

# Political Affairs Brief

*A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community*  
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#### **Pupils: Bullying**

**Graham Evans:** To ask the Secretary of State for Education what steps his Department is taking to prevent the use of (a) anti-Semitic and (b) homophobic material in part-time weekend schools. [26644]

**Mr Gibb:** It is unacceptable for anti-Semitic or homophobic material to be used in any part of the education of children in England. We will be bringing forward proposals to ensure that children are properly protected from such material in part-time weekend schools. In developing proposals we will take advice from Ofsted.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101209/text/101209w0002.htm#10120967000014>

#### **Meat: Ritual Slaughter**

**Mr Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what recent discussions she has had with her EU counterparts on the provision contained in amendment 205 to the European Parliament proposal to require label information on the kosher slaughter method; what response she received; and if she will make a statement. [28013]

**Mr Paice:** DEFRA Ministers have held no discussions with EU colleagues on this issue. We do not consider the European Parliament's amendment 205 to the Food Information Regulation to be the correct way to address this, as we would like to see method of slaughter labelling considered in an animal welfare context.

However, we believe people should know what they are buying in shops and when they are eating out and we are discussing with food and catering industries whether labelling and point of sale information can play a greater role in giving consumers an informed choice about the food they buy. All involved agree this is a complex, difficult and sensitive issue.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101207/text/101207w0001.htm#10120736000059>

#### **Poultry**

**Mr Andrew Turner:** To ask the hon. Member for Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross, representing the House of Commons Commission, what arrangements the House of Commons catering service plans to put in place to ensure that the slaughter method of poultry served in its catering outlets is known; when such arrangements will become operational; and from what date such arrangements will be in place. [28800]

**John Thurso:** Incumbent suppliers and suppliers bidding for the award of the contract for the future supply of fresh meats and poultry to the House of Commons catering service have provided written guarantees that they will ensure that no halal slaughtered poultry is supplied unless specifically requested or agreed to by the House of Commons catering service.

It has also been added as a condition of contract with both existing and soon-to-be-appointed suppliers that should the House of Commons catering service be forced to accept halal slaughtered poultry due to market availability, this will firstly be communicated verbally and then clearly indicated by the supplier on the delivery note through the introduction of unique halal product codes and descriptions which will clearly indicate halal slaughter.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101209/text/101209w0001.htm#10120949000051>

### **Chanukah**

**Mr Amess:** To ask the Prime Minister if he will seek to publish in the *Official Report* the text of his Chanukah message to the Jewish community; and if he will make a statement. [29797]

**The Prime Minister:** I am happy to publish the text of my Chanukah message in the *Official Report*. It reads as follows: "I want to pass on my very best wishes to the Jewish community here and around the world for a happy and peaceful Chanukah. The story of Chanukah continues to be an inspiring message of the power of hope to sustain people through the toughest of times, and the strength that we can find when we come together and focus on building a brighter future. I wish you and your families a chanukah sameach."

The message can also be found on the No. 10 website at:

[http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/latest-news/2010/12/pms-message-for-  
chanukah-57735](http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/latest-news/2010/12/pms-message-for-chanukah-57735)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101209/text/101209w0001.htm#10120954000002>

## **Department for Education**

### **Funding for tighter security to protect Jewish schools from anti-semitism**

... CST ... will receive revenue funding for the extra measure of security guards at 39 Jewish voluntary-aided faith schools across England. Parents of children at these schools currently pay around £1.6 million a year out of their own pockets, along with the CST providing £400,000, to ensure their children have a school environment safe from any potential anti-semitic or racist threats. Schools are responsible for funding general security measures such as fencing, gates and CCTV out of their main school budget. However, following assessments obtained by the CST, the extra security provided by guards in place at Jewish faith schools helps ensure pupils and staff remain safe. ...

Michael Gove said: ... Children and staff at these schools should feel safe at school and able to learn in an environment free from any anti-semitic or racist threats. ... The first payment of £650,000 will be paid in arrears for the autumn 2010 term, with up to £2 million funding being provided for 2010-11, subject to further evaluation.

Richard Benson, Chief Executive of Community Security Trust, said: CST is grateful to the Secretary of State for recognising the importance of security provision at state-funded Jewish schools, and for the time he and his Department have spent assessing the problem and constructing a viable solution. ...

