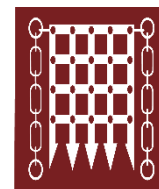


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Next steps for the UK asylum system**
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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **Key findings from the inspection of asylum casework - decision-making, caseworker capability and next steps**
John Tuckett, Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Refugee protection standards and UK reform - core protection, temporary status, rights and safe routes**
Vicky Tennant, UK Representative, UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency
- 9.40 **Examining proposed reform under the Immigration and Asylum Bill - protection status, rights, safeguards and implementation**
the single core protection status and changes to rights and entitlements | 30-month grants, renewal and routes to settlement, including the proposed Protection Work and Study route | implications for family life, employment, education, housing and integration | Article 8, modern slavery and late claims, including enforcement objectives and individual safeguards | implementation requirements, including rules, guidance and secondary legislation still to be settled
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, human rights
Senior representative, local authority
Senior commentator
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **The proposed Independent Immigration Appeals Authority - capacity, independence, fairness and transition**
proposed remit, structure and relationship with the existing tribunal system | recruitment, training and independent appointment of adjudicators to increase appeals capacity | transition arrangements for outstanding cases, allocation and continuity of proceedings | reducing the appeals backlog and improving decision times, including the 24-week target for specified appeals | maintaining decision quality, procedural fairness and independence, including access to legal representation and expert evidence | proposed restrictions on further appeals, including permission to appeal to the Upper Tribunal | prioritising cases, including high-harm foreign offenders and claims considered clearly without merit
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, adjudication
Senior representative, advocacy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.20 **Safe and legal routes to the UK - the Resettlement Scheme, study and work routes, and community sponsorship**
Senior representative, resettlement
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Asylum support, accommodation and local impact - reform, service capacity and priorities for delivery**
ending the use of asylum hotels and expanding dispersal accommodation and larger sites | accommodation capacity, site suitability, planning, infrastructure and contractor performance | changes to asylum support, eligibility and entitlements, including risks of destitution and safeguarding needs | local authority involvement in site decisions, service coordination and funding | engagement with communities on proposals, safety, service pressures and cohesion | accommodation standards and support for people with particular needs | move-on arrangements and homelessness pressures | costs, accountability and value for money
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, accommodation
Senior representative, contractor
Senior representative, advocacy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for reforming the UK asylum system**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
Thomas Howard, Westminster Legal Policy Forum