

# Political Affairs Brief

*A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community*

Scottish Council of Jewish Communities

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## Home Affairs

### Home Office

**The Migrant Journey** (Research report based on an analysis of all people who came to the UK in 2004, except those making short-term visits.)

<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/horr43c.pdf>

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## Israel

### UK Parliamentary Question

#### Gaza

**Ian Austin:** To ask the Prime Minister for what reasons he described Gaza as a prison camp; what advice he sought on his description before making it; and if he will make a statement. [12962]

**The Prime Minister:** The UK continues to press for peace in the middle east, and I welcome the resumption of peace talks in Washington. We and the international community have called for the blockade of Gaza to be lifted. I have therefore welcomed the change Israel has made to allow more goods to be transported into Gaza.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/text/100906w0001.htm#1009067000009>

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S3M-6913 Stewart Maxwell: Israeli and Palestinian Peace Talks**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that the Israelis and Palestinians are to resume peace talks; congratulates Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian National Authority President Mahmoud Abbas on what it considers a courageous move, and wishes the peace talks every success.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=19667>

## European Parliament

**Debates: Wednesday 8 September:**

**Draft Bill on Israeli NGOs**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/plenary/home.do?language=EN&date=20100906&tab=CURRENT&subTab=20100908#>

**Situation of the Jordan River with special regard to the Lower Jordan River area**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/plenary/home.do?language=EN&date=20100906&tab=CURRENT&subTab=20100908#>

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## Relevant Legislation \*\* New or updated

### UK Parliament

**Daylight Saving Bill**

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

**Face Coverings (Regulation) Bill**

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

**Fixed Term Parliaments Bill**

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

**Identity Documents Bill**

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

**\*\* Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill**

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

Second Reading, House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100906/debtext/100906-0001.htm#1009066000001>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/063/amend/pbc0630609m.121-127.html>

### Scottish Parliament

**End of Life Assistance Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

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## Consultations \*\* new or updated

**Policing in the 21st century: reconnecting police and the people**

(closes 20 September 2010)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/consultations/policing-21st-century/>

**Taking action on rights, support and protection of victims of crime and violence**  
(closes 30 September 2010)

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/news/consulting\\_public/news\\_consulting\\_0053\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/news/consulting_public/news_consulting_0053_en.htm)

**Data protection legislative framework** (closes 6 October 2010)

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/dpa-call-evidence-02-07-2010.pdf>

**\*\* General Medical Council (GMC) Equality Scheme 2011 – 2014** (closes 15 October 2010)

[https://gmc.e-consultation.net/econsult/consultation\\_Dtl.aspx?consult\\_Id=140&status=2&criteria=](https://gmc.e-consultation.net/econsult/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_Id=140&status=2&criteria=)

**Guidance on Concessionary Schemes for Surface Water Drainage Charges**

*Applies in England only* (closes 22 October 2010)

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/surface-charges/index.htm>

**Consultation on the change to policy direction for the Big Lottery Fund** (closes 29 October 2010)

<http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx>

**Equality Act 2010: The public sector Equality Duty: Promoting equality through transparency** (closing date 10 November 2010)

[http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/402461\\_GEO\\_EqualityAct2010ThePublicSectorEqualityDuty\\_acc.pdf](http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/402461_GEO_EqualityAct2010ThePublicSectorEqualityDuty_acc.pdf)

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