	1435	1384	1666	871	461
Black-Other	2771	3401	3275	2267	2771
Indian	138	95	61	78	121
Pakistani	347	338	319	272	324
Bangladeshi	437	437	146	219	219
Chinese	547	618	407	164	86
Other Asian	604	537	582	515	224
Mixed	323	253	267	197	70
Other	147	267	293	293	280
Religion ³					
Church Of Scotland	128	133	130	131	138
Roman Catholic	273	279	263	249	258
Other Christian	108	110	108	85	85
Muslim	588	546	549	434	399
Buddhist	541	726	510	247	46
Sikh	158	178	198	178	139
Hindu	62	41	41	0	82
Jewish	51	68	51	51	68
Other (Jehovah's Witness & Mormon)	261	324	456	343	367
None	275	279	255	221	209
Nationality ⁴					
British	156	159	159	148	144
Non-British	104	135	139	121	99

Incarceration rates per 100,000 Population by Gender, Age, Ethnicity, Religion and Nationality from 2006 to 2010

Sources: Scottish Government Justice Analytical Services and National Registers for Scotland

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<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-07832&ResultsPerPage=10>

Other Holyrood (continued) Press Releases

Increased trust in Scottish Government

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/06/scottish-social-attitudes-2011-24062012>

New charity fund opens for bids

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/06/youthemployment21062012>

New Publications

Scottish Parliament Annual Report 2012

http://scottish.parliament.uk/Annualreportsandaccounts/SP_AnnualReport2011-12-English.pdf

Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2011: Core Module - Attitudes to Government, the Economy and Public Services in Scotland

Report <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00395772.pdf>

Research Findings (summary) <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00395789.pdf>

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Other Westminster

Ministerial Statement

Charitable Giving

The Economic Secretary to the Treasury (Miss Chloe Smith): The Government have today introduced the Small Charitable Donations Bill into Parliament. This will enable charities to claim gift aid-style payments on the small cash donations that they receive. Charities and community amateur sports clubs (CASCs) can find it difficult to claim gift aid on donations collected in certain circumstances, for example bucket collections, where donors may be reluctant to stop and fill out gift aid declarations. This means that charities are currently missing out on potential income.

This new scheme will allow charities and CASCs to claim top-up payments of 25p for every £1 collected on small cash donations of £20 or less, up to a total of £5,000 of donations per year. The scheme is designed to allow top-up payments to charities on the donations for which they cannot easily get a gift aid declaration. It will supplement the main gift aid scheme, which provides over £1 billion a year in additional income for the charitable sector.

In developing the scheme, the Government have taken steps to ensure that it operates as fairly as possible, whilst keeping overall costs of the scheme affordable and also protecting against fraud. The scheme has been designed in order to make it fair and generous, and straightforward for charities to claim the top-up payments. HM Revenue and Customs will be issuing guidance for charities ahead of the scheme commencing.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120621/wmstext/120621m0001.htm#12062136000003>

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New Publication

Why Scotland needs a National Action Plan for Human Rights

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/application/resources/documents/SNAP%20Report%20Content%20RCS.pdf>

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Bills in Progress

** new or updated this week

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Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/51531.aspx>

**** Police and Fire Reform Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/45701.aspx>

Proposed Stage 3 amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/52393.aspx>

and

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/52459.aspx>

Subordinate Legislation Committee Report

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/52381.aspx>

Scottish Parliament Information Centre Briefing

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_12-44.pdf

Social Care (Self-directed Support) Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/48001.aspx>

**** Welfare Reform (Further Provision) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/48804.aspx>

Proposed Stage 3 amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/52227.aspx>

Westminster

**** Draft Communications Data Bill**

Draft Bill as published

<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm83/8359/8359.pdf>

Joint Committee

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120621/debtext/120621-0003.htm#12062137000009>

Returned to the House of Lords from the House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120621-0002.htm#12062157000681>

**** Crime and Courts Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/crimeandcourts.html>

Constitution Committee Report

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldselect/ldconst/17/17.pdf>

Bills in Progress

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Committee Stage, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120618-0001.htm#12061819000185>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120620-0001.htm#12062082000417>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2012-2013/0004/amend/ml004-ii.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2012-2013/0004/amend/ml004-iira.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2012-2013/0004/amend/ml004-iii.htm>

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provisions and Support for Victims) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/humantraffickingandexploitationfurtherprovisionsandsupportforvictims.html>

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Consultations

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International Migration Statistical Outputs (closing date 5 July 2012)

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/consultations/open-consultations/international-migration/international-migration-statistical-outputs---consultation-document.pdf>

Where Gypsy/Travellers Live (closing date 13 July 2012)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/49027.aspx>

Making Justice Work for Victims and Witnesses (closing date 20 July 2012)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00393452.pdf>

