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## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Equalities and Human Rights Committee

#### Destitution, Asylum and Insecure Immigration Status

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11606&i=105190#ScotParlOR>

### Scottish Parliament Oral Answer

#### Giorgi Kakava

**Bob Doris (SNP):** My constituent 10-year-old Giorgi Kakava tragically lost his mother Sophie in February, while going through the United Kingdom asylum process. Giorgi knows only Springburn and Scotland, having been here since he was three years old. He attends the local school and has good friends and the community wants to protect and support him. Some 70,000 people have signed a petition calling for Giorgi not to be deported and to stay in Scotland with his gran, Ketino.

Does the First Minister agree that the Home Office must conduct Giorgi's case with compassion and that it must move quickly to give certainty, safety and security to Giorgi? I ask the First Minister to make representations to the Home Secretary—as I have done—making the case that Scotland is Giorgi's home and is where he should grow up.

**The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon):** This is a really tragic situation and it is absolutely heartbreaking to hear what Giorgi has been through. That said, I have been deeply touched—as I am sure that everyone else has—to hear how the local community in Springburn has rallied round, really proving that people make Glasgow.

In achieving more than 70,000 signatures, the Rev Brian Casey's petition shows the strength of feeling that people have for a child who has lost his parents and has only ever known Scotland, our country, as his home.

Giorgi's case needs common sense, but, above all, it needs compassion. I hope that the Home Office will urgently review it with Giorgi's best interests at the heart of its decision making—in fact, with Giorgi's best interests as the only factor in its decision making. I hope that the outcome of the case is that Giorgi is allowed to stay here and grow up here and, as he does so, to make a fantastic contribution to the country that he not only calls home but which considers itself to be his home.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11601&i=105157#ScotParlOR>

## Scottish Parliament Written Answer

### Migration

**S5W-17047 Graeme Dey (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the benefits of migration to the Scottish economy and society.

**Reply from Alasdair Allan:** Migration is crucial to the development of Scotland as an inclusive, fair, prosperous, innovative country. It is essential to our economic prospects and our demographic sustainability that Scotland continues to attract the level and nature of migration it needs.

Following the EU referendum we published a report summarising and evaluating the recent literature on the impacts of migrants and migration on Scotland's economy, labour market, public services, communities and culture. In November last year we set out the evidence about the importance of migration to Scotland, in our submission to the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC). We followed that earlier this year with a discussion paper on Scotland's Population Growth and Migration Policy detailing the unique challenges facing Scotland's population and the potential economic gains if migration was sustained. The paper also outlines how a tailored approach for Scotland, with new powers for the Scottish Parliament, could operate.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-17047>

## Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-12817 Pauline McNeill (Labour): Refugee Week 18 to 24 June 2018** – That the Parliament recognises and celebrates Refugee Week, which takes place from 18 to 24 June 2018 and features World Refugee Day on 20 June; understands that Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, as well as encourage a better understanding between communities; acknowledges that Refugee Week started in 1998 as a direct reaction to hostility in the media and society in general towards refugees and asylum seekers; believes that it is a key initiative to countering this negative climate, defending

the importance of sanctuary and the benefits that it can bring to both refugees and host communities, and notes that Refugee Week will hold events throughout the UK that showcase the talent and expertise that refugees bring with them to the UK, as well as providing information that educates and raises awareness of the reality of refugee experiences.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-12817>

## Scottish Parliament Ministerial Statement and Q&A

### Human Trafficking (Annual Progress Report)

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11601&i=105176#ScotParlOR>

## UK Parliament Debates

### Immigration: Hostile Environment

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2018-06-14/debates/4EB5AD24-87B4-43E9-908F-1DE447952889/ImmigrationHostileEnvironment>

### Immigration Rules: Paragraph 322(5)

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-13/debates/F984D928-FFA0-4FDD-8C20-150DEAEE3C69/ImmigrationRulesParagraph322\(5\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-13/debates/F984D928-FFA0-4FDD-8C20-150DEAEE3C69/ImmigrationRulesParagraph322(5))

### Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2018: Motion to Regret

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2018-06-12/debates/5DE6605F-5F9C-4D5E-909A-55CD245CC5F3/ImmigrationAndNationality\(Fees\)Regulations2018](https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2018-06-12/debates/5DE6605F-5F9C-4D5E-909A-55CD245CC5F3/ImmigrationAndNationality(Fees)Regulations2018)

### Immigration Detention (Victims of Torture)

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-14/debates/18061421000002/ImmigrationDetention\(VictimsOfTorture\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-14/debates/18061421000002/ImmigrationDetention(VictimsOfTorture))

### Windrush: 70th Anniversary

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-14/debates/0661DB22-68A9-4F6C-9C69-4F42C9837511/Windrush70ThAnniversary>

## UK Parliament, Ministerial Statement

### Immigration Rules

**The Minister for Immigration (Caroline Nokes)** [HCWS768] My right hon. Friend the Home Secretary is today laying before the House a statement of changes in immigration rules.

The changes include exempting doctors and nurses from the tier 2 (general) limit, recognising the important contribution that overseas health professionals make to our NHS. This is in response to the particular shortages and pressures facing the NHS at the current time, as well as the fact that the limit has been oversubscribed in each month since December 2017. The change will mean that health sector employers will be able to sponsor doctors and nurses without putting pressure on the limit, freeing up places within the limit for other key roles which contribute to the UK economy and other public services. The changes will be kept under review.

The Government will also ask the independent Migration Advisory Committee to review the composition of the shortage occupation list.

Building on the changes announced by the Chancellor in the autumn, which were

implemented in January of this year, further improvements are being made to the tier 1 exceptional talent route. These changes include widening the scope of the creative element of the route to include leading fashion designers, and improved provisions for applicants in film and television.

Appendix H is being updated to include a number of visa national countries, which will allow a greater number of students to benefit from a streamlined application process by reducing documentary requirements. This change demonstrates the continued focus on improving the UK's offer to international students.

Today also sees the introduction of a new rule for those transferred to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 (section 67 leave), who do not qualify for refugee or humanitarian protection leave under the existing rules. In keeping with our commitments in the legislation, and in line with those granted refugee or humanitarian protection leave, individuals who qualify for section 67 leave will have the right to study, work, access public funds and healthcare and apply for indefinite leave to remain without paying a fee after five years.

New settlement provisions are being created to put beyond doubt that Afghan nationals who worked with our armed forces in Afghanistan, and subsequently relocated to the UK with their families, will be able to apply for permanent residence here. As announced on 4 May, these applications will also be free of charge. Afghan locally engaged staff worked in dangerous and challenging situations, regularly putting their lives at risk and we would not have been able to carry out our work there without them. The new dedicated settlement rules make clear our commitment to honour their service and ensure they can continue to build their lives here. The changes also implement plans to extend the ex gratia redundancy scheme by six years to recognise and honour the service of those made redundant before 19 December 2012, as announced by the Defence Secretary on 11 June.

As announced in March, a new route to settlement for Turkish business people and their families who are in the UK under the European communities association agreement is also being created. Eligibility is being extended for this route to Turkish workers and their families who are also here under the association agreement.

Changes are being made to provisions to allow holders of an electronic visa waiver (EVW) to present their EVW in a digital format. The changes will also establish a wider set of permissible errors that will overlook specific, minor discrepancies in the biographic details of an EVW, without compromising on the security of the EVW system.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-15/debates/18061541000003/ImmigrationRules>

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

### Migration Advisory Committee

**Daniel Zeichner (Labour)** [151197] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when he next plans to commission the Migration Advisory Committee to perform a full review of the shortage occupation list.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Shortage Occupation List is kept under regular review.

The Migration Advisory Committee is currently undertaking two major commissions. Its commission on the impacts on the UK labour market of the UK's exit from the European Union and how our immigration system should be aligned with a modern industrial strategy includes consideration of the Shortage Occupation List.

The Committee is due to report on this, and on its other commission on international students, in September.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-07/151197/>

## Immigration

**Paul Blomfield (Labour)** [152142] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has set performance targets for immigration caseworkers on decisions.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Published data on performance against service standards for immigration applications made in the UK and from overseas, and the proportion of those cases classified as non-straightforward, can be found here:

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-transparency-data#uk-visas-and-immigration>)

To meet these service standards, case-working functions allocate workload in an appropriate manner and as such there are a number of different objectives and targets in place. These are dependent on the level of experience and seniority of individual caseworkers across the different UKVI case-working routes and also take into account any reasonable adjustments required in order to fulfil our statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152142/>

## Immigration: Appeals

**Jo Stevens (Labour)** [151211] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in how many immigration appeal cases the applicant had to represent themselves as a litigant in person in 2017.