**To read the full press release see**

[http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/pressnotices/a0070126/funding-for-tighter-  
security-to-protect-jewish-schools-from-anti-semitism](http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/pressnotices/a0070126/funding-for-tighter-security-to-protect-jewish-schools-from-anti-semitism)

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# Holocaust

## UK Parliamentary Questions

### Auschwitz

**Mr Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent reports he has received on the condition of the site of Auschwitz-Birkenau; what recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on this issue; and if he will make a statement. [28046]

**John Penrose:** I have been asked to reply.

No recent reports have been received and no recent discussions have been held with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on this issue.

**Mr Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs if he will contribute to the fund responsible for the upkeep of Auschwitz-Birkenau; what recent representations he has received on this issue; and if he will make a statement. [28047]

**John Penrose:** I have been asked to reply.

The Government are currently considering their position on contributions to the Perpetuity Fund for the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation. We are also contributing to EU discussions on whether to offer funds to the Foundation and this may influence the way the Government approach this issue.

**Mr Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent representations he has received on funding of Auschwitz-Birkenau Perpetual Fund; and if he will make a statement. [28048]

**John Penrose:** I have been asked to reply.

The Managing Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation visited the Department for Culture, Media and Sport recently to discuss funding. This Department and other Government Departments have received letters from Members of Parliament.

**Mr Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent reports he has received on the operation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Perpetual Fund; and if he will make a statement. [28049]

**John Penrose:** I have been asked to reply.

No recent reports have been received on this issue.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101207/text/101207w0001.htm#10120736000067>

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# Israel

## Westminster Hall Debate

### Detention of Palestinian Children (West Bank)

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*col 23WH* **Sandra Osborne** ... We met another family on the edge of a small village whose home had been attacked more than 90 times by nearby settlers, leading to one death and the destruction of their herd of goats, and therefore of their livelihood. ... However, it was a visit to a military court, where we saw the court process involving Palestinian children, that shocked us to the core ... According to article 37(b) of the UN convention on the rights of the child, "The arrest, detention or imprisonment of a child...shall be used only as a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time". Since 2000, around 6,500 Palestinian children have been detained in Israeli jails. In total, 32% of confessions made by children are taken in Hebrew, a language that is not spoken by most Palestinians. ...

... Israel operates a dual legal system for Israelis and Palestinians, with different ages of responsibility and different levels of protection for Israeli and Palestinian children. In 2009, two thirds of Palestinian children detained reported being physically abused during their time in custody. Allegations of torture remain widespread. ... children are taken away from their home, generally at night, and they are blindfolded, often humiliated, and regularly abused. ... nce in detention, a child is rarely told why they have been arrested, and they are held for up to eight days without access to their family or a lawyer. Interviews take the form of military-style interrogations, and are conducted without video recording, despite demands to end that practice. Forms of abuse that are frequently reported include sleep deprivation, beatings, slapping and kicking, denial of food and water, prolonged periods in uncomfortable conditions, exposure to extreme heat or cold, and denial of access to toilets and washing facilities. ...

... At the end of our all-party group's four-day tour of the occupied west bank, we arrived at the military court of Ofer. We were there to witness just how the Israeli military courts treated Palestinian children. The courtroom procedures were witnessed by our delegation in a tense and distressing atmosphere. There was a jangle of chains outside the door of the courtroom. All the visitors froze. Army officers led child detainees into the military courtroom. The children's legs were shackled, they were handcuffed and they were all kitted out in brown jumpsuits. One had to wonder if the soldiers felt threatened by 13 and 14-year-old boys. ...

... For decades, our Government have said that Israel must adhere to international law, including the fourth Geneva convention, including by ending illegal settlements, home demolitions, collective punishments, the use of human shields and the theft of resources and artefacts. It also means addressing the treatment of Palestinian children in military courts and detention centres. ...

... The [legal] system used by the Israelis breaks international law. That is completely unacceptable, and it is high time that something was done about it. ...

*col 27WH Richard Burden* ... It hit me when I saw the look on the face of a child who only wanted to see his mother, who had come to the court to see her child, probably for the first time since he was arrested in the middle of the night. ... There were not enough seats, and some parents sat in the row behind us. When some of my colleagues offered to give up their seats to the parents ... they were told by the security guard that it was not allowed and that the Palestinian parents had to sit in the second rank. When one sees such things for oneself, one cannot ignore it and say, "Well, this is just something to do with the political situation there." It is totally unacceptable. ...

