

## Westminster Legal Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: Immigration - assessing Government's strategy

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Mary Honeyball MEP**
- 9.05 - 9.30 **UK immigration - a context**  
**Professor David Metcalf**, Chair, Migration Advisory Committee  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.25 **Restricting professional and student migration - assessing existing and incoming measures**  
*Assessment of Government's permanent cap on skilled and highly skilled non-EEA migrants one year on from its implementation, and perspectives on current proposals for the reform of student migration. In what ways has the business community responded to restrictions so far, and what concerns persist? To what extent are businesses making use of the revised intra-company transfer route of immigration? Is the exceptional talent route a sufficient measure for attracting skilled individuals to the UK economy, and have academics and scientists been given a "sufficient advantage" in their applications, as proposed by Government? How will the proposed restrictions to Tier 4 migration impact on the higher and further education sectors? Will proposed restrictions have implications for university revenue sources? Will the restriction of student migration have a negative impact on research and innovation?*  
**Professor Eric Thomas**, President, Universities UK and Vice Chancellor, University of Bristol  
**Imran Khan**, Director, Campaign for Science and Engineering  
**Nichola Carter**, Partner and Head of Immigration, Penningtons Solicitors  
**Guy Bailey**, Head of Employment and Health & Safety, CBI  
**David Goodhart**, Director, Demos  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.30 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Mary Honeyball MEP**
- 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 - 11.40 **Immigration and the labour market - assessing the latest findings**  
**Jonathan Portes**, Director, National Institute of Economic and Social Research  
**Sir Andrew Green**, Chairman, Migration Watch UK  
**Dr Martin Ruhs**, Director, Migration Observatory, University of Oxford  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.25 **Reforming family migration - settlement and UK citizenship**  
*Perspectives from commentators and key stakeholders on the UK Border Agency's Family Migration consultation, and Government's current agenda for reform of family migration. In what ways might the family route of migration be open to abuse, and is Government's focus on this warranted? Under what circumstances should the right of appeal for family visit visas be retained? Should requirements for UK citizenship be altered - including minimum income thresholds or tests for demonstrable English - and what impact would this have on the numbers of non-EEA migrants settling? How can the ongoing problem of sham and forced marriages be tackled? How should Government's agenda for reform be informed by the right to respect for private and family life under the European Convention on Human Rights, and under what circumstances should public interest outweigh this right?*  
**Ian MacDonald QC**, President, Immigration Law Practitioners' Association and Head of Chambers, Garden Court North Chambers  
**Matt Cavanagh**, Associate Director for UK Migration Policy, IPPR  
**Ruth Grove-White**, Policy Officer, Migrants' Rights Network  
**Michael Keating**, Service Head, One Tower Hamlets  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The future of immigration policy - the view from the Home Office**  
**Glyn Williams**, Head of Migration, Immigration & Border Policy Directorate, Home Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Senior Producer, Westminster Legal Policy Forum