

# Political Affairs Digest

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

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#### **Prime Minister's speech at antisemitism reception**

Prime Minister Theresa May spoke at a reception in Downing Street on antisemitism and misogyny. ...

2018 was the year in which Claire Kober ... stepped down as a council leader after facing a torrent of personal abuse in which, as she said, "the only thing worse than the sexism was the antisemitism".

It was the year in which journalist Karen Glaser felt compelled to write that "When my mother came to Britain in the Sixties she stopped feeling scared of being Jewish. But now, 50 years later, she was feeling frightened again."

And it was the year in which Parliament heard women MPs, many of whom are here today, describing the deluge of vile misogynistic and antisemitic threats they receive on a near-daily basis.

The research published at today's conference, showing that Jewish women politicians are more likely to attract the attentions of far-Right hate groups, was deeply disturbing. ...

In both data and anecdote, the evidence is clear: in 2018, in the United Kingdom, Jewish women are increasingly coming under dual attack. Abused for being women and abused for being Jewish.

These attitudes are not limited to the far Right. As is so often the case with antisemitism, bigotry directed at Jewish women also comes from those who would never consider themselves to be racist, including within the women's rights movement itself.

Some Jewish women have been told that they're not "real" feminists unless they publically disavow Israel's right to exist, or been thrown off pride marches for flying rainbow flags that feature the Star of David. And as one British Jew put it earlier this year, "Going on a ... women's rights march can be a tricky affair when you find yourself marching alongside people carrying banners merging the Israeli flag with a swastika". ...

This kind of double-standard is often justified by the old canard that antisemitism isn't really racism, as racism can only "punch down" and Jews are universally wealthy and powerful – an argument that is, in itself, deeply antisemitic.

I have no time for equivocation. Antisemitism is racism – and any "equality" movement that indulges or ignores it is not worthy of the name.

Because hatred and discrimination must be tackled wherever and however it rears its head. And I'm proud to lead a government that is doing so.

We're making sure courts have powers they need to deal with those who peddle hatred, asking the Law Commission to undertake a full review of hate crime legislation.

We're working to stem the rising tide of online bigotry ...

We're standing up for women's rights at home and abroad ...

We're removing all hiding places for antisemitism, becoming the first government in the world to adopt the IHRA's working definition – and all its examples.

And we're protecting Jewish people from the kind of violent attacks their community has experienced in the United States and Europe, which is why we continue to provide more than £13 million of funding to the Community Security Trust each year.

But tackling the visible symptoms of hatred is only half the battle. To eradicate a noxious weed you must also remove its root, which is why we are also committed to educating people about where bigotry can lead.

Standing in the heart of our democracy on a site right next to Parliament, the National Holocaust Memorial will be accompanied by an education centre that will lead a national effort to fight hatred and prejudice in all its forms. As the Chancellor announced in last month's Budget, we will also provide £1.7 million for school programmes marking the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen.

And we are continuing to support the Holocaust Educational Trust, not just backing its Lessons From Auschwitz programme but extending it to cover universities. ...

As Claire Kober said when she was bombarded with abuse, "to be tolerant is to be complicit".

So thank you for refusing to tolerate antisemitism and misogyny in any form.

Thank you for refusing to be complicit and look the other way when confronted with bigotry of any kind. ...

Freedom of thought and freedom of speech have never meant freedom to abuse and freedom to threaten.

Antisemitism and misogyny have no place in this country.

Hatred can be defeated.

Hatred must be defeated. ...

**To read the full transcript see**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-speech-at-antisemitism-reception-26-november-2018>

*The research referred to above is not yet available online*

## Commission for Countering Extremism

### Lead Commissioner chairs discussion at Anti-Semitism Conference

Lead Commissioner Sara Khan ... said: "Anti-Semitism and the gendered abuse experienced by women, must be unequivocally condemned and rooted out, whenever and wherever they are found. As a Commission, we stand in solidarity with all victims of hate and extremism.

