



# Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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### Charity Commission

#### **Regulator investigating eight linked fraudulent charities**

The Charity Commission is today announcing a class statutory inquiry into a group of charities alleged to be involved in money laundering, which had common trustees.

- The charities are:
- Chabad UK ([1118547](#))
- Havenpoint Worldwide Limited ([1122120](#))
- Mamosh Worldwide Limited ([1118730](#))
- Or Simcha ([1119522](#))
- Ozer Dalim limited ([1118537](#))
- Pikuach Nefesh Ltd ([1115619](#))
- Worldwide Hatzala Ltd ([1115623](#))
- Havenpoint Limited (removed)

The Commission has been investigating the charities since June 2014 when it was notified of a Metropolitan Police investigation into the charities over concerns that they were being used to launder £10 million. The Commission assessed information and found a pattern of regulatory concerns across the charities; these included signs of fraud and mismanagement.

The Commission therefore opened a class statutory inquiry on 13 June 2014. It has been unable to announce the investigation until now so as to avoid prejudicing criminal proceedings, under which the inquiry has been working closely with the Metropolitan Police. On 26 June 2019 the administrator of Chabad UK was convicted of laundering money through the charities, as well as for supplying false information to the Commission. He was [sentenced](#) at Southwark Crown Court on 4 July 2019.

Amy Spiller, Head of Investigations Team at the Charity Commission, said: This case has involved a dishonest abuse of charity and we welcome the sentence. Charities exist to do good and strengthen society, so abuse of position of this kind has no place in charity. It is right that the individual has been held to account for his actions through the conviction.

The inquiry has included examining:

- the use of the charities for a non-charitable purpose and as a conduit to launder the proceeds of crime;
- the misapplication of charitable funds for an improper or criminal purpose;
- personal benefit to trustees in breach of trust;
- how the charities were set up;
- the supply of false or misleading information to the Commission.

The Commission will now progress the final stages of its inquiry and report on its findings and conclusions in due course. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/regulator-investigating-eight-linked-fraudulent-charities>

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## Israel

### House of Commons Written Answers

#### **Palestinians: Schools**

**Joan Ryan (Change UK) [272116]** To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, pursuant to the Answer of 15 February 2019 to Question 220733, whether the independent review of Palestinian Authority textbooks will be published by September 2019.

**Andrew Murrison:** Given the seriousness with which the UK takes the allegations of incitement in the Palestinian pilot curriculum and textbooks we have taken the time needed to make sure that the independent review delivered will be rigorous, credible and can form the basis for discussions with the Palestinian Authority (PA) on this important issue. Securing the backing of the wider international community is central to this. We are pleased that after calls by the UK government for international action the European Union (EU) agreed to lead and co-fund the independent review. DFID has pressed hard to expedite this and had hope to make findings available to Parliament by September 2019, including by commissioning an inception report to form the basis of the independent review.

The EU are currently in contracting negotiations with a potential service partner. Following this negotiation DFID will provide an update to Parliamentarians on the timetable for the report. We recognise that publishing findings by September is now very unlikely, although we anticipate only a short delay. In the interim, we are continuing to raise our concerns about incitement in education, which I did personally at a meeting with the Palestinian Authority Education Minister in Ramallah in May 2019.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-02/272116/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-02-13/220733/>

#### **Palestinians: Schools**

**Joan Ryan (Change UK) [272127]** To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, whether the independent evaluation of the Palestinian Authority curriculum commissioned by the Palestinian Authority in 2018 and due in March 2019 has been completed.

**Andrew Murrison:** DFID can confirm that the Palestinian Authority (PA)

commissioned an independent evaluation of their pilot curriculum, and that this evaluation was completed in March 2019.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-02/272127/>

### **Israel: Refugees**

**Zac Goldsmith (Conservative)** [272225] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on recognition of the plight of Jewish refugees from the Middle East and North Africa.

**Andrew Murrison:** I am yet to discuss this matter with my Israeli counterpart. The history of Jewish migration and displacement in the region is highly complex and cannot be ignored. We acknowledge that the Jewish community has experienced unacceptable suffering. We continue to support the aspiration for a Jewish homeland in the modern state of Israel, just as we support the objective of a viable and sovereign Palestinian state. A peaceful future for the Middle East depends on a peace agreement that offers fair restitution for both sides, and a willingness on the part of all countries in the region to respect the rights of minorities and build inclusive societies which enshrine and uphold those rights.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-02/272225/>

## **House of Lords Oral Answers**

### **Israel Defense Forces**

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated):** To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the treatment of Palestinian children by the Israel Defense Forces.

