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Westminster Ministerial Statement

Section 19 of the United Kingdom Borders Act 2007

The Minister for Immigration (Damian Green): Section 19 of the UK Borders Act 2007 will come into force on 23 May 2011. Section 19 restricts the evidence an appellant can

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rely on at such an appeal to that which is submitted to and considered by the UK Border Agency in support of an application.

Reforming the immigration system and reducing the level of immigration to a sustainable number is one of the big tasks of this Government. Our goal is an improved system that commands the confidence of the public and serves our economic interests. We have made it clear that we will take a robust approach, that we will tighten up our system, stop abuse and welcome only the most economically beneficial migrants. This Government have already delivered a new annual limit on non-EU economic migrants and have announced reforms to the student visa system to be implemented over the course of the next year. These measures are aimed at attracting the brightest and the best, while reducing the level of net migration and tackling abuse.

People wishing to remain in the UK under the points-based system are required to submit all relevant evidence in support of their application at the time that application is made. This enables caseworkers to make the right decision in the first instance, often avoiding unnecessary and expensive publicly funded appeals. It also protects the integrity of the immigration system, ensuring all necessary checks can be made and any deception identified.

But this system has been subject to misuse at the expense of the taxpayer. Individuals already in the UK but unsuccessful in their application to extend their time here have been using the appeals system as a free second application process—putting in evidence at the appeals stage which should have formed part of their application. Our management information shows that around two thirds of PBS appeals allowed by the tribunal are due to submission of further evidence at appeal.

It is not right that the taxpayer should foot the administrative and appeals bill where this information should have been put forward as part of the original application or where a second application including all the necessary information, for which we will charge, is the most appropriate route to securing a grant of leave. Section 19 will restrict the type of new evidence that can be taken into account by the tribunal. It will prevent circumvention of checks, helping restore public confidence in our immigration system and contribute to wider improvements to reduce the overall cost of the appeals system.

The commencement order will come into force on 23 May and will apply to all appeals heard for the first time against refusals of applications to remain in the UK under the points-based system, regardless of the date that appeal was lodged. Appeals that have been part or fully heard by the first-tier tribunal (immigration and asylum chamber) by this date will not be affected.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110519/wmstext/110519m0001.htm#11051945000008>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Immigrants

Jack Dromey: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what plans she has to assess the (a) effect on and (b) contribution to (i) health services, (ii) education services and (iii) other services of migrants. [55988]

Reply from Damian Green: I have tasked the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to research the labour market, social and public service impacts of non-EEA migration; and to advise on the use of such evidence in cost-benefit analyses of migration and policy decisions. This will provide evidence at the national level. Results from this work are expected in November 2011.

In addition I have asked Home Office analysts to scope the feasibility of identifying and measuring the social impacts of migration at the local level. We will work with

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local authorities and other local services to gain a better understanding of the issues and challenges facing public sector providers in terms of how they might identify different types of migrants and measure both their cost on public services and their contribution to the local community. This research will be undertaken over the course of 2011-12.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110517/text/110517w0002.htm#11051752000031>

Entry Clearances: Married People

Jack Dromey: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many applications for spouse and partner visas have been denied on the basis that they have not met the English language requirements since 29 November 2010; and what proportion of the total refusals for spouse and partner visas since that date this group represents. [55986]

Reply from Damian Green: This data is based on management information. It is provisional and subject to change.

Period: from 29 November 2010 onwards

Refusals (Not met English language requirements) for spouse and partners—71

Total refusals—for spouse and partners—6,126

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110518/text/110518w0002.htm#11051892000023>

Entry Clearances: Private Education

David Blunkett: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department for what reasons private schools are treated differently from higher education institutions in the private sector who have highly trusted status but not accreditation required to increase their number of students from September 2011 under the immigration rules relating to institutions providing education and professional training. [56414]

Reply from Damian Green: The Government have two key aims in their reform of the student immigration system: to tackle abuse of the student system and support work on reducing migration to sustainable levels. The independent school sector is a highly regulated part of the education sector, with independent schools subject to statutory regulation, overseen by the relevant Departments and inspectorates responsible for education across the UK. In our experience of operating Tier 4, the independent school sector has demonstrated good levels of compliance with immigration requirements.

