

Political Affairs Brief

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Andrew Pelling (634) Changes to legislation on universal jurisdiction —That this House opposes any proposed changes to UK legislation on universal jurisdiction that would compromise the UK's obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention to seek out and prosecute persons suspected of war crimes wherever and whoever they are, whatever their status, rank or influence, against whom good prima facie evidence has been laid.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=40218&SESSION=903>

Department of Health

Improving the process of death certification in England and Wales: overview of programme

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_111245.pdf

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Israel

UK Parliamentary Questions

Israel: Attorney General

Mr. Marshall-Andrews: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs when he was informed of the content of the speech made by the Attorney-General to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on 5 January 2010. [310437]

Mr. Ivan Lewis: Ministerial speeches, statements and publications on any subject in Government are discussed and cleared by Ministers and officials as appropriate as part of normal business.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100118/text/100118w0023.htm#10011841000063>

Israel: Armed Forces

Dr. Starkey: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what aspects of military co-operation were to have been discussed with the group of military officers from Israel whose proposed visit to the UK was recently cancelled. [311031]

Bill Rammell: The Israeli delegation planned to attend a joint Israeli-Kings College academic workshop. This was not at the invitation of MOD and, therefore, no official discussions of UK-Israel defence co-operation were planned.

Dr. Starkey: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence (1) on how many occasions Israel Defence Forces personnel have been invited to the UK for discussions with (a) Ministers or officials of his Department and (b) members of the armed forces since 2005; and what topics were discussed; [311032]

(2) what areas of expertise of the Israel Defence Forces that have been shared with (a) his Department and (b) members of the armed forces. [311033]

Bill Rammell: This information is not held centrally and could be provided only at disproportionate cost. Israel is an important strategic partner of the UK and, as part of that relationship, the MOD has an ongoing and wide ranging dialogue with the Israeli Defence Force and Israeli Ministry of Defence. This engagement is in line with HMG's policy of supporting the Middle East Peace Process by having a balanced relationship with the Israelis and the Palestinians. Recent areas of discussion have included regional defence issues, the Middle East Peace Process, and the UK's role in training Palestinian Authority security forces. However, detailed information is withheld as its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice relations between the United Kingdom and Israel.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100118/text/100118w0003.htm#10011822000025>

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Relevant Legislation ** New or updated

UK Parliament

**** Children, Schools and Families Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/childrenschoolsandfamilies.html>

Public Bill Committee amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmbills/008/amend/pbc0081901m.45-51.html>

**** Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/constitutionalreformandgovernance.html>

Committee of the Whole House: amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmbills/004/amend/pbc0041901m.321-327.html>

Joint Committee on Human Rights: Legislative Scrutiny Report

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt200910/jtselect/jtrights/33/33.pdf>

**** Crime and Security Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/crimeandsecurity.html>

Second Reading, House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100118/debtext/100118-0004.htm#1001188000001>

Programme

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100118/debtext/100118-0021.htm#10011853000001>

financial motion

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100118/debtext/100118-0021.htm#10011853000002>

**** Equality Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/equality.html>

Supplementary to the third marshalled list of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldbills/020/amend/su020-iiia.htm>

**** Flood and Water Management Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/floodandwatermanagement.html>

Public Bill Committee amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmbills/009/amend/pbc009190110m.151-157.html>

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Consultations

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Protection of Vulnerable Groups Implementation: Consultation on Significant Draft Secondary Legislation, Guidance and Regulatory Impact Assessment (Scotland only) (closes 2 February 2009)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/children-families/pvglegislation/Consultation09>

Communities and Local Government: Creating a Single Equality Scheme for 2010 – 2013 (closes 28 February 2010)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/corporate/pdf/987402.pdf>

Proposal to amend the Licensing Act 2003 to simplify the procedures for Licensing Statements; Interim Authority Notices; and Temporary Event Notices (closes 9 February 2010)

http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/consultations/6498.aspx

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