Anti-Semitism – one of the oldest forms of prejudice – continues to exist at shocking levels. This research reveals how Jews - in particular Jewish women in public life - are being named, targeted and dehumanised on Far Right extremist websites. This is taking place at a time of rising recorded anti-Semitic incidents and when female Jewish politicians in our own country have publicly highlighted the threats of violence they continue to receive.

"It is unacceptable that far right websites are able to propagate wholesale extremist propaganda and hatred. This not only has consequences on those individuals who are targeted, but on entire communities. I am concerned that such websites not only contribute to the mainstreaming and normalising of anti-Semitism and misogyny; but also create a climate that is conducive to acts of hate crime and violence. It has been less than four weeks since the horrific attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh

where 11 people were killed by suspect Robert Bowers who had a history of promoting Anti-Semitic conspiracy theories on far right websites and social media. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://extremismcommission.blog.gov.uk/2018/11/26/leader-commissioner-attends-antisemitism-conference/>

## UK Parliament All Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims

**Islamophobia Defined: The inquiry into a working definition of Islamophobia**

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/599c3d2febbd1a90cffdd8a9/t/5bfd1ea3352f531a6170ceee/1543315109493/Islamophobia+Defined.pdf>

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## Holocaust

### House of Lords Debate

#### **Kindertransport Commemoration**

*col 513* **Lord Dubs (Labour):** To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the decision to allow Kindertransport children to come to the United Kingdom.

My Lords, many of you will be familiar with the plaque just off Central Lobby in the House of Commons, which was unveiled in 1999 and says: "In deep gratitude to the people and Parliament of the United Kingdom for saving the lives of 10,000 Jewish and other children who fled to this country from Nazi persecution on the Kindertransport 1938-1939".

It is a big thank you that we rededicated about a year and a half ago in the presence of the Chief Rabbi, the most reverend Primate the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Speaker of the Commons. I was one of the children who came under that scheme. ...

The importance of 1938-39 is that, in under 12 months, Britain accepted 10,000 unaccompanied children. ...

I understand that the British Government set a condition that children were to be aged 16 or under and were to come to Britain strictly on the condition that they would be emigrated when they reached 18. I say to the Government and the Home Office: I am still here. ...

*col 514* The best way to commemorate the 1938 decision is for the UK to agree to accept 10,000 unaccompanied child refugees over the next 10 years. That is 1,000 per annum, or three per local authority. It is a very modest request indeed, but with an additional difference that these would come from not just Europe but the region. ...

To date, our record is not wonderful. Under Section 67—the amendment I moved—we have accepted 280 unaccompanied child refugees from Europe. The Government arbitrarily said that they would cap the number at 480. ... Then, under the Dublin treaty we have taken about 800. That is the treaty whereby a child in one EU country can join relatives in another ...

*col 515* Then we had the vulnerable persons resettlement scheme, which the Government set up to take 20,000 refugees—not just children—over five years. To this were added 3,000 mainly children. I understand that of the 3,000 mainly children we have had only about 200 so far ...

*col 516* The crucial part of all this is public opinion. We must get public opinion onside. In 1938-39 public opinion was by and large supportive of child refugees. I believe that the same is true today. Whatever the arguments and concerns around immigration, I believe

that if it is put to the British people that we can do more for unaccompanied child refugees than we have done until now, most British people will say, “Yes, we could. Yes, we should”. ...

I understand that in 2017, 33,000 children—many unaccompanied—arrived in Europe. ...

**Lord Polak (Conservative):** ... In preparation for my short contribution, I made one visit and one phone call. The visit was to Dr Hilda Cohen, a close friend of my wife’s family, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. I visited her on Friday morning because as a 10 year-old girl she was sent on the Kindertransport to the UK. She brought Kristallnacht to life for me. She talked of the flames, the burning and the destruction of her own synagogue in Frankfurt on the night of Wednesday 9 November 1938. Just two days later, her father was taken away from the family Shabbat table. ... In July 1939 Hilda was taken by her parents to Frankfurt station. They were not a kissing and hugging family but Hilda recalled, some 80 years later, that there was kissing and hugging as she left with a small bag containing her prayer book, her Bible, some silver ladles and a few photos. That, of course, was the last day she saw her parents and brother. ...