**Guto Bebb:** ... it is important to point out that ... the vast majority of such children face charges of throwing stones, but is it not the case that much more serious accusations are made against many: for example, being involved in shootings, throwing Molotov cocktails or attacking military vehicles? Is it not the case that in a civilised society, putting somebody on trial for such behaviour is a reasonable response?

**Richard Burden:** I cannot envisage any situation in which a child, whatever they are alleged to have done, should be manacled, shackled and denied the right to see their parents. ... The maximum period of detention without access to a lawyer is 48 hours for an Israeli child, but for Palestinian children it is 90 days. The maximum period for detention without charge for an Israeli child is 40 days, for a Palestinian child it is 188 days. The maximum period of detention between being charged and the conclusion of a trial is 6 months for an Israeli child, but two years for a Palestinian child. Bail is denied in 20% of cases for Israeli children, but in 87.5% of cases for Palestinian children. Custodial sentences are imposed in 6.5% of cases for Israeli children, but in 83% of cases for Palestinian children. If that is not a form of apartheid in the legal system, I do not know how else to describe it. When victims of such apartheid are children, it become even more distasteful. ...

*col 29WH Andrew Smith:* ... Could it be that the culture of subservience that is being inculcated is calculated by the Israeli authorities to confer benefits that outweigh the damage to its international reputation, not least because of the pusillanimity of the

international community when confronted with such blatant disregard for human rights and international law? ...

**Guto Bebb:** ... I do not believe for one second that Israel would behave in that way unless it was faced with an insurrection that put its citizens in danger, and that insurrection is unfortunately utilising young people in the Palestinian territories. Does he not condemn the use of young people by terrorist organisations in the Palestinian territories to attack Israeli citizens? ... context is crucial. ... we have heard various claims about stone throwing and so on, but nothing, for example, about the 54 young children who were arrested for throwing grenades. ...

*col 31WH* **Grahame Morris:** ... seeing the treatment of Palestinian child detainees was shocking... the image of children of 12 and 13 in prison fatigues with leg irons and manacles being marched into court was appalling. ... standard operating procedure is as follows. Palestinian children are often arrested at checkpoints. They are not arrested in situ for throwing stones at the army-the arrests happen afterwards. Children may be taken off the street or, most commonly, from the family home. During house arrests, large numbers of Israeli soldiers typically surround the family home, often in the early hours of the morning, between 2 am and 4 am, and, once a child has been identified for arrest, he or she is often roughed up-slapped or kicked-then blindfolded, and their hands are tied behind their back with a plastic tie. The child would then be placed in the back of a military vehicle, often on the floor, and, again, they would suffer further physical and psychological abuse on the way to interrogation and detention centres. ...

*col 33WH* **Guto Bebb:** ... numerous references have been made to stone-throwing, but there has been no recognition of the fact that, for example, 217 Palestinian children were arrested between 2000 and 2009 for involvement in suicide bombings. Several references have also been made to torture; the international Red Cross has never censured Israel for any torturous behaviour in its prisons. ...

**Grahame Morris:** ... Common interrogation practices include slapping and kicking, verbal abuse of and shouting at children, who are often threatened into confessing. Threats are made against the child's family, including the threat of having their homes demolished or having travel documents withdrawn, which means that the family will no longer be able to work. In most cases the children confess to the allegations put to them within the first couple of hours. It is not uncommon for children to be given a confession written in Hebrew, on which their signatures are put. Hon. Members should remember that, often, these children do not understand Hebrew. ... The Israelis pretend that they are adhering to their obligations under international conventions, and we in the west pretend that we believe they are adhering to these conventions. ...

*col 35WH* **Guto Bebb:** Labour Members seem to treat Israel as a special case. In effect, they are saying that even if the children in question are guilty ... Israel has no right to self-defence. ...

**Ian Lavery:** ... The simple answer is that even if children are 100% guilty, there is no justification whatever for treating them in the way they are being treated. ... Palestinian children have been used as human shields and their lives have been put at risk. ... Young people were threatened with electric shocks ... But electric shocks are not just threatened; they are used in interrogation. ... they are blindfolded, with shackled arms and feet, and threatened with electric shocks. We heard reports from DCI that some children have had electrodes attached to their genitals with the threat of electric shocks. ... The youngest boy to be mistreated was only seven years old. ...

*col 37WH* **Stephen Twigg:** ... although I am a friend of Israel, I condemn everything that we have heard about today. That should not be difficult for a friend of Israel to do. If we are serious about the peace process, those of us who have long been friends of Israel must be clear that we are also friends of the Palestinians. ... even if Israel argues that obligations on human rights do not apply in the case of an occupied territory, international humanitarian law is clear and should be respected. ...

