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# Written Statements

*Tuesday, 28 March 2017*

## Armed Forces' Pay Review Body 2017 Report

[HLWS559]

**Earl Howe:** My right hon. Friend the Secretary of State for Defence (Rt Hon Sir Michael Fallon) has made the following Written Ministerial Statement.

The 2017 Report of the Armed Forces' Pay Review Body (AFPRB) has now been published. I wish to express my thanks to the Chair and members of the Review Body for their Report.

The AFPRB recommendations are to be accepted in full and will become effective from 1 April 2017. Copies of the AFPRB Report are available in the Vote Office.

## Department for Education Agencies

[HLWS560]

**Lord Nash:** My right honourable friend the Secretary of State for Education (Justine Greening) has made the following Written Ministerial Statement.

Today I am announcing the creation of a single funding agency for education and skills (excluding higher education), bringing together the Education Funding Agency and Skills Funding Agency. The new single funding agency will sit within the Department for Education and be operational from April 2017.

The creation of a new single agency – to be called the Education and Skills Funding Agency - will complete the process started in November 2014 when we appointed a single Chief Executive for both agencies. Since then significant progress has been made in bringing the two agencies together through shared services and close working arrangements.

Creating the ESFA will bring benefits to the individuals and organisations we support as well as to the taxpayer. It will enable a single, joined-up approach to funding and regulation to improve accountability.

We will be working closely with our staff, unions, stakeholders and the education sector to finalise and deliver our plans for the new agency.

## Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration (Review Body)

[HLWS569]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** My Rt. Hon Friend the Secretary of State for Health has made the following written statement:

I am responding on behalf of my Rt. Hon. Friend the Prime Minister to the 45th Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration (DDRB). The report has been laid before Parliament today (Cm 9441) and is

attached. I am grateful to the Chair and members of the DDRB for their report.

We welcome the 45th report of the DDRB.

The Government is pleased to accept its recommendations for a 1 per cent increase for 2017/18 to:

- the national salary scales for salaried doctors and dentists. This will be in addition to incremental pay for those that are eligible;
- the maximum and minimum of the salary range for salaried general medical practitioners;
- pay, net of expenses, for independent contractor general medical and dental practitioners;
- the general medical practitioners trainers' grant;
- the flexible pay premia included in the new junior doctors' contract; and
- the value of the awards for consultants – Clinical Excellence Awards, Discretionary Points and Commitment Awards.

The Government also accepts the DDRB's recommendations that the supplement payable to general practice specialty registrars should remain at 45 per cent of basic salary for those on the existing UK-wide contract and that the rate for general medical practitioner appraisers should remain at £500.

The Government accepts the recommendations to report to the DDRB on doctors and dentists taking early retirement and reasons for this.

The Government notes the recommendation for giving further consideration to pay targeting by specialty and geography.

The Government also notes the DDRB's observation that there is at present insufficient evidence about aspects of our workforce of salaried general medical practitioners.

The Statement includes the following attached material:

45th Report of the DDRB (Cm 9441) [58665\_DDRB Book\_Accessible.pdf]

The material can be viewed online at: <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Lords/2017-03-28/HLWS569/>

## Europol Regulation Opt-in

[HLWS561]

**Baroness Williams of Trafford:** My rt hon Friend the Minister of State for Fire and Policing (Brandon Lewis) has today made the following Written Ministerial Statement:

On the 14 November 2016 the Government announced its intention to opt in to the new Europol Regulation. After a debate in the House of Commons in December which supported the Government's position, we communicated that decision to the European Commission on 16 December. The European Commission confirmed the participation of the UK in the new Europol Regulation via a Commission Decision ((EU) 2017/388) dated 6 March 2017.

Opting into the new regulation means that the UK will remain a full member of Europol when the new Regulation comes into force on 1 May. It also demonstrates our commitment to work together with our European partners to fight crime and prevent terrorism now and when we leave the EU.