*col 517* ... Hilda, aged 11, found herself in Merthyr in south Wales, and she was looked after by a childless couple who showed her selfless kindness. Hilda went on to study medicine. She became a doctor and worked for many years in the blood transfusion unit. She became a Cardiff city councillor and a JP serving on the Bench in south Wales for more than 40 years. ...

For me, the 80th anniversary of the Kindertransport is a reminder of acts of kindness and bravery, a commitment to one’s fellows and a striving for a better world. ...

**Lord Judd (Labour):** ... It is important that when we are confronted with issues such as this, we do not just agonise but do something. ... the best way in which we can honour those who were courageous enough to stand up and organise the transport for those who were able to come—the best tribute—is to remember those who were not able to come: the millions who died in the concentration camps and the Holocaust. We should also recommit ourselves to an overriding drive to ensure that such things cannot happen again. We must work effectively and internationally to deal with the causes of what we were confronted with in the 1930s. ...

*col 518* Families are psychologically crucial to the developing and maturing child. Can we really not become more imaginative about the arrangements that can be made to enable some relatives—at least one—to come and join a child who has made it to the UK? This could have a tremendous impact on the future of the child and on their well-being and security. ...

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno (Liberal Democrat):** ... At the moment, we are particularly busy with Syrian refugees, youngsters and so on, and with the kids of the Yemen and so many others in the world, yet there is one place that really stirs my heart, and that is Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. It is the memorial to the 6 million Jewish people who were slaughtered in Hitler’s Germany. Of that number, 1.5 million were children. When you go into that memorial, you hear the voices of kids, you see the lights representing every child there. Their names are not John, Philip, David or Roger. They are the names of children who were still children even though they had different names. ...

*col 519* My great day of despair in this House was when we were discussing the amendment by the noble Lord, Lord Dubs, to bring in 3,000 children from Syria. I will never forget seeing the troops going into the No Lobby. That hurt me very much and it did not help anyone. Now we have maybe between 200 and 400 of those children in this country instead of 3,000. We could have accommodated them—of course we could. ...

*col 520* **The Lord Bishop of Durham:** ... When we concern ourselves solely with what the Government should do about asylum and the resettlement of refugees, the focus becomes too narrow. Disproportionate attention is given to questions of affordability and enforcement. They are not where discussion should begin. Any action to welcome and integrate refugees must be a whole society effort, in which the Government play a crucial part, but only one part.

col 521 The Church of England—as, I know, do other faith communities—stands ready to work with the Minister to design a scheme to facilitate the expanded welcome and flourishing of these children. ... Eighty years on from the Kindertransport, we stand in the legacy that was marked both by local acts and national leadership. It is clear that the only appropriate commemoration is to go and do likewise. It is now our turn. ...

**Lord Shinkwin (Conservative):** ... I am an indirect beneficiary of the Kindertransport. Had Hanus Weisl, the teenager who would become my orthopaedic surgeon, not made it on to the last train out of Prague before the Nazis closed the border in June 1939, the chances are I would not have made it here to your Lordships' House. It was due, in large part, to his expert care between birth and 13 that I had the best possible medical start to life. ...

col 522 But I speak, as many other noble Lords have done, with a sense of sadness as well, because I think of those who did not escape—those family members who probably waved Hanus off that summer's day, none of whom would survive the Holocaust. ...

Although, of course, the family members who gathered at Prague station that June day would have been gripped by a deep sense of foreboding, could any one of them have foreseen the full extent of the Nazis' murderous, racist intent? No. But 80 years on, we have no such excuse. For if the Holocaust teaches us anything, it is surely that we now know how far and how fast humanity is capable of falling and how important it is always to remember and learn from that very painful lesson.

