

Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community
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Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme

Andrew Gwynne (Labour) [2479] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Christian places of worship from each denomination in each region had applied for funding under the Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme, by 1 June 2017.

Sarah Newton: Since the scheme opened last year a total of 341 applications have been received. 286 of those were in the first year of the scheme, 228 of which were from the Christian places of worship. We received 55 applications in this year's round of the scheme, 21 of which were from Christian places of worship.

Year One

Area	Breakdown by Denomination	Total
Bedfordshire	Church of England (1) Greek Orthodox (1) Methodist (1) Miscellaneous (2)	Five
Birmingham	Church of England (3) Greek Orthodox (1) Methodist (1) Roman Catholic (3) Miscellaneous (4)	Twelve
Cambridgeshire	Church of England (1) Miscellaneous (1)	Two
Cheshire	Church of England (1) Roman Catholic (1) Miscellaneous (1)	Three
County Durham	Church of England (1)	One
Derbyshire	Church of England (1)	One
Devon	Church of England (1) Roman Catholic (2)	Three
Dorset	Roman Catholic (2) Miscellaneous (2)	Four
Essex	Roman Catholic (3) Miscellaneous (3)	Six
Gloucestershire	Anglican (1) Church of England (3) Roman Catholic (7) Miscellaneous (3)	Fourteen
Hampshire	Baptist (1)	One
Hertfordshire	Greek Orthodox (1) Church of England (2) Miscellaneous (1)	Four
Kent	Church of England (3) Greek Orthodox (1) Miscellaneous (3)	Seven

Area	Breakdown by Denomination	Total
Lancashire	Baptist (1) Church of England (1) Methodist (1) Roman Catholic (2) Miscellaneous (4)	Nine
Leicestershire	Church of England (1) Miscellaneous (1)	Two
Lincolnshire	Church of England (2) Roman Catholic (2)	Four
London	Anglican (2) Baptist (5) Church of England (18) Greek Orthodox (4) Methodist (3) Miscellaneous (22) Roman Catholic (4)	Fifty-eight
Merseyside	Church of England (2) Baptist (1) Methodist (1) Miscellaneous (2) Roman Catholic (2)	Eight
Norfolk	Church of England (1) Roman Catholic (1)	Two
Nottinghamshire	Miscellaneous (1)	One
Oxfordshire	Roman Catholic (1) Miscellaneous (2)	Three
Staffordshire	Church of England (3) Methodist (1) Roman Catholic (1) Miscellaneous (1)	Six
Surrey	Anglican (1) Church of England (2) Roman Catholic (2)	Five
Sussex	Church of England (2) Greek Orthodox (1) Roman Catholic (1)	Four
Tyne and Wear	Church of England (4) Methodist (1) Miscellaneous (1)	Six
Wales	Church of England (3) Church in Wales (6) Roman Catholic (3) Miscellaneous (1)	Thirteen
West Midlands	Anglican (2) Church of England (6) Roman Catholic (2) Miscellaneous (6)	Sixteen
Wiltshire	Baptist (1) Roman Catholic (4)	Five
Worcestershire	Roman Catholic (1)	One
Yorkshire and the Humber	Church of England (10) Methodist (1) Roman Catholic (4) Miscellaneous (7)	Twenty- two

Year Two

Area	Breakdown by Denomination	Total
Birmingham	Church of England (1)	One
Devon	Roman Catholic (1)	One
Gloucestershire	Church of England (2)	Two
Kent	Free Church (1) Church of England (1)	Two
London	Orthodox (1) Roman Catholic (1) Evangelical (1) Church of England (2) Methodist (3)	Eight
Surrey	Church of England (1)	One
Wales	Roman Catholic (1)	One
Warwickshire	Church of England (1)	One
West Midlands	Pentecostal (1)	One
Yorkshire and the Humber	Methodist (1) Pentecostal (1) Roman Catholic (1)	Three

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-03/2479/>

Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme

Andrew Gwynne (Labour) [2480] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Islamic places of worship from each denomination had applied in each region for funding under the Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme by 1 June 2017.

Sarah Newton: Since the scheme opened last year a total of 341 applications

have been received. 286 of those were in the first year of the scheme, 36 of which were from the Islamic places of worship. We received 55 applications in this year's round of the scheme, 26 of which were from Islamic places of worship.

Further information on each Islamic Centre or Mosque is not available

Year One

Bedfordshire – Three

Birmingham – Three

Cheshire – One

Dorset – One

Essex – One

Hertfordshire – One

Kent – One

Lancashire – Four

Lincolnshire – One

London - Seven

Staffordshire – One

Surrey – One

Tyne and Wear – Two

West Midlands – One

Yorkshire – Eight

Year Two

Bedfordshire – One

Birmingham – One

Essex – One

Gloucestershire – Three

Lancashire – Five

Leicestershire – One

London – One

Nottinghamshire – One

Shropshire – One

Wales – One

West Midlands – One

Yorkshire and Humberside – Nine

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House of Lords Written Answer

Palestine Expo 2017

Lord Warner (Crossbench) [HL204] Her Majesty's Government whether any Minister has taken, or is considering taking, action to prevent the Palestine Expo 2017 taking place at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in July; and if so, why.

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth: We have worked with the QEII Centre to consider the concerns raised about Palestine Expo 2017. Following consideration, we have agreed that the event can take place as planned. That said, we have emphasised to the organisers the need for all events at the centre to maintain good community relations and for them to ensure that the event is conducted in a lawful manner and in line with fundamental British values.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-06-27/HL204/>

House of Commons Library

Briefing: The Introduction of an opt-out system for organ donation in England

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CDP-2017-0141/CDP-2017-0141.pdf>

Briefing: General Election 2017: full results and analysis

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7979/CBP-7979.pdf>

Data file: constituency level results summary

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7979/HoC-GE2017-constituency-results.csv>

Data file: detailed results by candidate

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7979/HoC-GE2017-results-by-candidate.csv>

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

FOI release: proscription of Hamas and Hizbollah

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/626448/0736-16_Letter.pdf

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UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices to visit Amman on annual mission

A United Nations Special Committee will undertake its annual field visit to Amman from 12 to 14 July 2017 to gather testimonies and to hear briefings on a range of human rights issues of concern in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the occupied Syrian Golan. The UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories will be meeting with victims, community representatives, witnesses, Israeli and Palestinian non-governmental organizations, officials from Palestine, and UN representatives.

As stipulated in the mandate, the Committee has sought the agreement of the Government of Israel to access the Occupied Territories. However, the Government of Israel maintains its practice of non-cooperation.

The Special Committee will therefore not be holding consultations with the relevant Israeli authorities. It will also not be able to access the Occupied Territories. ...

To read the full press release see

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21861&LangID=E>

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

**** Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/marriageact1949amendment.html>

Bill as introduced

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2017-2019/0045/18045.pdf>

First Reading, House of Lords

[http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-07-10/debates/79D39FEF-EDDB-4ABD-82EC-5C0045DA3972/MarriageAct1949\(Amendment\)Bill\(HL\)](http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-07-10/debates/79D39FEF-EDDB-4ABD-82EC-5C0045DA3972/MarriageAct1949(Amendment)Bill(HL))

Scottish Parliament

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/105269.aspx>

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Consultations ** new or updated today

Caste in Great Britain and Equality Law (closing date 18 September 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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