

## Immigration Procedures QSD on 14 February 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they will take to improve immigration procedures in the United Kingdom.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

### Key Information

- Home Office, [The UK's Future Skills-based Immigration System](#), December 2018, Cm 9722, pp 8–10 and 12–21; and '[Home Secretary Announces New Skills-based Immigration System](#)', 19 December 2018

*Overview and summary of conclusions from the Government's white paper detailing plans for a new immigration system, such as removing the annual cap on the number of work visas issued. The Government contends that a new immigration system will "transform" operational systems and processes; and the accompanying press release which provides further information on the Government's proposals.*

- [Statement by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Sajid Javid, on 'Future Immigration'](#), HC Hansard, 19 December 2018, cols 806–31

*Statement in the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Sajid Javid, following the Government's publication of its white paper on immigration. This includes information on the Government's plans for the UK's future border and immigration system after it leaves the EU.*

- Home Office, [EU Settlement Scheme: Statement of Intent](#), June 2018 p 4; and '[Home Office Publishes Details of Settlement Scheme For EU Citizens](#)', 21 June 2018

*Statement of intent outlining the Government's settlement scheme for EU citizens living in the UK and their family members. Under the scheme, EU citizens living in the UK will need to prove their identity, show that they live in the UK, and declare that they have no serious criminal convictions, to obtain their new UK immigration status; and the accompanying press release on the scheme.*

- Migration Advisory Committee, [EEA Migration in the UK: Final Report](#), 18 September 2018, pp 1–7 and 127

*Executive summary and policy recommendations from the report by the Migration Advisory Committee on the current and likely future patterns of migration from the European Economic Area to the UK. This includes an assessment of the UK's immigration system and recommendations as to how it should operate once the UK leaves the EU.*

## Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- House of Commons, '[Written Statement: Immigration](#)', 13 December 2018, HCWS1181
- [Oral Question on 'Immigration: Appeals'](#), HL Hansard, 6 November 2018, cols 1625–8
- [Debate on 'Immigration Control'](#), HC Hansard, 6 September 2018, cols 431–8
- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [199288](#) (21 December 2018); [HL11874](#) (12 December 2018); [907314](#) (29 October 2018); [HL8837](#) (3 July 2018); [157141](#) (2 July 2018); and [122879](#) (22 January 2018)

*The parliamentary questions in this section include answers covering the following aspects of immigration procedure: administration; applications; appeals; and passport control.*

## Press Articles and Comment

- Thom Brooks, '[The Government's New Immigration Plans May Promise Simplicity, But They Will Deliver Chaos](#)', *Independent*, 28 December 2018
- Migration Observatory, '[Immigration White Paper Response From the Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford](#)', 19 December 2018
- Sunder Katwala, '[Control Trumps Numbers in our New Immigration Policy, But it is Hostage to the Brexit Process](#)', *Telegraph*, 19 December 2018
- Confederation of British Industry, '[CBI Responds to Immigration White Paper](#)', 19 December 2018

## Further Information

- Gov.uk, '[Entering the UK](#)', accessed 8 February 2019; and '[Immigration Rules](#)', 25 February 2016
- Gov.uk, '[EU Settlement Scheme: Applicant Information](#)', 17 January 2019
- House of Commons Library, '[The Status of EU Citizens in the UK After Brexit](#)', 18 October 2018
- House of Commons Home Affairs Committee, [Policy Options for Future Migration from the European Economic Area: Interim Report](#), 31 July 2018, HC 857 of session 2017–19
- House of Commons Library, [The UK's Points-based System for Immigration](#), 9 July 2018

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