**Reply from Lucy Frazer:** The information requested is not held centrally and could only be provided at disproportionate cost.

The term "litigant in person" applies to appellants without a legal representative or a representative recognised by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner. In the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) any person may be permitted to act as a representative, including a friend, relative or litigation friend. The case management system cannot provide a breakdown between different types of representative.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-07/151211/>

## Immigration

**Stephen Timms (Labour)** [149896] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the statement in his letter to the Chair of the Home Affairs Committee dated 25 May 2018 that applications potentially falling for refusal under the character and conduct provisions of paragraph 322(5) have been put on hold, if he will grant the people affected by that review the right to work pending the outcome of that review; and if he will make a statement.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Individuals who applied before their existing leave to remain expired have their current status protected while their applications are on hold. This includes their right to work.

For those cases which have already been refused, those who still have existing leave to remain continue to have the right to work. If the review identifies that any of these refusal decisions were incorrect, we will then consider what further steps are needed.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-05/149896/>

## Immigration

**Kate Green (Labour)** [150102] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Statement of Changes to the Immigration Rules (HC 194) of 2012-13, what plans the Government has to undertake a review of the Rules and publish a report.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Immigration Rules are under continuous review and we make changes regularly to ensure they continue to work appropriately in the national interest.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-05/150102/>

### Immigration

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Afzal Khan (Labour)** [151250] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is his policy to require applicants for (a) visas and (b) asylum to provide DNA tests to prove British-born children are theirs.

**Afzal Khan (Labour)** [151251] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in how many cases his Department has required an applicant for a visa or asylum to provide DNA tests to prove that British-born children are their own in the last five years.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** There is no specific requirement for DNA evidence to be provided in immigration cases.

It is open to individuals to provide DNA evidence if they choose but this would be on an entirely voluntary basis and where this is submitted, we will consider it.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-07/151250/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-07/151251/>

### Immigration

**Faisal Rashid (Labour)** [150773] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason rectifying a tax return error constitutes sufficient grounds for his Department to refuse indefinite leave to remain under paragraph 322(5) of the Immigration Rules.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** It is not the Government's policy to refuse applications due to rectification of tax return errors.

We have refused applications where there are substantial differences – often tens of thousands of pounds – between the earnings used to claim points in an immigration application and an applicant's HMRC records, without a credible explanation from the applicant. We take all available evidence into account before making a decision. Paragraph 322(5) is used where the evidence shows that an applicant's character and conduct is such that their application should be refused. Any such case is signed off by a manager before refusal grounds are applied.

As I advised the Home Affairs Select Committee on 8 May, we are carrying out a review of these cases to see how many showed clear evidence of deceit, and whether any were minor errors.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-06/150773/>

### Immigration Controls

**Ben Lake (Plaid Cymru)** [150760] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been refused entry into the UK in each of the last three years; and if he will group that data by grounds for refusal.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The information of those refused entry into the UK can be found on the Gov.uk website and a link is provided below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-march-2018/how-many-people-are-detained-or-returned>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-06/150760/>

## Visas

**Mike Penning (Conservative)** [151108] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the effectiveness of his contingency arrangements for tackling the situation in which former Tier 1 visa holders successfully apply for the passport of another nation to circumvent UK visa restrictions; and if he will make a statement.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** All non-EEA nationals coming to the UK are assessed against the Immigration Rules and an individual's immigration history is considered as part of this assessment.

Those coming to the UK for longer than 6 months (which includes Tier 1), or for a purpose other than a visit, are required to apply for entry clearance and provide their biometric details (face and fingerprints) as part of the application process.

We carry out 100% checks on passengers arriving on scheduled services at the border in order to identify any criminal, security and immigration concerns. and, whilst EEA nationals have a right of admission, this right is not absolute and in certain cases admission can be refused or the individual can be excluded.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-07/151108/>

## Visas: Married People

**Laura Pidcock (Labour)** [152291] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason the earnings threshold for the Spouse Visa does not take into account differences in livings costs for different areas in the UK.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The minimum income threshold of £18,600 for sponsoring a non-EEA national partner to come or remain here applies across the UK. The level of the income threshold, which aims to prevent burdens on the taxpayer and promote integration, was set following advice from the independent Migration Advisory Committee and reflects the income at which a family settled here generally cannot access income-related benefits.

The Committee, in its November 2011 report, could see no clear case for differentiation of the income threshold between UK countries and regions and noted several arguments against such an approach. These included that a family living in a wealthy part of a relatively poor UK country or region could be subject to a lower income requirement than a family living in a deprived part of a relatively wealthy one. The Government agrees with that assessment and applying a single minimum income threshold across the UK has been found to be lawful by the courts.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152291/>

## Visas: Families

**Tommy Sheppard (SNP)** [142891] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many visa applicants seeking to join a family member in the UK had a DNA test to evidence their relationship to that family member in each year for which information is available; and how many of those DNA tests proved that the relationship between the visa applicant and their family member living in the UK was as they claimed it to be.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The information requested is not available in Home Office published statistics. DNA tests are not required and if the applicant chooses to submit one it will be considered along with the other evidence submitted to support a visa application.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-05-10/142891/>

### **Migrant Workers: Visas**

**Ben Lake (Plaid Cymru)** [152270] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for visas under Tier 2 were made in each month in each of the last five years.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Information on Tier 2 entry clearance visa applications broken down by outcome (grants, refusals, withdrawals, lapsed) is published in the quarterly Immigration Statistics Visas volume 1 table vi\_01\_q at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-year-ending-march-2018>.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152270/>

### **Migrant Workers: Leave**

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Anna Turley (Labour Co-op)** [152214] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number migrants working in the UK on Tier 2 skilled worker visas who have had their indefinite leave to remain removed due to exceeding the 20-day annual limit on unpaid leave from work in each of the last five years for which figures are available.

**Anna Turley (Labour Co-op)** [152215] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number migrants working in the UK on Tier 2 skilled worker visas who have had their indefinite leave to remain removed due to exceeding the 20-day annual limit on unpaid leave from work where strike absence was taken in each of the last five years for which figures are available.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Tier 2 migrants who have indefinite leave to remain are not subject to any leave conditions, so cannot have it removed due to undertaking more than four weeks of unpaid leave.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152214/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152215/>

### **Migrant Workers: Conditions of Employment**

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Alex Sobel (Labour Co-op)** [152855] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether migrants who are working on tier 2 visas can exclude strike or industrial action from the 20-day limit on unpaid leave from work.

**Alex Sobel (Labour Co-op)** [152861] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether migrants working on a tier 2 Skilled worker visa are able to include strike or industrial action as exceptions to the limit of 20 days of unpaid leave from work.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Paragraph 323AA of the Immigration Rules defines circumstances where a Tier 2 migrant's leave may be curtailed. This includes absences from work without pay for four weeks or more during any calendar year. There is no specified exemption for strike or industrial action. The Home Office does however consider the circumstances before deciding whether to take curtailment action.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-12/152855/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-12/152861/>

### **Migrant Workers: Doctors**

**Alex Sobel (Labour Co-op)** [152858] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home



Department, how many requests for a visa by overseas doctors have been rejected since January 2017.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Information on Tier 2 entry clearance visa applications broken down by outcome (grants, refusals, withdrawals, lapsed) is published in the quarterly Immigration Statistics Visas volume 1 table vi\_01\_q at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-year-ending-march-2018>.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-12/152858/>

### **Migrant Workers: Doctors**

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Ben Lake (Plaid Cymru)** [152268] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for Tier 2 visas for doctors to work in Wales were (a) accepted, (b) rejected and (c) pending in each of the last five years.

### **Migrant Workers: Wales**

**Ben Lake (Plaid Cymru)** [152269] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for Tier 2 visas for jobs in Wales were (a) accepted, (b) rejected and (c) pending in each of the last five years; and in which sectors those applications were for.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The available information on applications and outcomes (i.e. grants, refusals, withdrawn and lapsed cases) of entry clearance visas in the 'Tier 2 & pre-PBS equivalent' category are published quarterly in 'Immigration Statistics', Visas data tables volume 1, table vi\_01\_q, latest edition at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-march-2018/list-of-tables#visas>.

Neither a breakdown by profession, or applications and outcomes by region of employment, is available in the published entry clearance visas data.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152268/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152269/>

### **Overseas Students and Migrant Workers: Universities**

**Layla Moran (Liberal Democrat)** [152284] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance his Department issues to universities in respect of their monitoring the whereabouts of international employees and students on sponsored visas.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Guidance for universities on fulfilling their responsibilities towards international employees and students on sponsored visas is available on the UK Visas and Immigration website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sponsor-a-tier-2-or-5-worker-guidance-for-employers>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sponsor-a-tier-4-student-guidance-for-educators> respectively.

