

Political Affairs Brief

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UK Parliamentary Question

Daylight Saving Bill

Stephen Phillips: To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland what (a) formal and (b) informal consultation his Department has undertaken on the provisions of the Daylight Saving Bill; and if he will make a statement. [25762]

David Mundell: The Secretary of State for Scotland has written to, and remains in contact with, a number of organisations representing groups most likely to be affected by any change to British summer time, to seek their views. As the Prime Minister has already made clear, there can be no change to existing policy without the agreement of all parts of the United Kingdom, including Scotland. That agreement is not in place.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101124/text/101124w0001.htm#10112461000016>

Scottish Parliament Motion

S3M-7481 Bill Kidd: No Place for Prejudice in Scotland—That the Parliament welcomes that the individual responsible for posting hateful anti-Semitic comments on The Scotsman website in March 2008 has been given a deferred sentence of 12 months, having plead guilty to the charges; commends the work of the police and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service in bringing this case to court, and considers that this reaffirms the message that racism, or prejudice of any kind, has absolutely no place in Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=20294>

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Israel

UK Parliamentary Questions

Israel: OECD

Mr Slaughter: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the answer of 18 October 2010, *Official Report*, columns 494-5W, on Israel: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which OECD documents

citing Israeli data include (a) the full footnote and (b) each truncated version of that footnote. [25639]

Alistair Burt: The footnote is used in every Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development document or paper using (Israeli) data on the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101124/text/101124w0001.htm#10112471000033>

The answer referred to in the above question can be read at

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101018/text/101018w0003.htm#10101829000055>

EU External Trade: Israel

Mr Slaughter: To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer pursuant to the answer of 18 October 2010, *Official Report*, column 549-50W, on EU external trade: Israel, how many incidents HM Revenue and Customs has recorded of false declarations by importers in respect of the preferential origin of goods (a) in total and (b) under the EU-Israel Trade Agreement in each of the last five years. [25637]

Mr Gauke: The number of cases involving false declarations by importers in respect of preferential origin are as follows:

	<i>Imports from all countries</i>	<i>Imports under the EU-Israel Agreement</i>
2006	86	24
2007	98	7
2008	81	8
2009	65	12
2010	46	⁽¹⁾ 14
⁽¹⁾ To date.		

Each case may involve several import declarations. I am told by HMRC that because country information is maintained on a case by case basis, it would be an onerous task to extract and collate the information in respect of the number of incorrect origin declarations for all countries. However, it is able to provide figures for the number of incorrect origin declarations for goods imported under the EU-Israel Agreement.

	<i>Number</i>
2006	127
2007	214
2008	20
2009	26
2010	⁽¹⁾ 47
⁽¹⁾ To date.	

Mr Slaughter: To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer pursuant to the answer of 18 October 2010, *Official Report*, columns 548-9W, on EU external trade: Israel, whether the accompanying documentation indicates Israel as the place of origin; and whether he has received a response from the Israeli authorities. [25638]

Mr Gauke: The documentation accompanying the three consignments of products under Commodity Code 3401 3000 referred to in the previous answer, in each case showed Israel as the place of origin. HMRC confirm that a response is still awaited from the Israeli authorities.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101124/text/101124w0003.htm#10112476000082>

Gaza

Baroness Tonge: To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Israel regarding the capacity of the Karni crossing point; and what prospects there are of this operating six days out of seven, as suggested by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.[HL4183]

Baroness Verma: The Minister of State for International Development, the right honourable Alan Duncan MP, raised Gaza access with Israeli Ministers during his recent visit to the region. He pressed for full implementation of the measures announced in June to ease movement and access restrictions. In August, senior officials from the Department for International Development (DFID) discussed the capacity of crossings into Gaza, including that of Karni, with General Dangot, the Co-ordinator for Government Activities in the Territories. We co-ordinate closely with the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) over Gaza and will continue to support its representations to the Israeli authorities as necessary.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/101124w0001.htm#10112460000757>

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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>

Bill

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/020/2011020.pdf>

** Fixed Term Parliaments Bill

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

Committee Stage Proceedings

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/064/pro0642411p.327-329.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>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/am026-e.htm>

Scottish Parliament

Certification of Death Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/index.htm>

End of Life Assistance Bill

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

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Consultations

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Equality Duty: Detailed Proposals - Consultation on Public Sector Equality Duty Draft Regulations and Order (Scotland) (closes 26 November 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/324431/0104438.pdf>

The Future of the Citizenship Survey (closing date 30 November 2010)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/1756366.pdf>

Charity Commission: Proposed withdrawal of paper forms for Annual Returns, Registration applications, and forthcoming Charitable Incorporated Organisations (closes 2 December 2010)

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About_us/About_the_Commission/ols_consultation_intro.aspx

Equality Act 2010 - Performance of the Public Sector Equality Duties in Wales

(closes 17 December 2010)

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/equality/equalityact2010/?lang=en>

Equality and Human Rights Commission: Draft Code of Practice on Further and Higher Education (closes 31 December 2010)

http://live.ehrc.precedenthost.co.uk/cgi-bin/generate.pl?page_id= sx0666i4b&save=screen

Charity Commission for England and Wales: Views on Future Strategy

(closes 14 January 2011)

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_strategic_review.aspx

Improvements to Criminal Justice Statistics (closing date 18 February 2011)

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/statistics-cp171110.htm>

National statistics, published by the Department of Health about the experience of black and minority ethnic patients

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_121762

Prevent Review (closing date not stated)

<http://preventreview.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

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