**The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon):** My Lords, we continue to have strong concerns about reports of ill-treatment of Palestinian minors in Israeli military detention and regularly make representations to the Israeli authorities. Most recently, officials from our embassy in Tel Aviv raised our concerns with the Israeli Ministry of Justice on 6 June, and we continue to seek improvements to Israeli practices. We also regularly press Israel on its use of live fire, particularly against children.

**Baroness Tonge:** I thank the Minister for that reply, but Israeli soldiers are still firing directly at unarmed children 200 to 300 metres away from the Gaza fence, using high-velocity bullets aimed at their knees. I get my information from volunteer doctors from this country who go out there from time to time. Unlike ordinary bullets, these cause very severe bone and tissue damage and suck dirt and fabric remnants into the wounds. Reconstruction is impossible because of the lack of supplies, antibiotics and even morphine. It means that more than 200 young people, half of them children below the age of 18, have had limbs amputated in Gaza in the last year. Before he tries to blame Hamas, will he tell us why the IDF has to use such ammunition on children for crowd control?

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** My Lords, I have already made it clear that we have constantly and consistently raised the issue of the use of live ammunition against children with the Israeli authorities. The noble Baroness will also be aware that, during my last visit to Israel, I raised this issue directly when I met the Justice Minister, particularly the issue of children in detention. From the UK Government's perspective, my honourable friend the new Minister for the Middle East recently made Israel and Palestine his first visit, during which he announced additional funding of £1.6 million to the World Health Organization, which will go towards alleviating humanitarian suffering, particularly in Gaza.

**Baroness Deech (Crossbench):** Will the Minister equally disapprove of the way Hamas

uses children? In Gaza recently, children were given the day off school and bussed to the fence. They were bribed and used as human shields. They have been used as suicide bombers, and rockets are deliberately placed in kindergartens. Does the blame not lie equally with Hamas, if not more so?

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** My Lords, anyone anywhere in the world who uses children as human shields or in such a despicable manner is to be condemned. I have consistently said that it is the Government's position that the situation with Hamas cannot continue. Hamas failed to recognise the State of Israel, failed to negotiate and failed to recognise the right of Israel to exist. Let us get that on the table. Let us get the right of recognition of everyone in the region to exist and we will move forward practically and productively: we will save children's lives, if it is done with the right ambition in mind.

**Lord Touhig (Labour):** My Lords, hundreds of Palestinian youngsters have been encouraged by the terrorist organisation Hamas to commit acts of provocation against Israeli forces but, when arrested, they do not have the benefit of lawyers and are tried in military courts. I am a lifelong supporter of the State of Israel, but is Britain reminding the Government of Israel of the vision of its founders, who would be appalled by this abuse of human rights?

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** Again, the issue around the children is deplorable and I condemn that unequivocally, along with anyone who uses children for any such means, whether they seek to indoctrinate them or use them for extremist causes and put them in the front line. Such children need to be protected. The United Kingdom Government provide assistance in this regard, not just on this issue of detention but in terms of legal representation, and we continue to lobby the Israeli authorities on the specific conditions of the detention of minors. I believe, according to my most recent figure, that there are currently 205 children from the Palestinian community in detention in Israel.

**Baroness Northover (Liberal Democrat):** My Lords, does the Minister agree that, in spite of tensions in the Middle East, including the pressure on the Iran nuclear deal, the world must focus on seeking to bring about a resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict? Does he agree that any resolution such as the Jared Kushner plan, which apparently seeks a settlement without involving the Palestinians in the discussions, cannot be the route to take?

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** I totally agree with the noble Baroness that any plan for alleviating the plight of the suffering, albeit an economic plan, must include a political settlement. Our position is clear: we need to see a viable two-state solution to resolving the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians. We will continue to lobby and campaign for that.

**Lord Livingston of Parkhead (Conservative):** My Lords, would my noble friend agree that, while the Israel Defense Forces are not perfect, the obsession with focusing on them—despite their being the most moral and professional army in the Middle East—is very strange? At the same time, one must also focus on, for example, the Palestinian authorities having more than 30 schools named after terrorists who have murdered Israelis. These issues have to be looked at as well.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** As we have consistently made clear, Israel has a right to self-defence. We have also repeatedly called for Hamas to stop firing rockets into Israel. Whether a life is lost on the Israeli side or on the Palestinian side, we are equally appalled. We must work towards a resolution of that conflict. It has gone on far too long.

**Lord Collins of Highbury (Labour):** My Lords, the fact is that the hyperbole of President Trump—the “deal of the century”—will simply not happen if the PLO and the Israeli Government do not sit round the table together. Peace talks need to involve everyone. What are Her Majesty's Government doing to ensure that we work with our allies to get

everyone round the table to talk for peace?