Information on the number of foreign members of staff and students reported to UK immigration authorities for failing to declare their attendance and time spent off campus is not collated on Home Office systems in a manner which can be reported on, and to do so could only be achieved at disproportionate cost by examination of thousands of records.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152284/>

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Emma Reynolds (Labour)** [150079] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Home Office plans write to all non-UK EU citizens resident in the UK since before 1 January 1973 to confirm that they hold settled status in the UK.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** We have launched a targeted communications campaign to maximise awareness and reassure EU citizens of our commitment to protect their rights and entitlements.

This includes encouraging such citizens to apply under the EU settlement scheme when it opens and alerting those who may have previously acquired indefinite leave to remain, including those resident in the UK before 1973, to exchange it for the new settled status.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-05/150079/>

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Jo Stevens (Labour)** [150169] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate his Department has made of the number of EU citizens who will be granted settled status to in the first year of that scheme's operation.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The EU Settlement Scheme will be a simple and streamlined application process, drawing on existing government data and processes to minimise the administrative burden on applicants. The application process is being built around a presumption to grant rather than refuse, so we expect the majority of the current 3.4m resident EU citizens who will be eligible to apply, to do so and to be granted status. We will launch the Scheme by the end of the year and EU citizens will have plenty of time to apply before the deadline of June 2021.

We will be providing further detail on the scheme in due course.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-05/150169/>

### Immigration: EU Nationals

*The following three questions all received the same answer*

**Steve McCabe (Labour)** [152631] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how the 2015 change in citizenship rules requiring non-UK EU citizens living in Britain to have a permanent residency card to apply for naturalisation was communicated to those so affected.

**Steve McCabe (Labour)** [152632] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the case of Inga Lockington, if he will assess the effectiveness of the rules on applying for naturalisation for non-UK EU citizens who have lived in Britain for more than five years.

**Steve McCabe (Labour)** [152633] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proof of residency EU citizens who apply for British citizenship are able to provide if they do not have permanent residence cards.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The requirement for applicants who are permanently resident in the UK under the EEA Regulations to provide a document confirming this as part of their naturalisation application was introduced in 2015. The requirement is set out in the application form and accompanying guidance which everyone is advised to read before applying, as well the naturalisation pages on Gov.uk.

Where an EEA national does not possess a permanent residence card, then they would still be able to demonstrate that they are free from immigration time restrictions if they have obtained that status through alternative means, such as being granted indefinite leave under the Immigration Rules. However, where they seek to rely on residence under the EEA Regulations then a permanent residence card is required.

The requirement for EEA nationals to provide a document confirming their permanent residence as part of an application to naturalise is in line with the requirements for all other nationals and those EEA nationals who settled under the Immigration Rules, such as Mrs Lockington. Whilst it is regrettable that Mrs Lockington's application was initially refused, this was promptly addressed and the correct decision reached once brought to the attention of UKVI.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-12/152631/>

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<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-12/152632/>

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<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-12/152633/>

### **Immigration: LGBT People**

**Ged Killen (Labour Co-op)** [150776] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government plans to replicate in legislation the opinion of European Court of Justice ruling C-673/16 on same sex spousal rights after the UK leaves the EU.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, which implement EU free movement law in the UK, already recognise same-sex marriages and unmarried partnerships. This will be replicated in the eligibility rules for the EU Exit Settlement Scheme for those EU citizens and their family members arriving before the end of the implementation period. Existing non-EU immigration rules also recognise same-sex marriages and unmarried partnerships.

In terms of the post-Brexit immigration regime, we are considering the options for our future immigration system carefully. We are building a comprehensive picture of the needs and interests of all parts of the UK and intend to develop a system which works in the national interest. In doing so, we will provide for equal treatment of same-sex couples, as we do now and in line with our obligations under the Equalities Act 2010.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-06/150776/>

### **Refugees: Children**

**Jo Stevens (Labour)** [150707] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to make an assessment of the potential (a) merits and (b) effect of allowing unaccompanied child refugees to sponsor a close relative to come to the UK.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Our family reunion policy allows immediate pre-flight family members of those granted protection here to reunite with them. The Immigration Rules also provide for relatives with protection in the UK to sponsor children in serious and compelling circumstances and there is provision in the policy to grant visas outside the Rules in exceptional circumstances, which caters for family members who otherwise do not qualify under the Rules.

However, there is currently no provision in the Rules for children with refugee status in the UK to sponsor family members to join them. This is a considered policy position to avoid creating additional motives for children to be encouraged, or even forced, to leave their family, and risk dangerous journeys hoping to sponsor relatives later. We believe the best interests of children are reflected in remaining with their families, claiming asylum in the first safe country they reach – that is the fastest route to safety – and relying on resettlement schemes to travel safely.

We are listening carefully to calls to allow extended family members to qualify and

are reviewing our approach to family reunion as part of the Government's wider asylum and resettlement strategy. However, expanding the policy without careful thought could risk more people being put in harms' way.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-06/150707/>

#### **Asylum: LGBT People**

**Ged Killen (Labour Co-op) [150775]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of LGBT people seeking asylum from persecution overseas were successful in their application; and whether he has any plans to review the guidelines of such applications.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** In November, the Home Office published experimental statistics on asylum claims on the basis of sexual orientation.

These statistics relate to the number of asylum claims where sexual orientation was raised as a basis, or part of the basis, of the claim, and refer to claims made between 1 July 2015 and 31 March 2017. The data do not indicate whether the individual seeking asylum actually had a particular sexual orientation, whether this was the sole basis for the claim, or whether this had any bearing on the outcome of the claim.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/asylum-claims-on-the-basis-of-sexual-orientation>

We remain committed to improving the asylum process for those claiming asylum on the basis of their sexual or gender identity and decision-makers are provided with dedicated guidance on the management of such claims.

We are developing a new instruction on Gender Identity and Expression that will replace both the current instructions on Gender Identity and on handling asylum claims where a Gender Recognition Certificate is presented. We expect to be able to publish this instruction later this summer.

We are also committed to reviewing the asylum instruction on claims based on sexual orientation on a regular basis. We will progress this review in the near future.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-06/150775/>

#### **Asylum: LGBT People**

**Ged Killen (Labour Co-op) [152295]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 June 2018 to Question 150775 on Asylum: LGBT People, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the experimental statistics on asylum claims on the basis of sexual orientation; and whether his Department has plans to include those statistics in future regular statistical releases.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** Home Office statisticians continue to review the quality of data on asylum claims on the basis of sexual orientation in line with National Statistics protocols, and intend to update the published statistics in due course.

On top of this, guidance around the use of the sexual orientation identifier has been issued since 2013 and will be reviewed in due course as part of a wider review into asylum instructions.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152295/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-06/150775/>

#### **Asylum: LGBT People**

**Ged Killen (Labour Co-op) [152296]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 June 2018 to Question 150775 on Asylum: LGBT People, which (a) stakeholders (b) organisations and (c) individuals his Department consulted on the new instruction on Gender Identity and Expression that will replace the instructions on Gender Identity and handling asylum claims where a Gender Recognition Certificate is presented.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The Home Office has actively sought the contributions of a wide range of stakeholders in developing its guidance on Gender Identity and Expression. These include Stonewall, the UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group and Asylum Aid, as well as legal experts including the Trans Equality Legal Initiative (TELI).

We expect to publish the new instruction later this year.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-11/152296/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-06/150775/>

### **Immigrants: Detainees**

**Steve McCabe (Labour)** [151045] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 1 May 2018 to Question 138367, whether the information requested relating to the proportion of released detainees who were subsequently detained has been published; and in what format that information is held.

**Reply from Caroline Nokes:** The information requested has not been published.

The Home Office does not hold the information requested with regards to the proportion of released detainees who were subsequently detained within (i) one month of their release and (ii) six months of their release, in a reportable format.

The information requested could only be supplied at disproportionate cost.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-07/151045/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-04-26/138367/>

## **UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers**

### **Immigrants: Compensation**

**Lord Ouseley (Crossbench)** [HL8299] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the compensation scheme for the Windrush generation and others erroneously deemed to be illegally in the UK has been set up; when they expect it to be operational; and, if already operational, how many people have been compensated.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The compensation scheme for those of the Windrush generation that might have been affected is in the process of being established. The Government has launched a Call for Evidence to hear about the experiences of those that might have been affected, which closes on 8 June.

The information gathered through the Call for Evidence will be used to inform the decisions on the design of the scheme, and Martin Forde QC has been appointed as an Independent Person to oversee that design.