Responsible officers in the new health architecture: Amendments to the Medical Profession (Responsible Officers) 2010 Regulations (closing date 25 July 2012)

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_133601

Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Bill (closing date 27 July 2012)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/50802.aspx>

Equality Act 2010: employer liability for harassment of employees by third parties (closing date 7 August 2012)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/third-party-harassment/consultation-document?view=Binary>

Equality Act 2010: repeal of two enforcement provisions (closing date 7 August 2012)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/equality-act-wider-enforcement/consultation-document?view=Binary>

**** Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill** (closing date 8 August 2012)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/52148.aspx>

Consultations (continued)

Runnymede Equality Survey (closing date 7 September 2012)

<http://rminsight.co.uk/surveys/runnymede/>

Your rights, your future (closing date 9 September 2012)

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=EUCitizenship3&lang=en>

**** Investing In and Paying for Your Water Services from 2015** (closing date 11 September 2012)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00395226.pdf>

Here to Stay: People with learning disabilities from ethnic minority communities including new migrants (no closing date given)

<http://www.snapsurveys.com/swh/surveypreview.asp?k=132127029508>

Facing Facts: EU project to improve monitoring and recording of hate crimes and incidents throughout the European Union (no closing date given)

http://www.ceji.org/facingfacts/?page_id=158

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Events/Conferences/Training

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Human Rights and citizenship

26 June 2012 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 12.30)

The second in a series of three SCVO debates on human rights in relation to topical issues. To book a place see <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCVOhumanrights>

**** this week!**

UKBA Asylum Support

28 June 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the support arrangements available to asylum seekers from the beginning to the end of the asylum process. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/1576_ukba_asylum_support or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

**** this week!**

The referendum: What's it got to do with us?

28 June 2012 in Glasgow (10.30 – 1.30)

Ethnic Minority 3rd Sector Network event to raise awareness and understanding of the independence referendum among ethnic minority communities. For information see <http://www.bemis.org.uk/PDF/20120515-EMSN-Flyer1.pdf> or contact Hugh O'Donnell 0141 548 8047 / <mailto:hugh.odonnell@bemis.org.uk>

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

**** this week!**

Human Rights, poverty, and the economy

28 June 2012 in Glasgow (2.00 – 4.30)

The third in a series of three SCVO debates on human rights in relation to topical issues.

To book a place see <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCVOhumanrights>

The needs and experiences of refugee women

20 July 2012 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of fundamental issues affecting women seeking asylum in Scotland. It is appropriate for those working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see <http://tinyurl.com/7osl6r5>.

An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

24 July 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council training to identify fundamental issues facing asylum seekers and refugees today, and highlighting current legislation and entitlements. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/1577_an_introduction_to_working_with_asylum_seekers_and_refugees or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

**** Festival of Politics**

17 – 25 August 2012 at the Scottish Parliament

http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/pdf/2012_Festival_of_Politics_Programme.pdf

**** Scottish Irish Conversation on Sectarianism**

17 August 2012 at the Scottish Parliament (10.00 – 11.00)

Festival of Politics discussion to exchange knowledge between community leaders, academics and policy makers. For information see

<http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/65.htm>

**** Singin I'm No a Billy He's a Tim**

17 August 2012 at the Scottish Parliament (6.30 – 8.00)

Festival of Politics performance exploring play exploring bigotry and ethnic identity. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/56.htm>

The Essentials of Asylum: understanding what causes refugees to flee and the process of seeking protection

21 August 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide an introduction to core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see <http://tinyurl.com/bmb7pll>.

**** Who are 'Jock Tamson's Bairns'? – Attitudes Towards Migration in Scotland**

24 August 2012 at the Scottish Parliament (10.30 – 11.30)

Festival of Politics debate Scottish about attitudes to immigration, and whether they support the claims of Scotland to be a more welcoming country. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/146.htm>

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**** Making the Law Work for You – How Would You Improve the Justice System?**

24 August 2012 at the Scottish Parliament (1.00 – 2.00)

Festival of Politics discussion about mediation and arbitration, improving our system of human rights, the benefits of legal aid and making the law 'less legal'. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/135.htm>

**** NGOs Against Modern-Day Slavery**

24 August 2012 at the Scottish Parliament (2.30 – 3.30)

Festival of Politics discussion about the role of artists in preventing and combating human trafficking as modern-day slavery. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/148.htm>

Working with Interpreters

31 August 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with non-English speaking service users, including asylum seekers and refugees, who need a comprehensive understanding of how to work with interpreters. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/1574_working_with_interpreters

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Useful Links

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

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

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

Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

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

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

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

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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

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

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

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Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

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

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

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

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

BBC Parliament online

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

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



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



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