



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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House of Commons Written Answer

Out-of-School Education

Bridget Phillipson (Labour) [146923] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many unregistered schools there have been in England in each of the last five years.

Nick Gibb: Any school or college that provides full-time provision to five or more pupils of compulsory school age (or one or more pupils of compulsory school age who is 'looked after' or who has an Education, Health and Care plan) is required to register with the Secretary of State for Education. It is a criminal offence under Section 96 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 to conduct an independent educational institution unless it is registered.

Ofsted publishes statistics on the number and outcomes of investigations carried out into unregistered schools. Statistics have been published online for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 August 2022 and can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unregistered-schools-management-information>

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-02-17/146923>

House of Lords Written Answer

Slaughterhouses: Animal Welfare

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger (Conservative) [HL5663] To ask His Majesty's Government whether the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations, including Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 and connected domestic secondary legislation including the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015 and its devolved equivalents, constitute EU-derived subordinate legislation in the context of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill.

Lord Benyon: Retained Regulation 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing is retained direct EU legislation. The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015 is EU-derived subordinate legislation.

Animal welfare at the time of killing is a devolved matter, and the Department is continuing to engage closely with devolved administrations on the progress of the Bill and the corresponding reviews into Retained EU law.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-02-20/hl5663>

Government Equalities Office

New large-scale data project will get to the heart of disparities

The Minister for Women and Equalities has today announced the Government's Equality Data Programme to better understand the barriers people face across the UK.

The Equality Data Programme is the Government's broadest and most comprehensive equality data project. The large-scale project will gather data in order to better understand the barriers that people from every background are facing across the UK....

The Equality Data Programme will get to the heart of the disparities people are facing to ensure real inequalities are addressed, using more data than ever to ensure our policies work.

To read the full press release see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-large-scale-data-project-will-get-to-the-heart-of-disparities>

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Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Updated Travel Advice: Israel

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/israel>

Updated Travel Advice: Occupied Palestinian Territories

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/the-occupied-palestinian-territories>

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Bill of Rights Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3227>

Education (Non-religious Philosophical Convictions) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3186>

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2862>

Holocaust Memorial Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3421>

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3325>

Online Safety Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137>

Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3217>

Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3188>

Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3163>

Schools Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3156>

Scottish Parliament

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/charities-regulation-and-administration-scotland-bill>

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill>

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Consultations

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Equality and Human Rights Commission Statutory Review (closing date 1 March 2023)

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-statutory-review>

Draft guidance: charities use of social media (closing date 14 March 2023)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-guidance-charities-use-of-social-media>

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