The Government will open the scheme as soon as possible once the design of the scheme has been completed and consulted on, and in the meanwhile will continue to work with affected individuals through the operation of the Windrush Taskforce to help establish their immigration status.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-06-04/HL8299/>

The Call for Evidence referred to above is now closed, but can be read at [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/706107/2018\\_05\\_09\\_Windrush\\_compensation\\_call\\_for\\_evidence\\_v2.0.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/706107/2018_05_09_Windrush_compensation_call_for_evidence_v2.0.pdf)

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Baroness Cox (Crossbench)** [HL8351] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many people have been held in UK immigration detention centres for over two months in 2018.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** Information on the number of people in detention, by length of detention is available in table dt\_12\_q of the detention tables in the latest release of 'Immigration Statistics, year ending March 2018', available from the GOV.uk website at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/709326/detention-mar-2018-tables.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/709326/detention-mar-2018-tables.ods)

Table dt\_12\_q has also been attached for ease of reference.

#### People in detention by length of detention

As at end of quarter	Length of detention	Total detainees
2018 Q1	*Total	2,758
2018 Q1	A: 3 days or less	182
2018 Q1	B: 4 to 7 days	164
2018 Q1	C: 8 to 14 days	335
2018 Q1	D: 15 to 28 days	440
2018 Q1	E: 29 days to less than 2 months	570
2018 Q1	F: 2 months to less than 3 months	289
2018 Q1	G: 3 months to less than 4 months	167
2018 Q1	H: 4 months to less than 6 months	254
2018 Q1	I: 6 months to less than 12 months	286
2018 Q1	J: 12 months to less than 18 months	55
2018 Q1	K: 18 months to less than 24 months	11
2018 Q1	L: 24 months to less than 36 months	4
2018 Q1	M: 36 months to less than 48 months	1
2018 Q1	N: 48 months or more	0

[Table dt\\_12\\_q](#) (Excel Spreadsheet)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-06-05/HL8351/>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Baroenss Cox (Crossbench)** [HL8352] To ask Her Majesty's Government what percentage of people held in UK immigration detention centres for over one year have been subsequently removed from the UK since May 2017.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** Information on the number of people leaving detention, by length of detention and reason is available in table dt\_06\_q (see below) of the detention tables in the latest release of 'Immigration Statistics, year ending March 2018', available from the GOV.uk website at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/709326/detention-mar-2018-tables.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/709326/detention-mar-2018-tables.ods)

Table dt\_06\_q

**Table dt\_06\_q: People leaving detention by reason, sex, and length of detention**

Quarter	Length of detention	Total Detainees	Returned from the UK	Granted leave to enter / remain	Bailed (Secretary of State)	Bailed (Immigration Judge)	Other
2010 Q1	*Total	6,675	4,209	47	1,952	395	72
2010 Q2	*Total	6,100	3,940	34	1,683	374	69
2010 Q3	*Total	6,684	4,326	35	1,819	420	84
2010 Q4	*Total	6,500	4,102	25	1,891	407	75
2011 Q1	*Total	6,888	4,326	48	2,027	415	72
2011 Q2	*Total	6,339	3,854	49	1,915	455	66
2011 Q3	*Total	6,596	4,085	38	1,949	462	62
2011 Q4	*Total	7,358	4,571	40	2,197	488	62
2012 Q1	*Total	6,904	4,275	44	2,029	500	56
2012 Q2	*Total	7,029	4,277	29	2,187	486	50
2012 Q3	*Total	7,188	4,278	43	2,352	460	55
2012 Q4	*Total	7,454	4,416	36	2,423	498	81
2013 Q1	*Total	7,102	4,169	31	2,458	383	61
2013 Q2	*Total	7,613	4,421	27	2,666	423	76
2013 Q3	*Total	7,933	4,131	73	3,215	450	64
2013 Q4	*Total	7,382	4,212	83	2,592	451	44
2014 Q1	*Total	6,864	3,985	95	2,282	450	52
2014 Q2	*Total	6,876	3,855	93	2,413	452	63
2014 Q3	*Total	8,039	3,957	80	3,425	524	53
2014 Q4	*Total	7,895	3,876	86	3,155	685	93
2015 Q1	*Total	7,523	3,762	71	2,817	787	86
2015 Q2	*Total	8,192	3,973	64	3,274	793	88
2015 Q3	*Total	8,899	3,568	27	4,324	866	114
2015 Q4	*Total	8,612	3,803	18	3,915	764	112
2016 Q1	*Total	6,944	3,314	10	2,876	660	84
2016 Q2	*Total	7,612	3,528	24	3,189	782	89
2016 Q3	*Total	7,042	3,205	18	3,038	673	108
2016 Q4	*Total	7,079	3,426	7	2,831	722	93
2017 Q1	*Total	7,173	3,587	21	2,772	721	72
2017 Q2	*Total	6,568	3,154	15	2,594	738	67
2017 Q3	*Total	6,989	3,198	81	2,396	1,221	93
2017 Q4	*Total	7,514	3,234	52	2,801	1,300	127
2018 Q1	*Total	6,358	3,067	10	2,113	1,073	95

[Table dt\\_06\\_q](#) (Excel SpreadSheet)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-06-05/HL8352/>

## Press Releases

### **#Cakes4Syria Campaign**

<https://firstminister.gov.scot/cakes4syria-campaign/>

### **Changes to the Immigration Rules**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changes-to-the-immigration-rules--2>

### **Doctors and nurses to be taken out of Tier 2 visa cap**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/doctors-and-nurses-to-be-taken-out-of-tier-2-visa-cap>

### **New start-up visa route announced by the Home Secretary**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-start-up-visa-route-announced-by-the-home-secretary>

### **Reception conditions for asylum-seekers agreed between MEPs and Council**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20180614IPR05803/reception-conditions-for-asylum-seekers-agreed-between-meps-and-council>

### **Heads of ten EU Agencies commit to working together against trafficking in human beings**

[https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/heads-ten-eu-agencies-commit-working-together-against-trafficking-human-beings\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/heads-ten-eu-agencies-commit-working-together-against-trafficking-human-beings_en)

## New Publications

### **Human Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy - First Annual Progress Report**

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00536753.pdf>

### **Windrush: the need for a hardship fund**

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmhaff/1200/1200.pdf>

## News

### **Immigration rules to be relaxed for non-EU doctors and nurses**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-44477095>

### **Immigration cap on doctors and nurses to be lifted to relieve NHS**

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/jun/14/sajid-javid-confirms-cap-on-foreign-doctors-and-nurses-will-be-lifted>

### **Thousands of UK visa applications by doctors refused, figures show**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/12/uk-visa-applications-doctors-thousands-refused-figures-show-nhs>

### **Sajid Javid set to ease restrictions on foreign medical staff in NHS**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/sajid-javid-set-to-ease-restrictions-on-foreign-medical-staff-in-nhs-zz5fj2szt>

### **Outcry about overstretched NHS has forced rethink on immigration cap**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-06-15/news/outcry-about-overstretched-nhs-has-forced-rethink-on-immigration-cap-p85nbm5w3>

### **Sajid Javid to relax immigration controls to bring in thousands more skilled workers**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2018/06/13/sajid-javid-relax-immigration-controls-bring-thousands-skilled/>



### **'Start-up' visas to attract migrants with fresh ideas to the UK**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-06-13/news/start-up-visas-to-attract-migrants-with-fresh-ideas-6w709tvdr>

### **Home Office relaxes visa rules for Chinese students**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/home-office-relaxes-visa-rules-for-chinese-students-pjw9200pq>

### **MPs condemn Home Office deportation threats over taxes**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/13/mps-condemn-home-office-deportation-threats-over-taxes>

### **Highly skilled migrants still face deportation despite Javid promise**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/11/highly-skilled-migrants-still-face-deportation-despite-javid-promise>

### **Treatment of skilled migrants is national scandal, says peer**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/14/treatment-of-skilled-migrants-is-national-scandal-says-peer>

### **New UK business visa will accept people without degrees**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/12/new-uk-business-visa-will-accept-people-without-degrees>

### **Immigrants 'treated as commodities' during removal flights from UK, watchdog finds**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/immigrants-subject-to-excessive-and-illjudged-use-of-restraint-during-removal-flights-from-uk-a8394671.html>

### **Windrush scandal: MPs call for urgent hardship fund for victims**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/13/windrush-scandal-mps-call-for-urgent-hardship-fund-for-victims>

### **Immigration officers compete on arrest numbers to win cake – union**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/14/immigration-officers-compete-on-arrest-numbers-to-win-cake-union>

### **UK should allow more working holiday visas, says Tory thinktank**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/11/uk-working-holiday-visas-bright-blue-tier-5-theresa-may>