*col 40WH* **The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Alistair Burt):** ... The human rights situation in the occupied

Palestinian territories continues to cause concern and was high on the agenda of my right hon. Friend the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs during his recent visit to Israel and the occupied territories. ... The only thing that will end what we have spent so much of our time discussing over the years is a settlement that is agreed on both sides. ... It has to be a two-state solution—a secure and recognised Israel side by side with a viable Palestine; Jerusalem as a shared capital; and answers to the issues relating to refugees and resources. ... for the sake of completeness, it is important to place these points on the record as well. The UK Government have very serious concerns about the human rights record of Hamas in Gaza. That includes arbitrary detention, repression of dissent, curtailment of free speech and the suppression of women's rights, as well as the ongoing threat to Israel's civilian population from indiscriminate rocket fire and the continued detention of Gilad Shalit without access to the Red Cross or contact with his family. ... it is important to set the issue of human rights in the west bank in context. As I mentioned, there is no doubt about the universality of human rights principles, but it important to recognise that Israel has real security concerns that need to be addressed.

... we have a number of concerns about the application of due process and the treatment of Palestinian detainees, in particular where Palestinian children are involved. ... All prisoners should have access to a fair trial.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101207/halltext/101207h0001.htm#10120726000002>

## UK Parliamentary Questions

### Middle East: Armed Conflict

**Guto Bebb:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent reports he has received on the number of incidents of cargo ships carrying arms to (a) Hamas, (b) Hezbollah and (c) Iraqi insurgents being seized by state authorities since 1 January 2010; and if he will make a statement. [28486]

**Alistair Burt:** We have received no recent reports of cargo ships carrying arms to Hamas, Hizballah or Iraqi insurgents. However, we remain concerned at reports of arms transfers to Hamas and Hizballah more generally and continue to call on all parties in the region to respect UN Security Council Resolutions 1860 and 1701. Together with our international partners we will take action wherever possible to halt the smuggling of illegal arms.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101207/text/101207w0001.htm#10120736000080>

### Israel

**Lord Hylton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Howell of Guildford on 23 November (WA 307), what was the content of the reply received by HM Ambassador from the Government of Israel on the last occasion he raised the issue of protection for minority groups.[HL4535]

**The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Lord Howell of Guildford):** It is important for these discussions to take place in private. If the United Kingdom does not maintain this trust and confidence, its ability to protect and promote UK interests through international relations will be hampered. I can assure the noble Lord that we will, however, continue to raise this issue as and when necessary.

**Lord Hylton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Howell of Guildford on 25 November (HL4009), whether Mr Mahmoud Ramhi has been released; and, if not, whether they have made representations to the Government of Israel to ensure that his case is promptly and fairly reviewed by a court and that his family has access to him.[HL4616]

**Lord Howell of Guildford:** We understand that Mr Mahmoud Ramhi has been

held in administrative detention in Ofer prison in the West Bank since 10 November.

Our embassy in Tel Aviv discusses concerns regarding the treatment of Palestinian prisoners with the Government of Israel on a regular basis, underlining our view on the need for immediate action to ensure that all cases are reviewed by a court in accordance with fair procedures, and that rights, particularly the rights to a fair trial and family visits, are upheld. These points were discussed most recently on 23 November. We will continue to raise these points with the Government of Israel as necessary.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/101208w0001.htm#10120861000574>

## Foreign and Commonwealth Office

### **Foreign Secretary "disappointed" Israel has not renewed the freeze on settlement construction**

Foreign Secretary William Hague said that settlements are illegal under international law and an obstacle to peace. ... "I am disappointed that Israel has not renewed the freeze on settlement construction and that peace talks are currently on hold. It is Britain's longstanding view that settlements are illegal under international law and an obstacle to peace. I spoke to US Envoy Senator Mitchell to underline Britain's support for work to find a way forward. The leadership of the United States remains vital.

There is an urgent need for progress to secure a two state solution, based on 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as the future capital of two states and with a fair settlement for refugees. This is important for Israelis, for Palestinians and for the international community including the UK. We will continue to work with the United States, the parties to the conflict and with our EU and UN partners to achieve a two state solution. In addition, we will continue to press for an end to all settlement activity.