Independent schools primarily use the Tier 4 (Child) category as the majority of their pupils are aged between four and 17-years-old, using the Tier 4 (General) category for the very small number of pupils who need to apply to the UK Border Agency once aged 18 or over. Independent schools have therefore been excluded from the interim limit on the number of Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies they may assign under Tier 4 (General) between 21 April 2011 and 5 April 2012, because of the low levels of abuse and small numbers using the Tier 4 (General) category when compared with other sectors which are not subject to statutory regulation, have higher levels of non-compliance and higher numbers of students attending institutions within the sector.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110519/text/110519w0001.htm#11051961000077>

Visas

Lord Smith of Finsbury: To ask Her Majesty's Government what evidence they have of current or recent abuse of visas granted to artists from abroad coming to the United

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Kingdom to perform or exhibit; what plans they have to revise the present rules and system for the provision of visiting artists' visas; and whether they will make cultural exchange visits from international artists to the United Kingdom easier.[HL9102]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Browning): The immigration system provides different routes of entry for international artists coming to the United Kingdom, depending on their purpose in coming and intended length of stay. Tier 5 of the points-based system, for example, has a category specifically for creative artists coming for periods of up to a year where the purpose involves paid work. Most artists seeking to perform or exhibit would most likely apply under this category. Outside the points-based system, the entertainer visitor visa enables entry, for up to six months, for those coming to perform at or take part in important cultural festivals and for other specific purposes such as charity events and music competitions.

We have received some reports of abuse in these categories but we have not carried out a systematic analysis.

The Government are reviewing all immigration routes of entry and tier five of the points-based system will be looked at in the coming months as part of this work.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110519w0001.htm#11051947000141>

Immigrants

Jack Dromey: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what plans she has to address gaps in local data on migrant populations. [55985]

Reply from Nick Hurd: I have been asked to reply.

The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

Letter from Stephen Penneck, dated May 2011:

As Director General for the Office for National Statistics, I have been asked to reply to your Parliamentary Question asking what plans the Secretary of State for the Home Office has to address gaps in local data on migrant populations. [55985]

ONS produces estimates of long-term international migrant flows for each local authority. Over the last decade these have attracted extensive interest. The Migration Statistics Improvement Programme (MSIP) work programme was initiated in April 2008, with the purpose of improving population and migration statistics in line with recommendations made in the 2006 Interdepartmental Task Force on Migration Statistics and subsequent Parliamentary reviews. The programme is led by the National Statistician and the Office for National Statistics, working in partnership with the Department for Communities and Local Government, Home Office, Department for Work and Pensions, Department of Health, Department for Children Schools and Families, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Her Majesty's Treasury, devolved administrations and the Bank of England.

Phase 1 of the MSIP ended in May 2010 and resulted in significant improvements to migration and population statistics at a Local Authority (LA) level. This work included:

the development of an immigration model that uses a range of more timely administrative data and other sources to allocate immigration data to local authorities. This replaced the direct use of Census data for this purpose. This was a significant improvement as it meant that changes in distribution since the 2001 Census were taken into account

the use of data from the Higher Education Statistics Authority, which for the first time includes student term time address, and been used to produce better

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estimates of student migration

a methodology has been introduced to produce an initial set of short-term migration estimates at LA level; These were published in a research report followed by a period of extensive user consultation which has fed into the further development of these estimates

Phase 2 of the MSIP is now underway and will run until March 2012. Phase 2 is concentrating on making greater and better use of administrative data to produce further improvements to migration and population estimates at LA level. This includes:

undertaking reconciliation work to understand the gaps between administrative sources and population estimates

distributing long-term migrants to LA level using proportions from administrative sources instead of the current modelling approach

developing estimates of short-term migration for local authorities which will help to explain some of the gaps between the current population estimates and information contained in a range of administrative sources which include short-term migrants (particularly workers and students)

All publications from the Migration Statistics Improvement Programme can be found at the following link:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/about-statistics/methodology-and-quality/imps/index.html>

Jack Dromey: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what plans she has to collect data on public opinion on migration following the discontinuation of the Citizenship Survey. [55989]

Reply from Damian Green: The Home Office currently has no plans to commission public opinion research on migration.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110518/text/110518w0002.htm#11051892000024>

Immigration: Detainees

Baroness Stern: To ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made on the proposed independent oversight of the removal of detainees from the United Kingdom on chartered flights.[HL9121]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Browning): The UK Border Agency is committed to ensuring that returns from the UK comply with European obligations. To fulfil the requirement for forced return monitoring on all joint EU charter flights, the UK Border Agency has undertaken to work in partnership with the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB), an independent voluntary organisation. The IMB has already carried out monitoring of removals up to and including the point of boarding an aircraft and has an established presence in immigration removal centres.

The IMB conducted monitoring on board a joint EU charter flight on 2 March, observing the complete return process from pre-departure to arrival and reception in the country of return. UK Border Agency officials are working closely with the IMB to develop a working proposal around future monitoring.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110519w0001.htm#11051947000136>

Immigrants: Detainees

Julian Huppert: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people who were detained for immigration purposes and then (a) deported and (b) released in the last six months of 2010 had been detained for more than (i) three months, (ii) six months, (iii) one year and (iv) two years. [53113]

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Reply from Damian Green: For the purposes of this response, we have assumed “deported” to mean deported or removed. The following table show details of those leaving detention under immigration powers in Immigration Removal Centres between 1 July and 31 December 2010, broken down by length of detention. Data showing those leaving detention under immigration powers in Her Majesty's Prisons is not available.

