

Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:

Next steps for tackling modern slavery in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Tony Vaughan MP
- 9.05 **Trends and developments in modern slavery, and considerations for policy going forward**
Senior commentator
- 9.15 **Priorities for identifying and supporting vulnerable workers, and improving multi-agency coordination and response**
the National Referral Mechanism roadmap | challenges in victim referral | assessing the multi-agency framework | addressing barriers to effective cooperation | assessing issues and trends in key sectors | roles and responsibilities in law enforcement, health and emergency services, local authorities, and government and regulatory bodies | improving data and intelligence sharing | transparency reporting requirements
Julia Mulligan, Chair, Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority
Professor Parosha Chandran, Barrister, One Pump Court
Nicola Bell, Anti-Slavery Coordinator, Oxford City Council
Avril Sharp, Policy and Casework Lead, Kalayaan
Andrew Wallis, CEO, Unseen
- 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Options for future legislation and regulation - the role of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and key issues emerging from the House of Lords inquiry into the Modern Slavery Act 2015**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Tony Vaughan MP
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Strengthening response from commercial organisations and public authorities - improving due diligence and welfare duties**
Baroness Young of Hornsey
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **'Is business playing its part in ending modern slavery?'**
Professor Sara Thornton, Professor of Practice in Modern Slavery, University of Nottingham
- 11.30 **Tackling modern slavery in supply chains and strengthening compliance**
findings from the House of Lords Committee inquiry | priorities for oversight | assessing updates to statutory guidance on reporting | best practice and outstanding issues with transparency | industry-specific guidance, training and support | options for further legislative change | the role of public procurement in leading ethical sourcing practices | improving due diligence | harnessing technology and innovation | keeping pace with future trends and challenges for supply-chain management | improving intelligence capabilities and multi-agency and multi-national coordination
Joe Evans, Operations Manager, National Crime Agency
Colleen Theron, CEO, Ardea International
Robin Sundaram, Responsible Sourcing Manager, Nestle
Sian Lea, Business and Human Rights Manager, Anti-Slavery International
Peter Talibart, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Modern slavery policy moving forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Legal Policy Forum