I hope that my noble friend the Minister will agree that there could be no more fitting commemoration of both the Kindertransport and those who did not escape to safety than a renewed commitment, by all parties, to combat the racism that is anti-Semitism. ...

**Baroness Henig (Labour):** ... saving 10,000 Jewish children was undoubtedly a great achievement, but the British Government's role was decidedly minimal. They issued the vital visas and facilitated entry for the children, but the people we should really celebrate are the religious groups—mainly Jewish and Quaker—which raised the funds and shouldered most of the administration of the scheme, the families who took in the children and the sponsors who liaised with them. ...

col 523 The reason for that was the Government's view that the children must not be a burden on the public purse. Thanks to the organisers, host families and sponsors, they were not. Reading the House of Commons debate from 1938 about the plight of Jewish refugees ... was a depressing experience, because little has changed in the intervening 80 years. Governments are as unaccommodating as ever. ...

col 524 **Lord Alton of Liverpool (Crossbench):** ... While we are right to praise the singular individuals—heroes like Bonhoeffer, Kolbe, Schindler, Frank Foley and Raoul Wallenberg—who all refused to accommodate anti-Semitism and hatred of other minorities, we must not become too self-congratulatory or slip into a sentimental nostalgia. Overwhelmingly, people actively collaborated or remained silent. Kindertransport saved the lives of an estimated 10,000 children, each and every one of them precious. But never forget that the Nazis and their collaborators killed as many as 1.5 million children—including over a million Jewish children ... They also murdered tens of thousands of Romany children, German children with physical and mental disabilities ... and children from Poland and occupied Soviet territory. Six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust, and most Kindertransport children would never see their parents again. ...

When the noble Lord, Lord Dubs, moved his amendment to receive some of today's fleeing refugee children, I was honoured to be one of the other signatories. But to be clear, according to Safe Passage, only 220 of the 480 places to be provided under the scheme put forward by the noble Lord have been filled. ...

Elsewhere, children of Christians and Ahmadis fleeing from Pakistan are kept like caged animals in detention centres. ...

**Lord Popat (Conservative):** ... It is a chance to reflect on what the Kindertransport programme symbolises still today: Britain's moral courage in the face of injustice;

Britain's compassion for people who suffer; and Britain's belief in opportunity for all. These values are the very definition of what it means to be British and we would do well to remember and honour that. ...

I cannot begin to imagine the agony suffered by those parents who faced the cruellest of choices and made the greatest of sacrifices, never knowing when or if their families would be reunited. Most were not. What I do know is that those refugees, like many who came before and after them, grew up to be exemplary citizens. The Jewish community is the best of British; it has enriched this country and provided positive role-models for all immigrants, including the British Indian community, who look to the Jewish community for inspiration.

*col 526* ... the Jews were victims of the darkest chapter in humanity's history: the Holocaust. We learned from the Jewish community in the UK that no matter how great the obstacles, how challenging the circumstances or how painful the past, the future is yours, and yours alone, to shape. ...

We should recognise that Jewish people did not integrate after they succeeded; they were successful precisely because they integrated. They did not see themselves as Jews who happened to live in Britain but as British Jews whose first loyalty was to the country that granted them protection. With loyalty comes responsibility. Jewish people embraced British values and worked hard because they knew that no amount of charity and sympathy would substitute the rewards of self-reliance—and by that I do not mean individual riches but the rewards to be had from benefiting the whole of society. ...

If this is the contribution of 10,000 lives, imagine what the world lost from the 6 million souls who perished in the Holocaust. ...

It pains me that we are commemorating this milestone at a time when Jewish people feel under threat, when we are seeing a backlash against immigrants in a climate of rising intolerance, and when millions of people around the world continue to suffer persecution. ...