<i>All</i>	<i>Removed/Deported</i>	<i>Released</i>
Total	8,410	4,660
<i>Detention length:</i>		
Three months to less than six months	515	305
Six months to less than 12 months	225	135
12 months to less than 24 months	55	65
24 months or more	10	20
<i>Notes:</i> 1. Figures rounded to the nearest 5. 2. Release and Removal totals are given 'per event' not 'per individual'. This means that individuals could be counted more than once. 3. The time period refers to the continuous period of detention immediately prior to release or removal.		

Please note these figures are based on internal management information and should be treated as provisional and subject to change. They have not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols and may not agree with published figures.

The majority of those detained under immigration powers for periods beyond 12 months are likely to have been former foreign national prisoners (FNPs). Despite the best efforts of the UK Border Agency, deportation of FNPs can be delayed by the use of judicial challenges and their failure to comply with the documentation process, which can lengthen the period of time spent in immigration detention.

We are working with international partners to return people to their home country at the earliest opportunity and will continue to tackle the delaying tactics used by those who attempt to frustrate their removal.

Every effort is made to ensure that a foreign prisoner's deportation coincides, as far as possible, with his or her release from prison. Where sentence length allows, deportation will be considered up to 18 months prior to the earliest point of removal.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110518/text/110518w0002.htm#11051892000025>

Asylum Seekers

Lord Laird: To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Neville-Jones on 30 March (WA 264), how many asylum seekers and dependants in total have made asylum applications since 1997.[HL9144]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Browning): A total of 375,285 principal applicants and dependants made asylum applications between 2002 and 2010 inclusive. Data for dependants are unavailable prior to 2002. A total of 301,015 principal applicants (only) made asylum applications between 1997 and 2001 inclusive. A breakdown by year is shown in the attached table.

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Asylum applications ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ received in the United Kingdom, principal applicants and dependants, 1997-2010			
Applications			
Year	Principal applicants	Dependants ⁽²⁾	Total (principal applicants & dependants)
1997	32,500	..	..
1998	46,015	..	..
1999	71,160	..	..
2000	80,315	..	..
2001	71,025	..	..
2002	84,130	18,950	103,080
2003	49,405	10,640	60,045
2004	33,960	6,665	40,625
2005	25,710	5,130	30,840
2006	23,610	4,715	28,320
2007	23,430	4,870	28,300
2008	25,930	5,380	31,315
2009 (P)	24,485	6,185	30,675
2010 (P)	17,790	4,300	22,090

(1) Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, = 1 or 2) and may not sum to the totals shown because of independent rounding.

(2) May exclude some cases lodged at Local Enforcement Offices between January 1999 and March 2000.

(3) Data for dependants unavailable before 2002.

(P) Provisional data.

.. Not available

Information on asylum applications is available in the published tables of the quarterly *Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom* Q4 2010, published in February 2011.

This publication is available in the Library of the House and the Home Office Science website at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics>. Data for quarter one 2011 will be published on 26 May 2011.

Lord Laird: To ask Her Majesty's Government to which European Union countries asylum seekers who first sought asylum in those countries are not returned from the United Kingdom at present; how many such individuals were not returned in the last year; and why they were not returned.[HL9146]

Reply from Baroness Browning: The only EU country that is a signatory of the Dublin regulations to which UK does not return is Greece. This policy came into effect on 20 September 2010. In the past 12 months, the UK has suspended the return of 1,349 applicants to Greece. The decision to suspend removal was a pragmatic decision based on the cost to the taxpayer while we wait for the decision of the European Court of Human Rights on whether returning asylum seekers to Greece breaches Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Lord Laird: To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord

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Wallace of Saltaire on 10 May (WA 199-200), how many asylum seekers have applied for asylum from each Commonwealth country in the last 10 years; how many of those have been refused asylum; and to which of those countries are people presently not returned if asylum is refused.[HL9206]

Reply from Baroness Browning: The numbers of asylum applications received in the United Kingdom, excluding dependants, from nationals of each Commonwealth country over the last 10 years are provided below in Table A.

[to read the lengthy tables see weblink below]

There are no Commonwealth countries to which as a matter of policy the Government will not return failed asylum seekers for safety reasons.

Further information on asylum is available from the *Control of Immigration* publications available in the Library of the House and the Home Office Science website at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics>.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110518w0001.htm#11051884001639>

Asylum

Tony Baldry: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many non-asylum cases were granted settlement outside the immigration rules in each year since 1997. [55599]

Reply from Damian Green: The available information is given in the following table. It shows the number of people granted indefinite leave (settlement) outside the immigration rules, 2004 to 2010, either:

in non-asylum and non-protection cases where someone qualifies under one of the immigration policy concessions (indefinite leave outside the rules-concession); or for other reasons (indefinite leave outside the rules-no concession).

The data provided for “other reasons” includes asylum as well as non-asylum cases from 2007 as from that year it includes persons granted indefinite leave outside the immigration rules under measures aimed at clearing the backlog of unresolved cases.