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=346642682>

### **Human rights of Palestinian children in the West Bank**

Minister for the Middle East Alistair Burt [described] some of the UK's serious concerns about the human rights record of Hamas in Gaza. ... whilst "there is no doubt about the universality of human rights principles, it important to recognise that Israel has real security concerns that need to be addressed", and that Israel has a "right to impose various security restrictions to protect its population". Having made this clear, the Minister went on to outline the UK's concerns about Israeli treatment of some Palestinian detainees.

"We have a number of concerns about the application of due process and the treatment of Palestinian detainees, in particular where Palestinian children are involved ... we are concerned that Palestinian detainees are dealt with by the Israeli military court system, irrespective of the charges, whereas Israeli settlers who commit violence against Palestinians and their land are dealt with by Israel's civil justice system. ...

Since September 2000, over 2,500 children have been arrested. At least 256 Palestinian children are being held in Israeli prisons, including 34 children under the age of 16. ...

The Minister for the Middle East welcomed Israel's announcement of a new juvenile court within its military judicial system: "It is important that Israel has acknowledged that child detainees need to be treated differently from adults, and perhaps the consistent and persistent work of NGOs and parliamentarians is having some impact. We believe that it is even more important that that announcement now translates into changes on the ground in the treatment of minors....

**To read the full press release see**

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=351938682>

## European Union

### **Statement by the spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative, on exports from Gaza**

... Enabling large-scale Palestinian exports in a sustainable way is essential to promote economic development in the Gaza Strip. Yesterday's announcement by the government of Israel is a positive further step in the right direction. Since the government's decision from 20 June, there has been some positive change on the ground. Further efforts and complementary measures are needed to revitalise the Gaza economy, create jobs and strengthen the private sector. Our objective is to improve the lives of the ordinary people of Gaza while addressing the legitimate security concerns of Israel. We support the Palestinian Authority in their desire to return to the crossings.

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu//uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/118351.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu//uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/118351.pdf)

## United Nations

### **UN envoy calls for 'strategy adjustment' in Middle East peace efforts**

A senior United Nations official today called for a "strategy adjustment" in the face of continued Israeli settlement activity in the occupied Palestinian territory, which he said is causing a crisis of confidence in Middle East peace efforts.

"Settlements are contrary to the Road Map and international law and their continuation is causing a crisis of confidence in the effort to bring about meaningful political negotiations," UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry said ... In light of the persistent deadlock on this issue, a strategy adjustment is essential," he added. He gave no details of such an adjustment other than to call on the international community to act in unison to promote a negotiated end-game for a two-State solution.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also noted "with regret that Israel will not heed the united call of the international community, as reflected by the Quartet, to extend the settlement restraint policy," a [statement](#) issued by his spokesman said ...

On another point, Mr. Serry called Israel's decision today to allow exports from Gaza a "more positive note," and said the Government had assured him that exports will be permitted both to foreign destinations and to the West Bank. ... It is essential for calm to be respected and I call on militants to cease indiscriminate firing of any rockets from the Gaza strip toward Israel," he added. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36993&Cr=palestin&Cr1=>

### **In meeting with Israeli defence minister, Ban voices concern over settlements**

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today [expressed](#) concern over the settlement activity in the West Bank and East Jerusalem at a meeting with Israel's Defence Minister Ehud Barak ...

The Secretary-General took positive note of the decision by the Government of Israel to allow exports from Gaza, which he sees as essential to revive Gaza's economy ... He also urged Mr. Barak to facilitate additional UN reconstruction work in Gaza, and touched on the issue of the freedom of movement for the UN between Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Also raised during the meeting at UN Headquarters was the Secretary-General's continuing concern at the detention of Gilad Shalit ...

**To read the full press release see**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37012&Cr=palestin&Cr1=>

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## Relevant Legislation \*\* New or updated

### UK Parliament

#### **Daylight Saving Bill**

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

#### **\*\* Fixed Term Parliaments Bill**

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

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/119/amend/psc1190912a.1253.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/su026-iiia.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/su026-iiib.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/ml026-iv.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/101208-0001.htm#10120863000336>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/101208-0002.htm#10120886000196>

#### **Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill**

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

### Scottish Parliament

#### **\*\* Certification of Death Bill**

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

Stage 1 evidence, Health and Sport Committee

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/hs/or-10/he10-3502.htm#Col3744>

Subordinate Legislation Committee Report

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/subleg/reports-10/sur10-66.htm>

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## Consultations \*\* new or updated

#### **\*\* closes in 7 days**

**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](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](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](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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