### **Gay asylum seeker faces deportation from UK to Nigeria**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jun/11/gay-asylum-seeker-faces-deportation-from-uk-to-nigeria-adeniyi-raji>

### **Asylum family in plea to PM over fears of death in Pakistan**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-44432107>

### **Glasgow family threatened with deportation to Pakistan fear they'll be killed by Islamic extremists**

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/glasgow-family-threatened-deportation-pakistan-12678225>

### **Church elder fears death if deported**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/church-elder-fears-death-if-deported-7hpx0d30r>

**Refugees staging Greek tragedy in Glasgow to address trauma of war**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/refugees-staging-greek-tragedy-in-glasgow-to-address-trauma-of-war-1-4753578>

**US musician wins immigration battle**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/us-musician-wins-immigration-battle-szj8bw3lj>

**Modern slavery victim thanks people of Scotland for saving him from deportation**

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/modern-slavery-victim-thanks-people-12698439>

**As 600 people drift on the Aquarius in the Mediterranean Sea, when did we decide that it was right to stop treating human beings with basic dignity?**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/italy-refugee-migrant-boat-mediterranean-sea-trump-gaza-human-rights-a8393701.html>

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## Community Relations

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-12699 Bill Kidd (SNP): The Church of Scotland and the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society, Moving Forward** – That the Parliament congratulates the Church of Scotland and Imam Sayed Razawi, who is the director general of the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society, on Imam Razawi taking up the church's historic invitation to address the Kirk's 2018 General Assembly, which took place in May; believes that this is emblematic of the strengthening of interfaith ties in Scotland between Christian and Muslim people, including those who follow the Shia tradition, and welcomes such moves as helping to open up a new space for dialogue and cooperation regarding the myriad of issues that unite people from all backgrounds across all common human concerns.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-12699>

### News

**Plans for gypsy traveller retirement village to 'break down barriers'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-44454091>

**Gypsy retirement village 'would tackle prejudice'**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-06-13/scotland/gypsy-retirement-village-would-tackle-prejudice-f38c9czs8>

**Many more would have died in London tower block blaze if it wasn't for Ramadan: 'These Muslim boys helped us'**

<https://www.indy100.com/article/muslim-boys-prayer-ramadan-grenfell-tower-block-fire-kensington-london-7789971>

**'Ignacius Sancho made me sure of who I am as a black Briton'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-england-london-44480914/ignacius-sancho-made-me-sure-of-who-i-am-as-a-black-briton>

## Equality

### Scottish Parliament Debate

#### **Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy Travellers**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11595&i=105112#ScotParlOR>

### Scottish Parliament Motions

**S5M-12690 Angela Constance (SNP): Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers** – That the Parliament welcomes the contribution that Gypsy/Travellers have made to Scottish history and continue to make to the country's culture and heritage; notes that June 2018 sees Scotland celebrating Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month for the first time; is united in the view that there is no place for any form of racism in a modern and inclusive Scotland, and condemns all forms of prejudice and discrimination towards Gypsy/Travellers; supports the work of the new Ministerial Working Group on Gypsy/Travellers, which aims to ensure a systematic and coherent approach to improving outcomes for Gypsy/Travellers across the country in line with the recommendations of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD); recognises the importance of direct engagement with Gypsy/Traveller people; congratulates the Young Gypsy Traveller Assembly in strengthening the voice of young Gypsy/Travellers; commends COSLA's commitment to transforming the life chances of Gypsy/Travellers across the country, and looks forward to working together within a human rights framework to accelerate improvements for this community.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-12690>

**S5M-12690.1 Annie Wells, Glasgow (Conservative): Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers** – As an amendment to motion S5M-12690 in the name of Angela Constance, (Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers), after "Discrimination (CERD)" insert "; calls on the Scottish Government to regularly review progress and provide measurable indicators by which to do so".

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-12690.1>

**S5M-12690.2 John Finnie (Green): Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers** – As an amendment to motion S5M-12690 in the name of Angela Constance (Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers), insert at end ", and recognises the need for such support to be underpinned by measures that enable Gypsy/Travellers' traditional way of life, including the mapping of stopping-off places and, save in exceptional circumstances, making these available to the Gypsy/Traveller community."

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-12690.2>

**S5M-12690.3 Monica Lennon (Labour): Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers** – As an amendment to motion S5M-12690 in the name of Angela Constance (Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers), insert at end ", and

welcomes the establishment of the Parliament's first Cross Party Group on Gypsy/Travellers."

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-12690.3>

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

### Haematological Cancer: Ethnic Groups

**Tulip Siddiq (Labour)** [149686] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to address the findings of the Anthony Nolan Trust on the comparatively low survival rates for people with blood cancer from BAME backgrounds.

**Reply from Steve Brine:** The Government funds Anthony Nolan and NHS Blood and Transplant to improve equity of access to unrelated donor stem cell transplantation for Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) patients through targeted recruitment to the United Kingdom Stem Cell Registry.

The National Cancer Programme is committed to transforming cancer care and outcomes for all people living with cancer, including those with rarer and hard to diagnose cancers. Ambitions have been set for all cancers and we are clear that we will not meet those ambitions without improving what we do for haematological cancers.

Although cancer patients in England rated their overall care 9 out of 10 in the 2016 Cancer Patient Experience Survey, the survey also tells us that BAME patients report poorer experiences of cancer care. NHS England is therefore working with clinical commissioning groups to ensure they use the very best evidence when planning, commissioning and monitoring services for these communities.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-04/149686/>

### Young Offenders: Ethnic Groups

**Cat Smith (Labour)** [150175] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what comparative assessment he has made of the number of young offenders of (a) BAME and (b) other ethnic groups who have been detained in youth custody in the last 8 years.

**Reply from Rory Stewart:** Nobody should face discrimination in the criminal justice system, or anywhere else. We have accepted the recommendations of the Lammy Review into the treatment of, and outcomes for, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic individuals in the criminal justice system and are committed to driving out discrimination wherever it exists.

Supplementary table 7.18 to the *Youth Justice Annual Statistics* contains comparative information on the average monthly youth custody population by region and ethnicity for those in custody during each year from 2012 to 2017. It relates to young people under 18:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/676069/youth\\_justice\\_statistics\\_2016\\_to\\_2017\\_supplementary\\_tables.zip](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/676069/youth_justice_statistics_2016_to_2017_supplementary_tables.zip)

The Youth Custody Service has developed an Equality Plan which outlines a set of strategic objectives that are consistent with the aims of the Lammy Review to target disproportionality in youth custody. We will be commencing delivery of those objectives in due course.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-05/150175/>

The Lammy review, referred to above, can be read at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/643001/lammy-review-final-report.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/643001/lammy-review-final-report.pdf)

The Youth Justice Annual Statistics, referred to above, can be read at [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/676072/youth\\_justice\\_statistics\\_2016-17.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/676072/youth_justice_statistics_2016-17.pdf)

### **Cycling: Ethnic Groups**

**Richard Burden (Labour)** [149908] To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of cycling uptake among ethnic minority groups; and what steps he is taking to encourage an increase in that uptake among those groups.

**Reply from Jesse Norman:** On the 18 January 2018 the Department for Transport published Walking and Cycling Statistics for England which contain figures on the proportion of adults that cycle, by ethnicity, frequency and purpose for England between 2015-2016 (see pp14-15). The full report can be found at [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/674503/walking-and-cycling-statistics-england-2016.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674503/walking-and-cycling-statistics-england-2016.pdf)

This Government wants to make cycling and walking the natural choices for shorter journeys, or as part of a longer journey, for everyone. The Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy, published in April 2017, aims to increase cycling and walking activity, including among under-represented groups. It also commits the Government to monitoring the extent to which people from different age groups, genders and ethnic backgrounds are taking up cycling and walking.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-05/149908/>

## **New Publication**

**UK Parliament Women and Equalities Committee Report on the Race Disparity Audit**

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmwomeq/562/562.pdf>

## **News**

**Map of stopping-off places would help Gypsy/Traveller community, says MSP**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/map-of-stopping-off-places-would-help-gypsy-traveller-community-says-msp-1-4754073>

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## **Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination**

### **Scottish Parliament Oral Answers**

#### **Sectarianism**

**Stuart McMillan (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in schools to address sectarianism. (S5O-02213)

**Reply from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney):** Sectarianism must be challenged wherever it occurs, and the Government has delivered an unprecedented range of activities to tackle the issue across Scotland.

Since 2012, we have invested £13.5 million to support 108 organisations to deliver work to tackle sectarianism. That work has included a wide range of educational activities, including developing Scotland's first national resource on tackling sectarianism and delivering free continuing professional development training

sessions through the sense over sectarianism programme to support teachers to deliver anti-sectarian education. Our investment supported the development of the Nil by Mouth champions for change school programme, and I was pleased to learn that it is now available in all 32 local authority areas.