It is not possible to determine how many grants of “indefinite leave outside the immigration rules for other reasons” relate to non-asylum cases or to provide corresponding information prior to 2004 without detailed examination of individual case records at disproportionate cost.

Grants of settlement^(1, 2, 3) by selected outcome, excluding EEA and Swiss nationals⁽⁴⁾, 2005 - 10⁽⁵⁾

Number of persons

<i>Recorded outcome</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ⁽⁶⁾	2010 ⁽⁶⁾
Indefinite leave outside the rules—concession	10	5	10	70	610	1,330	1,155
Indefinite leave outside the rules—no concession ⁽⁷⁾	5	25	20	13,655	23,395	30,690	74,380

⁽¹⁾ Includes reconsideration cases and the outcome of appeals. ⁽²⁾ May include a small number of cases in which a decision is recorded twice, where an individual has dual nationality. ⁽³⁾ Includes dependants. ⁽⁴⁾ Nationals of EU accession countries are included or excluded according to their accession date. ⁽⁵⁾ Figures rounded to the nearest 5 (- = 0, * = 1 or 2). ⁽⁶⁾ Provisional figures. ⁽⁷⁾ Data from 2007 onwards include asylum as well as non-asylum cases as from that year it includes persons granted indefinite leave outside the immigration rules under measures aimed at clearing the backlog of outstanding unresolved cases.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110516/text/110516w0001.htm#11051621000003>

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Asylum: Housing

Paul Uppal: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what arrangements are in place to ensure that housing provided to asylum seekers meets the needs of its tenants. [55433]

Reply from Damian Green: Accommodation for asylum seekers is provided on behalf of the UK Border Agency by both private and public sector providers. Accommodation is designed to be safe and habitable and each contract contains a "Statement of Requirements" that dictate the minimum standards expected from each provider. UK Border Agency regional contract compliance teams regularly undertake audits of contract compliance and perform physical property inspections to ensure standards are maintained.

Accommodation providers are committed to providing such standards and if failures occur a number of measures are taken including financial penalties in the form of service credits and ultimately termination of contracts where there is evidence of persistent failures.

A copy of the "Statement of Requirements" is available from the House Library.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110516/text/110516w0001.htm#11051621000004>

Asylum: Detainees

Greg Mulholland: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many persons under the age of 18 are detained awaiting the outcome of asylum applications. [55439]

Reply from Damian Green: As of 7 May 2011 there were no individuals under the age of 18 detained by the UK Border Agency in immigration removal centres.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110517/text/110517w0002.htm#11051752000018>

Press Releases

Radical reform underway says immigration minister

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/radical-reform-underway>

Unnecessary immigration appeals to end

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/immigration-appeals>

Restrictions on appellants using 'new evidence' at points-based system appeals

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/48-restrictions-on-new-evidence>

Chief Inspector's reports on Scotland and Northern Ireland: UK Border Agency response

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/may/29-ci-reports-scotland-ni>

UNHCR urges states to avoid detaining asylum-seekers

<http://www.unhcr.org/4dcbef476.html>

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The work of the UK Border Agency: Government Response to the Committee's 4th Report of Session 2010–12

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201012/cmselect/cmhaff/1027/1027.pdf>

House of Commons Public Accounts Committee: Immigration: the Points Based System – Work Routes

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201012/cmselect/cmpublicacc/913/913.pdf>

Migration and International Human Rights Law

<http://icj.org/dwn/database/PGNo6-ElectronicDistribution.pdf>

News

Patients with 'no English' face phone translations

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/editor-s-picks/patients-with-no-english-face-phone-translations-1.1101655>

Border Agency has 'lack of control', say MPs

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-13418807>

UK Border Agency operations criticised in report

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-13463036>

Trafficked children 'sold in UK for £16,000'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-13440736>

Language unit to help overseas pupils under threat

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/language-unit-to-help-overseas-pupils-under-threat-1.1102566>

Population growth of last decade driven by non-white British

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/8521215/Population-growth-of-last-decade-driven-by-non-white-British.html>

UK border agency 'no grip' on people with expired visas

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/may/17/uk-border-agency-expired-visas>

Jewish nurse and African basketball star's bond of courage

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/real-life/2011/05/22/jewish-nurse-and-african-basketball-star-s-bond-of-courageh-86908-23148609/>

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Improving the situation of Roma

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/showFocus.aspx?id=1&focusid=600&lang=en>

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Peace and solidarity only possible when there is cultural diversity, Ban stresses

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38462&Cr=cultural+diversity&Cr1=>

New Publication

New Directions New Voices: Emerging Research on Race and Ethnicity

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/NewDirectionsNewVoices-2011.pdf>

News

What would independence mean for Scotland's racial minorities?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/may/20/independence-scotland-racial-minorities>

The ethnic population of England and Wales broken down by local authority

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2011/may/18/ethnic-population-england-wales>

Ethnic breakdown of England and Wales mapped

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/interactive/2011/may/19/ethnic-breakdown-england-wales>

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Equality

Press Release

Equality and Human Rights Commission issues initial response to government consultation on its powers and duties

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2011/may/commission-issues-initial-response-to-government-consultation-on-its-powers-and-duties/>

New Publication

Equality and Human Rights Commission response to the UK Government consultation on its powers and duties

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/vision-and-mission/government-consultation-on-our-future/>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Faith Schools: Imported Hate Material

Baroness Deech: To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that school inspectors are trained to prevent proliferation of imported race and religious hate material in faith schools.