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** My Lords, let me assure the noble Lord that we were represented at the recent Bahrain conference. The point the noble Lord makes about ensuring that all parties to the conflict, including the Palestinians and Israelis, get around a table to find a two-state solution, with a secure, viable and progressive state in Israel—recognising its security issues—and at the same time a state for the Palestinians, should also be the primary objective. We continue to work on that.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2019-07-08/debates/2A8B6E2A-A2AF-450E-8FC5-6B95D2105B21/IsraelDefenseForces>

## House of Lords Written Answers

### Israel: Palestinians

**Lord Judd (Labour)** [HL16596] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the statistics collected by Military Court Watch from the testimonies of Palestinian children who were detained by the Israeli military in the West Bank in 2019, published in May, and its findings that (1) 52 per cent were arrested at night, (2) 95 per cent were hand-tied, often painfully, (3) 91 per cent were blindfolded in contravention of the recommendations of Unicef, (4) 69 per cent experienced some form of physical abuse such as slapping, kicking and punching, (5) 67 per cent experienced threats, and (6) 74 per cent reported being denied access to a lawyer prior to questioning; and what representations they intend to make to the government of Israel about those testimonies.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** We are extremely concerned about the treatment of Palestinian children detained in Israeli prisons. Reports of the heavy use of painful restraints and the high number of Palestinian children who are not informed of their legal rights, in contravention of Israel's own regulations, are particularly concerning. We continue to make representations to the Israeli authorities on this issue and we remain committed to working with Israel to secure improvements to the practices surrounding Palestinian children in detention in Israel.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-24/HL16596/>

### Khader al-Saaidy

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL16617] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment have they made of reports that Israeli Defence Forces refused a fisherman, Khader al Saaidy, medical assistance after he was shot and blinded whilst he was fishing within the limits of the fishing zone established by the government of Israel.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** Whilst we have not made any assessment on this specific issue, we are aware of media reports. We regularly raise our concerns over the use of live fire with the Israeli authorities and urge unimpeded access to medical treatment.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-24/HL16617/>

### Gaza: Fisheries

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL16618] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of the restriction of fishing zones in Gaza on the level of protein in Gazan children's diets.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** We have not made an assessment on this, however we regularly raise with the Government of Israel the urgent need to ease all access and movement restrictions on Gaza, including fishing limits. This would help to restore the fishing industry as regular alterations to the zone, often as a punitive

measure, cause uncertainty and insecurity. The UK would like to see a permanent increase in the size of the fishing zone off the coast of Gaza in line with the limit of 20 nautical miles stipulated in the Oslo accords.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-24/HL16618/>

### **Israel: Nuclear Installations**

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL16620] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports that there are leaks of radioactive waste from the Shimon Peres Negev Nuclear Research Centre in Dimona.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** While we are aware of media reports, we have not made an assessment of this issue as it is a matter for the Israeli authorities.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-24/HL16620/>

### **Jerusalem: Demolition**

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL16621] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact on the owners of Palestinian property under the control of the Palestinian Authority in East Jerusalem of the Israeli High Court of Justice giving permission to demolish 13 buildings.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** Our Embassy in Tel Aviv discussed our concerns about the increase in demolitions in East Jerusalem with the Israeli Authorities on 25 June. The nature of these demolitions which took place within an area of the West Bank controlled by the Palestinian Authority is particularly concerning and we continue to monitor the situation closely. Demolitions and evictions of Palestinians from their homes cause unnecessary suffering to ordinary Palestinians; call into question Israel's commitment to a viable two-state solution; and, in all but the most exceptional of cases, are contrary to International Humanitarian Law. We fund a number of projects to monitor and report on settlement expansion in East Jerusalem and the West Bank and to protect vulnerable Palestinian communities from the effects of settlement expansion.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-24/HL16621/>

### **Palestinians: Olives**

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL16622] To ask Her Majesty's Government what action they will take to protect the livelihoods of Palestinians living in territory occupied by Israel whose olive trees have been destroyed.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** We have expressed our serious concerns to the Israeli Government and security officials about the destruction of olive trees and the prevention of access to them on a number of occasions. The British Government condemns any violence by settlers against Palestinians. Under international law, Israel, as the occupying power, has an obligation to take all measures in its power to protect the Palestinian population from all acts of violence.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-24/HL16622/>