*col 529* **Lord Beecham (Labour):** ... The world has seen and, alas, continues to see too much young, innocent blood spilled with ruthless indifference in wars between and within countries—sometimes in the name of religion or nationality, but always with shameless disregard for human life and well-being. ... Often, people flee not only from the brutality of war but from the hardships engendered by poverty, hunger and disease, or in search of the freedom to practise their own faith, or to escape regimes that deny freedom of thought and speech, ruthlessly dividing the societies they purport to govern. How we react to the problems faced by these innocent victims is a measure of our claims to uphold human rights and needs to be assessed at international, national and local levels. ...

*col 530* **The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Wales Office (Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth):** ... The commemoration of Kristallnacht and Kindertransport 80 years on is crucially important, but it is part of a much broader and ever more challenging problem, not just for the United Kingdom but for the world ...

It is also important to mention our own UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre, which I know noble Lords are committed to, which will be going up next to Parliament. Work continues on that project, led by Ed Balls and my noble friend Lord Pickles. We are now at the stage of talking about the content there, which will obviously be focusing on the Holocaust but also on subsequent genocides that have occurred in the world ...

*col 532* Looking back, we are always proud of what we did but perhaps feel that we should have done more. We should always ask the question: could we have done more? Almost inevitably the answer will be yes. ...

**To read the full transcript see**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2018-11-26/debates/CD95D482-2B27-4645-A18E-6865B7338DF7/KindertransportCommemoration>

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## House of Lords Written Answers

### **Israeli Settlements: Palestinians**

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL11419] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they will make to the government of Israel about violence against Palestinian school children in the West Bank by Israeli settlers.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** While we have not made representations on this specific issue, officials from our Embassy in Tel Aviv raised the issue of settler violence and the importance of accountability with the Israeli Ministry of Justice on 29 October. The Government condemns any violence by settlers against Palestinians. We note the efforts of Israeli authorities to tackle settler violence, and urge thorough investigation of every instance to bring those responsible to justice. We have also stressed to the Israeli authorities the importance of Israeli security forces providing appropriate protection to the Palestinian civilian population from settler violence and intimidation.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-11-12/HL11419/>

### **Israeli Settlements: Palestinians**

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL11420] To ask Her Majesty's Government what action they will take to protect UNICEF's protective presence teams who have been subjected to physical attacks, harassment, arrest and detention, and death threats while trying to protect Palestinian school children in the West Bank from Israeli settlers.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The UK is concerned about the shrinking protection space for humanitarian actors in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and reports of violence and threats against their staff. UK officials are working with our partners and the EU to explore how best to address this growing challenge. We condemn any incidence of violence by settlers against Palestinians and stress the importance of the Israel security forces providing appropriate protection to the Palestinian civilian population.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-11-12/HL11420/>

### **Israel: West Bank**

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL11421] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they are making to the government of Israel about the killing of a Palestinian man in the West Bank village of Tammun by Israeli forces using live fire.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** We have not discussed this specific issue with the Israeli authorities. We are concerned at the high numbers of Palestinians killed by the Israel Defence Forces in the West Bank and Gaza. We have repeatedly made clear to Israel our longstanding concerns about its conduct in its occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and we encourage the Israeli authorities to carry out transparent investigations into whether the use of live fire has been appropriate.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-11-12/HL11421/>

### **Aisha al-Rabi**

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL11422] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Israel about the cancellation of work permits for the relatives of Aisha Al-Rabi, the Palestinian woman reportedly killed by stones thrown by Israeli settlers.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** We have not raised this specific issue with the Israeli authorities. We condemn any incidence of violence by settlers against Palestinians and urge the Israeli authorities to thoroughly investigate every instance and bring those responsible to justice. We have also stressed the importance of the Israel security forces' providing appropriate protection to the Palestinian civilian population.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-11-12/HL11422/>

### Israeli Settlements

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL11423] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they are making to the government of Israel following the eviction of Palestinians from their homes in East Jerusalem to make way for Israeli settlers.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** Whilst we have not raised this specific issue with the Israeli authorities, we regularly make clear our serious concerns about the situation in East Jerusalem to the Israeli authorities and the Municipality of Jerusalem, both bilaterally and in co-operation with EU partners. These concerns include the evictions of Palestinians and demolition of Palestinian property, which cause unnecessary suffering to ordinary Palestinians, calls into question Israel's commitment to a viable two-state solution, and, in all but the most exceptional cases, are contrary to International Humanitarian Law.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-11-12/HL11423/>