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools (Lord Hill of Oareford): My Lords, new arrangements for inspecting maintained schools, academies and free schools are being developed, and relevant training on aspects of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development will be provided to inspectors. Specialist inspectors who undertake work relating to independent faith schools are soon to receive more detailed training to enhance understanding and awareness of the hate material that they may encounter under exceptional circumstances. We are sending a clear message that extremism will not be tolerated in schools.

Baroness Deech: I thank the Minister for that Answer but I wonder whether it is not too little and maybe too late. Will he promise us that he will address two problems? One is that the inspectorate has so far failed to detect extremist material—for example, that sodomy should be punished by killing. Perhaps the problem is that there are at least two distinct inspectorates. The second problem is that there seems to be a failure of safeguards in part-time religious schools, which seem to have slipped through the net. Will the Minister assure us that safeguards will be put in place—for example, to prevent the excess use of physical discipline in part-time schools?

Reply from Lord Hill of Oareford: My Lords, lots of points were wrapped up in that question. This is a complex area. I agree with the noble Baroness's two underlying points, the first being about the need to make sure that inspection is rigorous and that inspectors are trained to know what to look for. Part of the problem is, as the noble Baroness says, knowing what to look for. In spite of the best regulatory frameworks, that will remain a problem but we are addressing it. I agree that the point about supplementary schools and physical chastisement needs to be looked at. A report was published last year by Sir Roger Singleton. He discussed its findings with my ministerial colleagues—particularly the point about physical chastisement. They are reflecting on that and working out the practical implications of his recommendations.

Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale: My Lords, recent incidents of religious hatred in Scotland have been a wake-up call for the Scottish Government, and it is to be hoped that they will reintroduce some of the measures that they abandoned in 2007 to tackle sectarianism across the west of Scotland and beyond. I recognise that religious bigotry and sectarianism do not respect devolved and reserved areas in our constitution but will the UK Government, with the Minister speaking on their behalf, support in any way that they can the national efforts being made in Scotland to send sectarianism into the dustbin of history?

Reply from Lord Hill of Oareford: My Lords, the noble Lord makes an extremely good point. Unfortunately, hatred and bigotry come in many shapes and sizes and we must all be very wary about thinking that they come in only one. We take this matter seriously and are looking at what further measures may need to be taken. I should be very happy to learn from whatever practice there may be in Scotland to make sure that, between us, we do everything that we can.

Lord Elton: My Lords, does the Minister agree that the inspectorate is only the second line of defence? The first line of defence is the teaching staff in schools. Can he tell us what is done to protect the teaching profession from the arrival in it of people likely to inculcate religious hatred, and what steps are taken in training teachers to enable them to combat that phenomenon when they meet it?

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Reply from Lord Hill of Oareford: My Lords, there are a number of lines of defence: inspection is one and parents and the wider community are another. Clearly, teachers are a further line. There is also the issue of ensuring that teachers are not guilty of spreading hate material and the kind of thoughts and ideas that none of us would want to see spread. We are carrying out a review of teachers' professional standards, and we have asked them to look at how those standards can be used to guard against extremist conduct and the promotion of extremist beliefs by members of the teaching profession.

Lord Avebury: What guidance is given to inspectors in detecting teachers who apply the Salafist doctrines that are infecting Pakistan's madrassahs? How do they look for that kind of teaching, and what reports has the Minister had on the results of those inspections?

Reply from Lord Hill of Oareford: As I said in my Answer, Ofsted is looking at the way in which it trains and will be carrying out pilots of its new inspection regime in the autumn. It will also be setting up a group within Ofsted that has more specialist expertise in knowing what to look for. As regards my noble friend's precise questions, I do not know the specific way in which it is training. I would be happy to ask the chief inspector of Ofsted to speak to the noble Lord and then to answer his questions directly.

The Lord Bishop of Exeter: My Lords, I am interested that the focus of the question is on faith schools and does not include community schools, particularly academies and free schools that seem potentially to be less regulated and accountable in this area. For Church of England schools, there is a framework—the statutory inspection of Anglican schools—which makes specific mention within the grade descriptors to community cohesion and to all children feeling valued and included, regardless of their theistic or non-theistic life stance. Is the Minister aware that, were there to be a proliferation of race and religious hate material in a church school, it would be regraded as "inadequate" and would prompt a diocesan intervention? Does he agree that high-quality RE, which supports mutual understanding and valuing, limits the impact of that hate material? Would he therefore agree that any reduction in the capacity to develop such high-quality RE within the wider curriculum is to be deprecated?

