

# Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community  
Scottish Council of Jewish Communities  
SCoJeC

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## Home Affairs

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-05408 Jackson Carlaw: Cross Party Group on Palestine** – That the Parliament notes with astonishment the purported statements of the Treasurer of the Cross Party Group on Palestine at a meeting on 25 April 2017; understands that Philip Chetwynd refused to discuss the definition of anti-Semitism in Scotland in the presence of "representatives of three Zionist organisations"; believes that Mr Chetwynd went on to call these representatives "ideological terrorists" and that he felt "intimidated"; considers that Scotland's Parliament must be open to all and that political debate is weakened by an unwillingness to engage with those with whom we disagree; considers that the alleged comments of Mr Chetwynd could potentially be construed as anti-Semitic given that, of the three representatives referred to, one was Jewish and another an Israeli national living in Scotland; thanks MSPs, including vice-convenor, Sandra White, and other external organisations for opposing the removal of these three representatives from the meeting, and considers that, given what it considers Mr Chetwynd's unwillingness to act in a manner appropriate to maintaining the reputation of the Parliament, he should be removed from his position forthwith.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-05408>

*For background information relating to the above incident see*

[http://www.scojec.org/news/2017/17iv\\_cpg/cpg.html](http://www.scojec.org/news/2017/17iv_cpg/cpg.html)

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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>

Due to the General Election, this Bill will not proceed further.

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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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