**Stuart McMillan:** The cabinet secretary might know that, last week, I hosted an event that involved two schools in my constituency—St Columba's high school and Clydeview academy in Gourock—that are working jointly on an anti-sectarian project with Nil by Mouth. Does the cabinet secretary consider that the existing collaborative projects could be worked on? Has he also given any consideration to making similar projects mandatory when it is considered that local communities could benefit?

**Reply from John Swinney:** In relation to the event to which Stuart McMillan referred, two pupils from St Columba's high school delivered time for reflection yesterday, and it was a pleasure to see such fine young people contributing to our parliamentary proceedings.

Nil by Mouth has taken forward very welcome initiatives. As I said in my previous answer, I am very pleased that all 32 local authorities are now taking forward work with Nil by Mouth, and it is appropriate for that work to be deployed in all parts of the country.

Whether such projects should be mandatory is a different question. It is up to individual schools to decide what steps they should take to tackle sectarianism. The issue will be of greater or lesser significance in different parts of the country. What is important is that we make available to schools the materials and the approaches to tackle sectarianism.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11598&i=105125#ScotParlOR>

### **Prejudice-based Bullying**

**Christina McKelvie (Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress in eliminating prejudice-based bullying in schools. (S5O-02214)

**Reply from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney):** On 28 May, the Scottish Government published supplementary guidance for schools and local authorities on the recording and monitoring of bullying incidents in schools. The purpose of that guidance is to develop a consistent and uniform approach to recording and monitoring. To complement the guidance, we are working with SEEMIS—the schools' information management system—to update the current bullying and equalities module to enable improved recording and monitoring of prejudice-based bullying in schools.

**Christina McKelvie:** I welcome all the advances that have been made through the work that the Government has undertaken. Last week, the cabinet secretary visited St John Ogilvie high school, in my constituency, to see the pupil-led work that has led to the establishment and implementation of its new school anti-bullying policy. Does the cabinet secretary agree that pupil-led peer education is to be encouraged and that headteacher leadership can make the difference in ensuring a whole-school approach to ending prejudice-based bullying in schools? Will he also commend the work of St John Ogilvie high school's headteacher, Eddie Morrison, and wish him well for his well-earned retirement?

**Reply from John Swinney:** I had the pleasure of passing on my good wishes to Mr Morrison when I visited St John Ogilvie high school last Wednesday. I took a great deal of heart from witnessing young people leading the process of formulating the school's anti-bullying policy. A very engaged and sometimes very forthright conversation involving a lot of pupils was going on, and it was well shepherded and steered by senior pupils in the school. That is a very good example of pupil engagement and the expression of the pupil voice, which lies at the heart of curriculum for excellence. I saw similar work the week before, at Holy Cross high school in Hamilton. That demonstrated a similar approach to engaging

young people in the formulation of effective anti-bullying policies.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11598&i=105126#ScotParlOR>

The Guidance referred to above can be read at

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00535867.pdf>

## Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-12788 Alex Rowley (Labour): Gena Turgel MBE, 1923-2018** – That the Parliament is saddened by the passing of the Holocaust survivor, Gena Turgel, on 7 June 2018, aged 95; recognises that Gena, who was known as the Bride of Belsen, survived the Kraków ghetto, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Buchenwald and Bergen-Belsen, and went on to marry her British liberator, Norman Turgel; understands that she comforted Anne Frank at the Bergen-Belsen camp before the young diarist's death; commends Gena on dedicating her life to sharing her testimony with hundreds of thousands of young people in schools across the country over many years, and applauds the Holocaust Educational Trust on committing to continue working tirelessly to share Gena's story to help ensure that her legacy lives on and continues to educate future generations about the Holocaust.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-12788>

## Scottish Parliament Time for Reflection

**Megan Quinn (St Columba's High School, Gourock):** ... Anne Frank is a name that I am sure we are all familiar with. Today, on what would have been her 89th birthday, we celebrate Anne Frank day.

Anne Frank was a young German-Jewish refugee who hid from the Nazis during world war two. Anne's life was tragically cut short at the age of 15 in March 1945 when she died of typhus in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Anne documented her time in hiding in the form of a diary, which was published by her father, Otto, to share her story. It has been read by millions across the globe, including by many of us here today. That, in turn, inspired a group of people to found the Anne Frank Trust UK.

We at St Columba's high school applied and were selected to work with the Anne Frank Trust as peer guides, and then as Anne Frank ambassadors. Throughout the process, we have shared not only Anne's story but the importance of challenging hate and prejudice within our school and the wider community.

That has been an invaluable experience. Not only have I learned more about Anne's story, I have become more aware of discrimination in society and now feel more confident in using my voice to challenge prejudice and hate.

**Rhys Lambert (St Columba's High School, Gourock):** In today's society, young people face many forms of discrimination and cyberbullying. It is important to challenge and shout down hate and strive for a peaceful and more equal society. Children are the future, which is why we need more young voices to speak up so that they can grow up in a more open-minded and tolerant world.

We read Anne's story and are shocked at the level of discrimination that a 13-year-old girl had to face, yet we forget that it still happens today. I want to live in a world where people do not have to be afraid of speaking up, where people are not judged by race or religion, and where we show compassion instead of hatred.

We invite you to reflect not only on Anne's story but on the dangers and harm that can be caused by prejudice going unchallenged. We leave you with Anne's words:

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11595&i=105096#ScotParlOR>

## UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer

### Racial Discrimination

**The Marquess of Lothian (Conservative) [HL8420]** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are taking any action in response to the observations recorded and the issues raised in the End of Mission Statement of the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance at the Conclusion of Her Mission to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, ahead of her final report which will be submitted to the June 2019 session of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

**Reply from Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth:** The United Kingdom has a close working relationship with United Nations bodies and a standing invitation to all Special Rapporteurs, and is committed to upholding the rule of law and the rules-based international system. The Government will provide further information to the Special Rapporteur as necessary, and will respond to the Special Rapporteur's country visit findings, conclusions and recommendations when these are presented to the Human Rights Council.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-06-06/HL8420/>

## Press Releases

### Hate crime reporting must continue

<https://news.gov.scot/news/hate-crime-reporting-must-continue>

### Lord Advocate Welcomes Publication Of Hate Crime Figures

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/1766-lord-advocate-welcomes-publication-of-hate-crime-figures-2>

## New Publications

### Hate Crime in Scotland 2017-18

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/images/Documents/Statistics/Hate%20Crime%202017-18/Hate%20Crime%20in%20Scotland%202017-18.pdf>

### Hate Crime in Scotland 2010-11 to 2017-18 breakdown by Procurator Fiscal Office

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/images/Documents/Statistics/Hate%20Crime%202017-18/Hate%20Crime%20in%20Scotland%202010-11%20to%202017-18%20breakdown%20by%20Procurator%20Fiscal%20Office.pdf>

### Religiously Aggravated Offending in Scotland 2017-18

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00536774.pdf>

## News

### Racially motivated hate crimes at lowest level since 2004

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/racially-motivated-hate-crimes-at-lowest-level-since-2004-1-4755372>

### Official figures show 50% rise in hate crimes against disabled people

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political\\_news/16294497.Official\\_figures\\_show\\_50\\_rise\\_in\\_hate\\_crimes\\_against\\_disabled\\_people/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political_news/16294497.Official_figures_show_50_rise_in_hate_crimes_against_disabled_people/)



**Tories chairman Brandon Lewis vows to 'stamp out' Islamophobia**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-44499560>

**Islamophobia 'very widespread' in Conservative Party, says Baroness Warsi**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/conservatives-islamophobia-tory-party-racism-baroness-warsi-a8394271.html>

**SNP MSP Richard Lyle accused of 'unreliable' evidence in defamation race case**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16286574.SNP\\_MSP\\_accused\\_of\\_unreliable\\_evidence\\_in\\_defamation\\_race\\_case/?ref=mr&lp=8](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16286574.SNP_MSP_accused_of_unreliable_evidence_in_defamation_race_case/?ref=mr&lp=8)

**SNP councillor suspended in racism row after using offensive language on social media**

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/snp-councillor-suspended-racism-row-12692728>

**Councillor Julie Dettbarn sorry for racist phrase**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/councillor-julie-dettbarn-sorry-for-racist-phrase-sql9frlkf>

**Scottish Labour racism investigation 'rings hollow'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-44436079>

**Tommy Robinson supporters perform Nazi salutes at violent London protest, amid warnings of return to racist street movements**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/tommy-robinson-free-protest-nazi-salutes-london-violence-police-arrests-attacks-prison-a8393566.html>