Reply from Lord Hill of Oareford: My Lords, I very much agree with the core point made by the right reverend Prelate about faith schools. It highlights the reason why one has to be careful of generalisations. One-third of all our schools are faith schools. One has to be careful not to spread across an entire sector concerns that one might have about a subset. I also know that Church of England schools have a particularly good record in promoting strong community cohesion and addressing some of these issues in precisely the way that the right reverend Prelate outlined.

Baroness Hughes of Stretford: My Lords, why, then, in the Education Bill are the Government removing the requirement on inspectors to report on children's well-being and community cohesion? Are these not the very factors that are relevant to the issues of race and religious hatred that noble Lords have raised today?

Reply from Lord Hill of Oareford: We believe that the Ofsted regime that we propose to put in place will enable inspectors to check for precisely these points. We are extremely hopeful that the additional training that I talked about will enable the sharper focus that we need to be applied.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110518-0001.htm#11051865000431>

Racism and Religious Hatred (continued) **Press Releases**

Hate Crime in Scotland, 2010-2011

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/05/Hate-Crime-Scotland-2010-11>

Solicitor General welcomes first figures on new hate crimes

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/05/Solicitor-General-Welcomes-First-Figures-New-Hate-Crimes>

Solicitor General welcomes high prosecution rate for crimes of religious prejudice

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/05/Solicitor-General-Welcomes-High-Prosecution-Rates-Crimes-Religious-Prejudice>

New Publications

Hate Crime in Scotland 2010-11

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Hate%20Crime%20-%20publication%20-%20final%20version.pdf>

Racism on the Internet: An overview of the European legislative context

<http://www.enargywebzine.eu/spip.php?article27&lang=en>

Sticks and Stones 'It's only words'

<http://www.enargywebzine.eu/spip.php?article28&lang=en>

News

Salmond announces plans for new anti-sectarian law

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-13469005>

Alex Salmond plans to introduce five-year jail sentence for sectarian offences

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics-news/2011/05/21/alex-salmond-plans-to-introduce-five-year-jail-sentence-for-sectarian-offences-86908-23145941/>

Religious hate crimes on the rise in Scotland

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-13438205>

Scottish hate crime soars to four-year high

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/editor-s-picks/scottish-hate-crime-soars-to-four-year-high-1.1102399>

Dozens facing arrest over online bigotry

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Dozens-facing-arrest-over-online.6771237.jp>

Big rise in numbers held for sectarian offences

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Big-rise-in-numbers-held.6771235.jp>

Scotland: hate crime figures rise to highest in five years

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/may/18/scotland-hate-crime-figures-rise>

Jim Murphy: I was assaulted for my faith

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Jim-Murphy-I-was-assaulted.6768892.jp>

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News (continued)

Internet bigots could face five years' jail

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Internet-bigots-could-face-five.6768890.jp>

Catholic anger at growth in sectarian crimes

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Catholic-anger-at-growth-in.6770700.jp>

The century-old problem plaguing Scottish football

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-13438080>

Football chief backs crackdown on bigots

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Football-chief-backs-crackdown-on.6771927.jp>

Black students say they feel left out by 'white cliques' at universities

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/may/22/black-students-feel-left-out>

LSE academic's claim 'black women less attractive' triggers race row

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/19/lse-academic-triggers-race-row>

Satoshi Kanazawa's racist nonsense should not be tolerated

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/may/18/satoshi-kanazawa-black-women-psychology-today>

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Other Holyrood

Ministerial Appointments

New Scottish Cabinet

First Minister	Alex Salmond
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy	Nicola Sturgeon
Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth	John Swinney
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Michael Russell
Cabinet Secretary for Parliamentary Business and Government Strategy	Bruce Crawford
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Kenny MacAskill
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment	Richard Lochhead
Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs	Fiona Hyslop
Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment	Alex Neil
Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport	Shona Robison
Minister for Public Health	Michael Matheson

Other Holyrood Ministerial Appointments (continued)

Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism	Fergus Ewing
Minister for Local Government and Planning	Aileen Campbell
Minister for Children and Young People	Angela Constance
Minister for Learning and Skills	Alasdair Allan
Minister for Parliamentary Business and Chief Whip	Brian Adam
Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (with responsibility for tackling sectarianism)	Roseanna Cunningham
Minister for Environment and Climate Change	Stewart Stevenson
Minister for Housing and Transport	Keith Brown

Law Officers

Lord Advocate	Frank Mulholland
Solicitor General	Lesley Thomson

For more detailed information see

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/05/19155402>

and

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/05/20132452>

Press Releases

Parliament re-elects First Minister

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/05/18104940>

New Scottish Cabinet

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/05/19155402>

New Govt - New App

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/05/20090111>

News

First minister Alex Salmond unveils enlarged cabinet

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-13445612>

At-a-glance: Scottish government cabinet

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-13461467>

Willie Rennie named new Scottish Lib Dem leader

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-13411906>

Other Holyrood (continued)