### **Israel: Palestinians**

**The Lord Bishop of Leeds** [HL16758] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the Peace to Prosperity workshop convened by the United States in Bahrain.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The UK was represented at the Peace to Prosperity workshop by the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury. We welcome US efforts to

support the development of the Palestinian economy. It is important that economic discussions complement a political process, which is ultimately required to unlock lasting and sustainable economic growth for Palestinians and overdue peace in the region. A peace deal and the lifting of access and movement restrictions would generate the ultimate economic dividend not only for the Occupied Palestinian Territories but also for Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the wider region. The UK's longstanding position on the Middle East Peace Process remains that we support a negotiated settlement leading to a two-state solution based on 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as the shared capital of both states.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-27/HL16758/>

#### **Israel: Palestinians**

**The Lord Bishop of Leeds** [HL16759] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the continued viability of the two state solution to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The two-state solution is the only viable long-term solution. It is the only way to permanently end the Arab-Israeli conflict, preserve Israel's Jewish and democratic identity and realise Palestinian national aspirations. The UK is strongly committed to a two-state solution and we continue to encourage direct negotiations towards a secure Israel standing alongside a sovereign Palestinian state.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-27/HL16759/>

#### **Israel: Palestinians**

**The Lord Bishop of Leeds** [HL16760] To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the United States administration about contributing to the Peace to Prosperity Fund proposed by the United States.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The United States is yet to formally request contributions to its Peace to Prosperity initiative. We welcome US efforts to support the development of the Palestinian economy. It is important that economic discussions complement a political process, which is required to unlock lasting and sustainable economic growth for Palestinians and overdue peace in the region. A peace deal and the lifting of access and movement restrictions would generate the ultimate economic dividend not only for the Occupied Palestinian Territories but also for Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the wider region. The UK's longstanding position on the Middle East Peace Process remains that we support a negotiated settlement leading to a two-state solution based on 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as the shared capital of both states.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-27/HL16760/>

## **UK Parliament Early Day Motion**

**Alex Sobel (Labour Co-op) (2589) White House Israeli-Palestinian Peace Plan** – That this House condemns the US negotiated Economic Plan for Palestinian Development; notes that the plan doesn't lift the security measures in place preventing freedom of movement or guarantee return of land annexed by Israel; and is concerned that the political plan being drawn up in Washington DC will attach significant loss of land and freedoms in return for economic support, which would undermine the Oslo Accords.

<https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/53133/white-house-israelipalestinian-peace-plan>

## Foreign Affairs

### UK Parliament Ministerial Statement

#### **Persecuted Christians: Review of Support**

**The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Jeremy Hunt)** [HCWS1698] I have today deposited in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament the independent review of Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) support for persecuted Christians, conducted by the Anglican Bishop of Truro, the Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen. ...

The UK has always been a leading champion of human rights. In recent years, the FCO has stepped up its work on freedom of religion or belief (FoRB). In response to new evidence and as a sign of the UK's commitment, the Prime Minister appointed Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon in 2018 as the UK's first special envoy for freedom of religion or belief.

In that role, Lord Ahmad has championed FoRB across Government, through the FCO's diplomatic network, and in his travel overseas. The UK has raised the rights of religious minorities at the highest levels ... Furthermore, he has overseen the provision of significant funding through various projects and programmes ...

Today, about 245 million Christians worldwide are believed to face persecution for their faith. The evidence suggests the problem is getting worse. The number of countries where Christians face religiously motivated harassment rose from 128 in 2015 to 144 a year later, according to the Pew Research Centre.

The review builds on the Bishop's interim report published in May 2019, which examined the scale and character of religious persecution. It includes further findings and recommendations about how the FCO might improve its response.

The review draws on information from: non-governmental organisations; Church leaders; reporting from the FCO's diplomatic missions; interviews with FCO staff and analysts; FCO written sources (including reporting from the network, research papers and policy notes); interviews with retired members of the FCO and with those who have suffered directly from discrimination or persecution. ...

I welcome Bishop Mounstephen's report and its recommendations. We are working across Government to agree a formal collective response. ...

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-07-08/debates/1907088000014/PersecutedChristiansReviewOfSupport>

### **Bishop of Truro's Independent Review for the Foreign Secretary of FCO Support for Persecuted Christians**

**Bishop of Truro's Independent Review for the Foreign Secretary of FCO Support for Persecuted Christians: Final Report and Recommendations**

<https://christianpersecutionreview.org.uk/storage/2019/07/final-report-and-recommendations.pdf>

## Foreign and Commonwealth Office

### **Review into Christian persecution catalyst for action**

The report, carried out by the Bishop of Truro and published today, records widespread evidence of the kind of persecution and discrimination that Christians face worldwide. It also points to evidence that Christians constitute by far the most widely persecuted religion. ...