**Tommy Robinson supporter cries and wails uncontrollably as he is handcuffed by police at far-right rally**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/tommy-robinson-supporter-handcuffed-video-met-police-arrest-far-right-rafalgar-square-protest-a8393541.html>

**The far right is organised and growing. Those Nazi salutes are serious**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jun/14/far-right-nazi-tommy-robinson-racist-movements-donald-trump>

**Woman 'bullied' after complaining of racist culture at Marine Scotland**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-44472747>

**'Punish a Muslim Day' letter suspect charged**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-44491542>

**Man arrested on suspicion of soliciting murder over 'Punish a Muslim day' letters**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/punish-muslim-day-letters-lincoln-man-arrest-police-a8396571.html>

**Lincoln man arrested over 'Punish a Muslim' day letters sent to Sajid Javid and other MPs**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/man-arrested-over-punish-a-muslim-day-letters-sent-to-mps-nxlksmqgp>

**Racist troll slapped down by ScotRail after disgraceful 'Pakistani driver' Twitter slur**

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/racist-troll-slapped-down-scotrail-12701915>

**Men jailed over racial hatred stickers at Aston University**  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-birmingham-44467055>

**Musician who mocked Holocaust in YouTube songs banned from social media for a year**  
<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/musician-who-mocked-holocaust-youtube-12705265>

**Antisemitic singer Alison Chabloz banned from social media**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-06-15/news/antisemitic-singer-alison-chabloz-banned-from-social-media-d59ljcdk>

**Man called for 'race traitors' to be hanged**  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-44465160>

**Why are black people desirable as entertainment in clubs but not as clientele?**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jun/13/black-people-clubs-drama-rihanna-drake>

**Warwick University bans three students who joked about rape and racism on Facebook**  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/warwick-university-students-banned-rape-racism-jokes-facebook-chat-a8394911.html>

**'Racist' man films himself spraying Muslim woman with stain remover**  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/man-vanish-muslim-woman-stain-remover-bleach-supermarket-islamophobia-a8399606.html>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Press Releases

**A vision for national wellbeing**  
<https://news.gov.scot/news/a-vision-for-national-wellbeing>

**Changing organ and tissue donation**  
<https://news.gov.scot/news/changing-organ-and-tissue-donation>

**Withdrawal Bill decision “dark day for devolution” – Russell**  
<https://news.gov.scot/news/withdrawal-bill-decision-dark-day-for-devolution-russell>

### New Publications

**Scotland's National Performance Framework**  
<http://nationalperformance.gov.scot/>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### Application for an Emergency Debate

#### **Sewel Convention**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-14/debates/07888535-7C17-4A63-A2F7-E944478C7B70/SewelConvention>

### Press Releases

#### **Statement on the Sewel Convention**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-on-the-sewel-convention>

#### **Secretary of State for Scotland David Mundell responds to the EU (Withdrawal) Bill vote**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/secretary-of-state-for-scotland-david-mundell-responds-to-the-eu-withdrawal-bill-vote>

#### **Foreign Secretary's message for Eid ul Fitr**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretarys-message-for-eid-ul-fitr>

#### **Lord Tariq Ahmad's Eid message**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lord-tariq-ahmads-eid-message>

### New Publications

#### **The Sewel Convention**

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CDP-2018-0150>

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## Other News

#### **FGM law change call from 'persecuted' Somali women**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-44440167>

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## Bills in Progress    \*\* new or updated this week

### Scottish Parliament

#### **\*\* Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/108681.aspx>

Bill as introduced

[http://www.parliament.scot/Human%20Tissue%20\(Authorisation\)%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/S\\_PBill32S052018.pdf](http://www.parliament.scot/Human%20Tissue%20(Authorisation)%20(Scotland)%20Bill/S_PBill32S052018.pdf)

Explanatory Notes

[http://www.parliament.scot/Human%20Tissue%20\(Authorisation\)%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/S\\_PBill32ENS052018.pdf](http://www.parliament.scot/Human%20Tissue%20(Authorisation)%20(Scotland)%20Bill/S_PBill32ENS052018.pdf)

Policy Memorandum

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Financial memorandum

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Delegated Powers Memorandum

[http://www.parliament.scot/Human%20Tissue%20\(Authorisation\)%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/S\\_PBill32DPMS052018.pdf](http://www.parliament.scot/Human%20Tissue%20(Authorisation)%20(Scotland)%20Bill/S_PBill32DPMS052018.pdf)

Statements on Legislative Competence

[http://www.parliament.scot/Human%20Tissue%20\(Authorisation\)%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/S\\_PBILL32LCS052018.pdf](http://www.parliament.scot/Human%20Tissue%20(Authorisation)%20(Scotland)%20Bill/S_PBILL32LCS052018.pdf)

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill - Equality Impact Assessment

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00536306.pdf>

Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00536311.pdf>

Data Protection Impact Assessment

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00536422.pdf>

Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00536439.pdf>

## **\*\* Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/108702.aspx>

Bill as introduced

[http://www.parliament.scot/Vulnerable%20Witnesses%20\(Criminal%20Evidence\)%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/SPBill34S052018.pdf](http://www.parliament.scot/Vulnerable%20Witnesses%20(Criminal%20Evidence)%20(Scotland)%20Bill/SPBill34S052018.pdf)

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Equality Impact Assessment

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00536765.pdf>

Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00536593.pdf>

## UK Parliament

### **Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill**

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

### **Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/childrenact1989amendmentfemalegenitalmutilation.html>

### **EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill**

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

### **\*\* European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**

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

Commons consideration of Lords amendments

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-12/debates/3AC9EE4B-A84C-47D1-9519-80CEA3653807/EuropeanUnion\(Withdrawal\)Bill](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-12/debates/3AC9EE4B-A84C-47D1-9519-80CEA3653807/EuropeanUnion(Withdrawal)Bill)

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Scotland: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Lords Statement followed by Q&A

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2018-06-14/debates/8A0EE9B9-5132-4BF5-BB80-ACFD3CFB6407/ScotlandEuropeanUnion\(Withdrawal\)Bill](https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2018-06-14/debates/8A0EE9B9-5132-4BF5-BB80-ACFD3CFB6407/ScotlandEuropeanUnion(Withdrawal)Bill)

Notice of amendments

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2017-2019/0111/18111.pdf>

Briefing: Commons Consideration of Lords Amendments

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/LLN-2018-0067/LLN-2018-0067.pdf>

### **Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/holocaustreturnofculturalobjectsamendment.html>

### **Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill**

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### **Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill**

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### **Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill**

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### **Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill**

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## Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

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### Welsh Government: Nation of Sanctuary – Refugee and asylum seeker plan

(closing date 25 June 2018)

<https://beta.gov.wales/nation-sanctuary-refugee-and-asylum-seeker-plan>

### Measures to further improve the effectiveness of the fight against illegal content online

(closing date 25 June 2018)

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-measures-further-improve-effectiveness-fight-against-illegal-content-online\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-measures-further-improve-effectiveness-fight-against-illegal-content-online_en)

### Protection of Vulnerable Groups and the Disclosure of Criminal Information

(closing date 18 July 2018)

<https://consult.gov.scot/disclosure-scotland/protection-of-vulnerable/>

### Funeral Expense Assistance Regulations (closing date 23 August 2018)

<https://consult.gov.scot/social-security/funeral-expense-assistance/>

### Antisemitism: Survey of European Jews (closing date not stated)

<http://www.eurojews.eu/>

### Police Scotland: Your view counts (open all year)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Funding Opportunities

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### Year of Young People

There is no closing date – the fund will remain open until all money has been distributed.

Year of Young People 2018 celebrates everything that makes Scotland's young people incredible. As a nation proud of our young people, the Year of Young People puts the spotlight on the contributions and achievements of eight to 26 year olds, while giving them a stronger voice on issues that matter to them, and aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally and on a global-stage.

BEMIS Scotland, in collaboration with the Scottish Government, is providing grants of between £250 and £1,000 for constituted charitable and non-profit organisations, and community groups.

For full information see <http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/yoyp-grant-guidelines.pdf> and to apply see <http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/yoyp-application-form.docx>

### **Scotland's Winter Festivals, and St Andrew's Fair Saturday**

There is no closing date – the fund will remain open until all money has been distributed. Scotland's Winter Festivals aim to mobilise the people of Scotland and those with an affinity to Scotland to join in the St Andrew's Day, Hogmanay, and Burns celebrations, boosting Scotland's key tourism and events sectors and the wider economy, enhancing community engagement and raising Scotland's international profile. Our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities are key elements of Scotland's past, present and future so we want to ensure that your story, history, and narrative plays a full part in Scotland's Winter Festivals.