Parliamentary Motion

S4M-00060 Jamie Hepburn: Congratulations to Scottish Human Rights Commission—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC) has been elected as chair of the European Group of National Human Rights Institutions at a meeting of international human rights bodies in Geneva, succeeding the Irish Human Rights Commission in this position; congratulates Prof Alan Miller, Chair of the SHRC, and his colleagues on securing this accolade; recognises that it is a positive endorsement of the work of the SHRC; looks forward to the work of the SHRC in relation to its new role and its ability to raise the profile of Scotland, and considers that this is a positive demonstration of Scotland's ability to work outwith its own supposed kailyard.

Direct links to Session 4 Motions are still unavailable on the Scottish Parliament website. The above Motion appears in the Business Bulletin at

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-11/bb-05-20f.htm>

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Other Westminster

Press Release

Foreign Secretary's Vesak Day message

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=596949082>

New Publication

House of Commons Home Affairs Committee: Forced Marriage

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201012/cmselect/cmhaff/880/880.pdf>

News

Forced marriage should be criminalised, say MPs

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-13415907>

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New Publication

Poverty and ethnicity: A review of evidence

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/poverty-ethnicity-evidence-summary.pdf>

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Other News

Charity hub opens in Glasgow's Merchant City

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo-media-release/charity-hub-opens-in-glasgow%E2%80%99s-merchant-city/>

Other News (continued)

Scottish Human Rights Commission elected to chair European Group

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/news/latestnews/article/eurochair2011>

Women in Islam – Mosque Finder

<http://itunes.apple.com/app/women-in-islam-mosque-finder/id431515052>

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Bills in Progress

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Bills in Progress Westminster

**** Fixed Term Parliaments Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/fixedtermparliaments.html>

Bill as brought from the House of Commons to the House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2010-2012/0069/2012069.pdf>

Report Stage, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110516-0001.htm#11051610000829>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110516-0002.htm#11051618000162>

Scotland Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/scotland.html>

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Consultations

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Corporate Plan (24 May 2011)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/NewsItem.aspx?ID=e66c5cf8-36b4-421c-93e1-f4aceffa7ec>

**** closes this week!**

Equality Act 2010: Ending age discrimination in services, public functions and associations (closing date 25 May 2011)

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010/age_consultation_2011.aspx

Reform of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (15 June 2011)

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/ehrc_reform.aspx

**** Practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance** (21 June 2011)

The UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Mr. Githu Muigai, will receive contributions for a forthcoming report to the General Assembly. Contributions should be sent to racism@ohchr.org

Consultations (continued)

Forced Marriage Statutory Guidance Consultation (1 July 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/347416/0115668.pdf>

Planning for traveller sites (England and Wales) (6 July 2011)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1886164.pdf>

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Funding Opportunities

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**** UK Government Equalities Office: Progress Funding**

Closing date for applications: 8 June 2011

The European Commission is inviting proposals from Member States for funding for national awareness-raising activities in support of the Community's anti-discrimination agenda. National authorities can nominate non-profit making organisations, e.g. an NGO or an equality body, to carry out activities on their behalf. In the UK the Government Equalities Office is the "national authority".

The PROGRESS programme is concerned with:

"Raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting the debate about the key challenges and policy issues in relation to discrimination and the mainstreaming of anti-discrimination in all Community policies, including among the social partners, NGOs and other stakeholders."

Each national authority can present one or two projects. Activities must start in 2011, and can have up to 80% of total eligible costs financed. The remainder of the costs are to be found from other sources.

For more information see

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/news/progress_funding.aspx

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Events/Conferences/Training

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An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

26 May 2011 in Glasgow

30 June 2011 in Glasgow

2 August 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training providing a comprehensive understanding of core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. It is particularly relevant 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 see <http://tinyurl.com/3kthpm2> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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**** Refugee Stories at the Kelvingrove**

28 May – 2 July 2011 in Glasgow

Exhibition to illustrate the stories of three refugees who rebuilt their lives in Scotland, from the 1940s to the present day, including film, newspaper articles, photographs and objects illustrating the lives of Henry Wuga from Germany, Carlos Arredondo from Chile and Patience Tsungu from Zimbabwe. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1046_refugee_stories_at_the_kelvingrove

Network on Migration Action Group

8 June 2011 in Glasgow (2.00 – 4.30)

Migrants Rights Scotland meeting to consider the development of a rights-based network on migration in Scotland and take leadership in bringing about change. For information contact Hyo Eun Shin csp@migrantsrightsscotland.org.uk

**** Working with Interpreters**

9 June 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of best practice when working with interpreters, learn about service providers' responsibilities, and how to develop or improve existing practice. Participants will also learn how to communicate effectively with their service-users when using interpreters. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3gt2h8b> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