### Jerusalem: Churches

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL11424] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they are making to the government of Israel about the force used against Coptic Christian monks who were peacefully demonstrating near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** Whilst we have not raised this specific issue with the Israeli authorities, we regularly encourage Israel to deploy security measures in a way which minimises tension and uses appropriate force. The UK supports the religious status quo in Jerusalem, and calls on all relevant parties to respect and uphold it.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-11-12/HL11424/>

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## Other Relevant Information

### CNN

#### **A Shadow Over Europe: CNN poll reveals depth of anti-Semitism in Europe**

... The CNN/ComRes poll interviewed more than 7,000 people across Europe, with more than 1,000 respondents each in Austria, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Poland and Sweden. The poll was commissioned and completed before the killing of 11 people at a synagogue in Pittsburgh -- the deadliest ever attack on the Jewish community in the United States.

The poll uncovered complicated, contrasting and sometimes disturbing attitudes about Jews, and some startling ignorance.

About one European in 20 in the countries CNN surveyed has never heard of the Holocaust ...

A third of Europeans said that Jews use the Holocaust to advance their own positions or goals. ...

But Europeans do believe it is important to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive.

Two-thirds of Europeans said that commemorating the Holocaust helps ensure that such atrocities will never happen again. ...

A slight but solid majority of Europeans -- 54% -- said Israel has the right to exist as a Jewish state ...

A third of survey respondents believe that criticism of Israel tends to be motivated by anti-Semitism, while only one in five said it does not.

Nearly one in five said anti-Semitism in their countries was a response to the everyday behavior of Jewish people. ...

And while many people said anti-Semitism is a growing problem in their countries -- to the extent that 40% said Jews were at risk of racist violence in their countries and half said their governments should do more to fight anti-Semitism -- substantial minorities blamed Israel or Jews themselves for anti-Semitism.

More than a quarter of respondents (28%) said most anti-Semitism in their countries was a response to the actions of the state of Israel.

And nearly one in five (18%) said anti-Semitism in their countries was a response to the everyday behavior of Jewish people. ...

One out of three people said Jews were too influential in political affairs around the world ...

About two-thirds of the respondents in the survey guessed too high when asked what percentage of the world is Jewish, and similar numbers got the answer wrong for their own countries. ...

**To read the full findings see**

<https://edition.cnn.com/interactive/2018/11/europe/antisemitism-poll-2018-intl/>

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## **Relevant Legislation** \*\* new or updated today

### **UK Parliament**

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

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

#### **Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/marriageact1949amendment.html>

#### **Online Forums Bill**

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

#### **Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill**

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

#### **Palestinian Statehood (Recognition) Bill**

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

## Scottish Parliament

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

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

Health and Sport Committee: Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11797&i=106748#ScotParlOR>

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## Consultations

\*\* new or updated today

**Reform of the legal requirements for divorce** (closing date 10 December 2018)

<https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/reform-of-the-legal-requirements-for-divorce/>

**The future of civil partnership in Scotland** (closing date 21 December 2018)

<https://consult.gov.scot/family-law/the-future-of-civil-partnership-in-scotland/>

**2021 Census: Outputs Strategy Consultation for Northern Ireland** (closing date 9 January 2019)

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/consultations/dfp/2021-census-outputs-strategy-consultation-for-northern-ireland-document.pdf>

**Extremism in England and Wales** (closing date 31 January 2018)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/extremism-in-england-and-wales-call-for-evidence>

**Draft guidance to challenge bullying in schools** [Wales only] (closing date 15 February 2019)

<https://beta.gov.wales/draft-guidance-challenge-bullying-schools>

**One Scotland: Hate Has No Home Here** (closing date 24 February 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/hate-crime/consultation-on-scottish-hate-crime-legislation/>

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