Speaking ahead of the launch, the Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen said: Addressing this issue with the seriousness it deserves represents a step change for democratic governments. My hope is that in adopting my recommendations the Foreign Office will be able to bring its considerable experience and expertise to bear in helping some of the planet's most vulnerable people.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief said: Freedom of Religion or Belief has been a key priority for the FCO within our human rights agenda in recent years. ...

We therefore note the findings of this independent report and will consider the recommendations carefully and how they may further enhance our work in tackling Christian persecution specifically and in strengthening our work on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

The report highlights the shocking impunity with which discriminatory laws, fear and violence are used by state and non-state actors to discriminate appallingly against Christians in countries across the world. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/review-into-christian-persecution-catalyst-for-action>

## UK Mission to the UN

### **UN Human Rights Council 41: UK response to the Special Rapporteur's report on racism**

... We are pleased to see the Special Rapporteur acknowledge the UK's leadership in key areas of racial equality, especially our legislative framework which prohibits racial discrimination. We also appreciate her highlighting the achievement of the Race Disparity Audit and its contribution to transforming formal commitments to racial equality into reality. However, the UK Government rejects the suggestion that its policies further entrench racial inequality. The UK is committed to the total elimination of all forms of racism and creating a fairer society in which all people, of whatever ethnic origin or background, are valued and able to participate fully and realise their own potential. The UK has some of the most robust legislation anywhere for tackling hate crime. The UK has refreshed its Hate Crime Action Plan and we continue to fund hate crime reporting platforms including Tell MAMA and True Vision and are engaging with communities to ensure we are providing targeted support. We take heart from the latest Crime Survey for England and Wales which shows that hate crime has fallen by 40% over the last decade. The proportion of adults who were a victim of hate crime are the lowest since comparable data has been available.

It is disappointing to see the report's misinterpretations of the Prevent Strategy. Prevent is a non-criminal programme to support vulnerable people at risk from the influence of terrorist recruiters and has an overwhelmingly positive effect. The report states, without any evidence, that Prevent 'disproportionately' targets Muslims. However, 2017/18 figures show that those receiving support from Prevent were just as likely to be inspired by right wing extremism as Islamist extremism. ...

The Government has announced a series of measures to tackle barriers facing ethnic minorities in the workplace including a consultation on ethnicity pay reporting and the new Race at Work Charter. The latest ethnic minority employment rate is 66.5%, up 1.4

percentage points from last year - the highest since records began in 2001. Ethnic minority employment has risen by 603,000 since 2015, taking us 91% of the way to our target of increasing ethnic minority employment by 20% by 2020.

The Government welcomed David Lammy's extensive review into the treatment of black and minority ethnic individuals in the criminal justice system. Progress has been made in a wide range of areas, and we are increasing the diversity of our new prison officer intake and creating a dedicated youth disproportionality team. The UK also recognises the need for our world class judiciary to be more diverse and will be funding a pre-application judicial education programme targeting those from under-represented groups. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/un-human-rights-council-41-uk-response-to-the-special-rapporteurs-report-on-racism>

*The Race Disparity Audit, referred to above, can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/686071/Revised\\_RDA\\_report\\_March\\_2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/686071/Revised_RDA_report_March_2018.pdf)

*The refreshed Hate Crime Action Plan, referred to above, can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/748175/Hate\\_crime\\_refresh\\_2018\\_FINAL\\_WEB.PDF](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/748175/Hate_crime_refresh_2018_FINAL_WEB.PDF)

*The Race at Work Charter, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://race.bitc.org.uk/issues/racecharter>

*The Lammy Review, referred to above, can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/643001/lammy-review-final-report.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/643001/lammy-review-final-report.pdf)

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## Other Relevant Information

### Office for National Statistics

#### **Ethnicity pay gaps in Great Britain: 2018**

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/earningsandworkinghours/articles/ethnicitypaygapsingreatbritain/2018/pdf>

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

### UK Parliament

#### **Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill**

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

#### **International Development Assistance (Palestinian National Authority Schools) Bill**

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

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

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

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## **Consultations**

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**Opt-out organ donation: organs and tissues excluded from the new system** (closing date 22 July 2019)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/opt-out-organ-donation-organs-and-tissues-excluded-from-the-new-system>

**Regulation of pre-paid funeral plans** (closing date 25 August 2019)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/regulation-of-pre-paid-funeral-plans-consultation-on-a-policy-proposal>

**Islamophobia in Scotland** (closing date 26 August 2019)

<https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=13027>

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The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438