

Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community
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House of Commons Written Answer

Community Security Trust

John Mann [70431] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding for what period has been granted to the Community Security Trust to administer for the security of Jewish schools and other Jewish communal buildings.

Ben Wallace: The Jewish Community Protective Security Grant makes funding available to all Jewish free, state and independent schools, colleges and nurseries to employ security guards during operating hours, and to improve security at many synagogues and other communal locations through the implementation of guarding and physical security measures. These funded security measures supplement existing site security arrangements and policing measures.

The Home Office has provided grant funding for the security of the Jewish community since 2015-16, with the Community Security Trust as the Grant Recipient. A breakdown of funding by financial year is:

2015-16 - £10.9m

2016-17 - £13.4m.

A further £13.4m has been allocated for this purpose for 2017-18.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-04-13/70431/>

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Palestinians: Overseas Aid

Bob Blackman [70696] To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that UK aid is not being passed on by the Palestinian Authority to the families of people who have been involved in terrorist activity.

Rory Stewart: UK financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority (PA) is only used to fund the salaries of PA health and education public servants in the West

Bank who are on a vetted EU list. The list of eligible beneficiaries is subject to a vetting process that includes screening against international and ad hoc sanctions lists, covering a large number of different risk categories including terrorism financing.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-04-13/70696/>

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Other Relevant Information

Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry

Antisemitism Worldwide 2016

http://kantorcenter.tau.ac.il/sites/default/files/Doch_full_2016_230417.doc

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Arbitration and Mediation Services (Equality) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/arbitrationandmediationservicesequality.html>

Assisted Dying Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/assisteddying.html>

Lobbying (Transparency) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/lobbyingtransparency.html>

Promotion of Israeli-Palestinian Peace (United Kingdom Participation)

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/promotionofisraelipalestinianpeaceunitedkingdomparticipation.html>

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Consultations ** new or updated today

Independent review of hate crime legislation [in Scotland] (closing date 12 May 2017)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/hate-crime/2f6c8d5f/>

Caste in Great Britain and Equality Law (closing date 18 July 2017)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consultation>

Workplace Diversity (Wales) (closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wtucdiversity>

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