**** Find out more about your child's education**

10 June 2011 in Glasgow (11.00 – 1.00)

BEMIS in partnership with Learning and Teaching Scotland are holding a meeting to enable ethnic and cultural minority communities to have a say in their child's education. For information contact Tanveer Parnez 0141 548 8047 / tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk

Ethnic Minority Workplaces Event

10 June 2011 in Glasgow (9.45 – 2.00)

NHS event to create awareness of Workplace Health Improvement Initiatives in addition to Healthy Working Lives Awards amongst ethnic minority workplaces in Glasgow. For information contact Mariam Abbas at mariam.abbas@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

**** 1951 UN Refugee Convention - 60 Years On**

13 June 2011 in Glasgow (9.30 – 5.30)

GRAMNET colloquium to discuss how changing socio-political contexts have affected refugees and asylum seekers in the UK, and throughout Europe. For information see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1007_gramnet_postgraduate_colloquium

Celebrate 60 Years of Sanctuary

16 June 2011 in Edinburgh (6.00 – 8.00)

Refugee Survival Trust networking evening to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the right to asylum as set out in the UN Refugee Convention. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3v9sn2m>

**** Glasgow Mela**

18 - 19 June 2011 in Glasgow

A weekend of live music, dance, entertainment and arts. For information see <http://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/events/mela/Pages/default.aspx>

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**** Refugee Week**

20 – 26 June 2011

A wide range of events to celebrate the contributions refugees have made to Scotland in the 60 years since the signing of the UN Refugee Convention. For detailed information of all events see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar

**** Sixty Years of the Refugee Convention**

20 – 28 June 2011 in Glasgow

A short film produced by the Scottish Refugee Council and Media Co-op depicting some of the extraordinary stories of those forced to flee their home countries who forge new lives in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3w3s6nn>

**** The Past, Present and Future of Sanctuary and Asylum**

21 June 2011 in Glasgow (6.00pm)

Anthropologist and human rights activist, Linda Rabben, discusses the history of sanctuary and asylum, present-day asylum policies and the future of both institutions. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1013_the_past_present_and_future_of_sanctuary_and_asylum

**** Some Words for Home**

21 June 2011 in Glasgow (7.45pm)

The story of two Jewish refugees who escaped the atrocities of World War II to make a home for themselves in Scotland. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1088_some_words_for_home_by_oliver_emanuel

**** Scottish Refugee Council's Women's Morning**

23 June 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 12.30)

Information and advice on asylum support, housing, volunteering, opportunities for children and young people. Female interpreters will be available. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1080_scottish_refugee_council_s_women_s_morning

**** Personal Stories**

23 June 2011 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

Glasgow Integration Network launch of a booklet containing personal accounts of asylum seekers and refugees living in North Glasgow. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1081_personal_stories_booklet_launch

**** Human Rights and Wrongs**

23 June 2011 in Glasgow (7.00pm)

Talk by journalist Billy Briggs about the themes illustrated in the Human Rights and Wrongs Exhibition. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1002_human_rights_and_wrongs_exhibition_talk_by_billy_briggs

**** One Scotland Many Voices Film Festival**

24 June 2011 in Glasgow (7.00 – 9.00)

Interactive evening of short films, discussions and live entertainment. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1035_one_scotland_many_voices_film_festival

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**** Refugees and Employment in Scotland**

25 June 2011 in Glasgow (3.00 – 6.00)

Opportunity to meet representatives from a variety of employment support agencies to learn what employment and volunteering opportunities. For information see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1054_refugees_and_employment_in_scotland

**** The needs and experiences of refugee women**

5 July 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide a thorough 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 see <http://tinyurl.com/4x62hfa> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Youth Interfaith Conference

21 June 2011 in East Kilbride (10.00 – 3.00)

ACPOS conference in partnership with the Scottish Inter Faith Council for 16 to 26 year olds to explore interfaith in Scotland including the role of the media in portraying faith, faith and identity in Scotland, and hate crime. For information contact Anton Stephenson Anton.Stephenson@centralscotland.pnn.police.uk / 01786 456 993.

OSCR Outreach Programme: Supporting Charities in Financial Difficulties

21 June 2011 in Inverness (2.00 – 4.30)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training for charity advisors only. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=e7fa2654-8add-46f3-b8c5-2694d484ff50>

BA in Community Development programme

Applications accepted until mid August 2011, Course begins September 2011

The University of Glasgow's BA in Community Development is sponsored by BEMIS as part of its programme for capacity building strategy for the ethnic minority's voluntary sector. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/adds/11iv_bemis.pdf and http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/adds/11iv_bemis2.pdf or contact Tanveer Parnez tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

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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.eu.int/parliament/public.do?language=en>

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

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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>

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

Social Economy Scotland <http://www.socialeconomyscotland.info/content/index.asp>

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

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 Charity 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>



The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

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