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## **Events, Conferences, and Training**

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### **Scottish Refugee Festival**

18-24 June 2018

**Refugee Festival Scotland** celebrates the contribution refugees make to life in Scotland – the food and drink, music and poetry, dance, visual art and ideas that people bring with them when they seek safety in Scotland. For information see <https://www.refugeefestivalscotland.co.uk/>

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### **Young Writers' Society of Glasgow Presents: Challenging Xenophobia through Stories and Art with Young People in Glasgow**

18-9 June 2018 in Glasgow

Community event including an exhibition and workshops to showcase the process and the art-work created by local children and young people between the ages of 7 and 17. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yazlvk9m>

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### **Museum Without a Home**

18-22 June 2018 in Glasgow

Oxfam Scotland and Amnesty International exhibition promoting solidarity with migrants.

The exhibition has travelled the world, and exhibits real objects that were donated to people in need of protection, to comfort them and help make the difficulties of daily life more manageable. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8pxy9ox>

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### **On the Border of Art and Teaching in the Multilingual World**

18 June 2018 in Glasgow (9.45-4.00)

Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities Cohort Development Fund Programme workshop to explore how art-based methods are and can be used as research tools and as pedagogy. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/ybqgdapu>

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### **Modern Apprenticeships: Supporting Refugees and New Scots into Employment**

18 June 2018 in Glasgow (11.00-1.00)

Skills Development Scotland event including workshops on the services provided to support the employment and education of refugees and New Scots. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8pdh8l7>

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### **Breaking Down Borders through Children's Books**

18 June 2018 in Glasgow (4.00-5.00)

University of Glasgow School of Education interactive workshop exploring texts related to migration and human rights, ranging from historical journeys through to multicultural books telling tales of migration from around the world. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y7robz39>

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### **Inclusion Fundamentals Training**

19 June 2018 in Kinghorn (10.00-4.00)

Fife Centre for Equalities workshop to provide basic guiding principles in understanding the diverse needs of people of different protected characteristics and how these needs can be met. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y6u8p347> or contact 01592 645 310 / [info@centreforequalities.org.uk](mailto:info@centreforequalities.org.uk)

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### **Secure borders, Endangered lives. An International Perspective**

19 June 2018 in Glasgow (5.00-7.00)

University of Glasgow panel discussion to discuss the effects of border securitization, and its consequences on children, young people, and refugees more generally. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/ya6swyd9>

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### **World Refugee Day Unesco: Rila Lecture – Refugee Integration Through Languages and the Arts**

20 June 2018 in Glasgow (4.00-6.00)

This lecture mines the contested concept of integration for its history, variation and substance. It considers the important work of law and social policy in developing frameworks and duties for integration, especially with regard to the work of *New Scots Integration Strategy, Scotland*. It then moves to examine the place of concepts of integration in conflict transformation, international relations and trauma healing. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y889lyso>

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### **New Scots Museum Display**

22 June 2018 onwards in Glasgow



New permanent museum display looking at the lives of a group of refugees and asylum seekers in Glasgow. The display and a new interpretative film is the culmination of a year long engagement programme between the St Mungo Museum and groups of refugees from different religious, ethnic and cultural background living in Glasgow over the past 20 years. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y9oafuxe>

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### **Celebrate Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month**

22 June 2018 in Edinburgh (9.30)

Invitation to share the culture, history and contemporary life of Gypsy/Roma/Traveller communities, including a presentation from founding members of the Roma Nation Movement, panel discussion, and performance of *Crystal's Vardo*. For information see <https://actiononprejudice.info/events/celebrate-gypsy-roma-traveller-history-month/>

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### **Strangers? – Just Friends We Have Not Met Yet**

22 June 2018 in Glasgow (4.00-7.00)

Religious Society of Friends creative workshops and get-together on themes of asylum and sanctuary. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/ycplp2gu>

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### **Untangling Threads**

23 June 2018 in Dingwall (11.00-3.00)

Adults from refugee and immigrant families create a new piece of collaborative art, with the support of Common Threads Sewing Group, and local community artist Lizzie MacDougall. At the same time the children of those participating will work on their own mini masterpieces, with the help of young volunteers from Inverness and the Black Isle. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y7lxhflz>

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### **The Hate Crime in our Communities**

23 June 2018 in Glasgow (1.00-6.00)

Africa Future activities for asylum seekers, refugees and the local area. They hope to try to change negative perceptions of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in the community. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y7wvsx2>

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### **Tackling Hate Speech in a Youth Setting**

21 June 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

17 July 2018 in Edinburgh (9.30-4.30)

Interfaith Scotland training to equip those working in a youth setting with appropriate tools for tackling hate speech, explore issues relating to cultural and religious diversity, learn how to recognise hate speech, and how to manage the situation when it occurs. For information contact Jamie Spurway [Jamie@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:Jamie@interfaithscotland.org) / 07921 439 952

### **Minority Ethnic Advocacy Project Launch Event**

28 June 2018 in Glasgow (11.00-1.00)

West of Scotland Regional Equality Council event in partnership with Govan Community Project and Pachedu. The Minority Ethnic Advocacy Project will connect vulnerable and isolated minority ethnic people with mainstream services by supporting them to understand their situation and helping them make informed decisions. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8n3q74c>

### **Organising for Power**

29 June to 1 July 2018 in Fife

10 to 12 August 2018 in Fife

14 to 16 September – venue tba

Training weekends for those tackling the root causes of xenophobia and racism and promoting the rights of migrants/refugees/ asylum seeking people in Scotland to learn how to have a bigger impact and plan campaigns that win. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yb8usv6h> or contact [o4p@tripodtraining.org](mailto:o4p@tripodtraining.org)

### **\*\* INAR: New approaches to anti-racism training**

27 July 2018 in Glasgow (11.00-3.00)

CRER event to bring together expertise and learning from a number of recent projects focussed on designing, delivering and evaluating anti-prejudice interventions to explore what really works to tackle racism in the workplace. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yc688p3l>

### **Meet the Scottish Charity Regulator**

28 August 2018 in Edinburgh (1.15-4.00)

25 September 2018 in Motherwell (1.15-4.00)

3 October 2018 in Oban (9.45-12.30)

Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) events to give charity trustees and staff the opportunity to hear about latest developments, meet OSCR staff and ask questions. Topics will include the role of the charity trustee, and guidance on safeguarding. For information and to book see <https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/meet-the-scottish-charity-regulator>

### **Talking to Young People about Equality**

6 September 2018 in Kirkcaldy (6.00-9.00)

Fife Centre for Equalities, and Youth 1<sup>st</sup> workshop to help youth workers begin a dialogue about equality with young people, and to understand that good knowledge of equality and inclusion will improve their employability. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yceyr6at>

### **Culture - Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Training**

12-13 September 2018 in Glasgow (9.00-4.30)

Two day training to address diversity and discrimination issues related to religion and belief and increase skills in order to help create a more inclusive diverse environment For information contact Farkhanda Chaudhry 0141 577 8454 / 07950 008 859 / [Farkhanda.Chaudhry@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:Farkhanda.Chaudhry@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk)

### **Black History Month**

October 2018

#### ***Call for submissions to the programme: deadline 16 July 2018***

Black History Month aims to raise awareness of the positive role that Black / Minority Ethnic men and women have played in shaping Scotland's history. To submit an event for the 2018 programme complete the form at <https://tinyurl.com/y9zd8xxj> and return it to [zandra@crer.org.uk](mailto:zandra@crer.org.uk)

### **Scottish Interfaith Week**

11-18 November 2018

Scottish Interfaith Week provides an opportunity for interfaith groups, faith communities, schools, organisations and local communities across the country to celebrate Scotland's religious diversity. For information see <http://scottishinterfaithweek.org/>

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## Useful Links

**Scottish Parliament** <http://www.parliament.scot/>

**Scottish Government** <http://www.gov.scot/>

**UK Parliament** <http://www.parliament.uk/>

**GovUK (links to UK Government Departments)** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

**UK Government Honours system** <https://www.gov.uk/honours/overview>

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

**One Scotland** <http://onescotland.org/>

**Scottish Refugee Council** <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

**Interfaith Scotland** <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission** <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>

**Equality Advisory Support Service** <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com>

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

**ACAS** [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

**SCVO** <http://www.scvo.org.uk/>

**Volunteer Development Scotland** <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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

**Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel** <https://www.goodfundraising.scot/>

**Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS)** [www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services](http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services)

**Disclosure Scotland** <https://www.mygov.scot/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/>

**BBC News** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

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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. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <http://www.bemis.org.uk/>



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.gov.scot/>

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