#### Fourth Anti-money Laundering Directive

[HLWS566]

**Baroness Neville-Rolfe:** My honourable friend the Economic Secretary to the Treasury (Simon Kirby) has today made the following Written Ministerial Statement.

The Government has opted in to the justice and home affairs (JHA) provisions within the European Commission's proposal to amend the Fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive. These provisions require sharing of data from registers between Financial Intelligence Units and law enforcement authorities, which we consider falls within the scope of Article 87 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU. As such, the Government believes these are JHA obligations and therefore the UK's JHA opt-in is triggered. We have informed Council of that fact.

The Government has decided to opt in to these provisions as they improve data sharing between Financial Intelligence Units. This is an important and necessary part of our anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regime.

#### Justice Update

[HLWS562]

**Baroness Buscombe:** My honourable friend the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, Minister for Prisons and Probation (Sam Gyimah) has made the following Written Statement.

"The Ministry of Justice robustly monitors all commercial contracts. In January, officials in my department notified EMS, the provider of the electronic monitoring service, of an increase in the number of alerts that are raised when the electronic monitoring equipment worn by an offender or suspect is tampered with.

This was investigated by EMS and G4S, the suppliers of straps and tags used to electronically monitor offenders and suspects with a curfew.

At the end of February G4S informed the Ministry of an issue with faulty straps. Ministers were informed of this issue on 14 March.

The monitoring functions of the tags themselves are not affected and the security features within the tags have been working correctly. I can assure the House that there has been no risk to the public.

We understand that the number of affected straps is small. Only straps that have entered the system since October 2016 are affected. This is the point at which the batch of potentially faulty straps entered circulation. G4S has been testing straps. That testing indicates that around 1% (115) of the 11,500 straps in use today are faulty.

If no tampering with the tag has been registered, they have operated as normal. Where a strap is faulty, however, there is a risk that it could incorrectly register that somebody has tampered with it.

There is a small chance that some enforcement action may have been taken against an offender or suspect in response to a false report of a tamper. It does not mean an individual will have been automatically sent to custody. A single tamper alert without any additional evidence of an escalation of risk is likely to result in an alternative outcome, such as a warning letter. So it is unlikely that a first tamper on its own will result in an offender being recalled. The Ministry is working with G4S and EMS to investigate that further. The issue is also being brought to the attention of the courts.

As a result of this issue, all potentially faulty straps will either be removed or replaced. This process is underway. In the interim, we will continue to monitor and respond to tamper alerts ensuring that where it is appropriate to do so enforcement action is taken.

G4S has introduced further quality checks with the strap manufacturer to ensure that no more faulty straps enter the supply chain. The taxpayer will bear no cost for the faults."

#### London Borough of Tower Hamlets

[HLWS570]

**Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth:** Today, my Rt. Hon. Friend, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (Sajid Javid) has made the following statement:

In line with the statement I made on 16 March 2017, and giving due consideration to representations made by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 22 March 2017, I am informing the House that I am exercising my powers under Section 15 of the Local Government Act 1999 and revoking the Directions of 14 December 2014 in relation to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

This will end the role of Commissioners in the council and hand back executive functions to the Executive Mayor.

From 1 April 2017 I am putting in place a further general Direction for a period of 18 months to 30 September 2018. The general Direction includes requirements that the council:

- delivers all outstanding actions in their Best Value Action Plan and sets up a Best Value Improvement Board as outlined in the Mayor's letter of 1 March 2017;
- provides me with quarterly reports against their Best Value Action plans for a further 12 months;
- carries out an independent review of delivery at the end of this period; and
- abides by the Best Value Duty, as with all councils

The new Direction allows for continued oversight of electoral administration.

I am placing a copy of the documents associated with these announcements in the Library of the House and on my Department's website.

### **NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence**

[HLWS565]

**Earl Howe:** My right hon. Friend the Secretary of State for Defence (Sir Michael Fallon) has made the following Written Ministerial Statement.

At the Warsaw Summit in 2016, NATO Allies agreed to enhance the Alliance's deterrence and defence posture in response to the growing threats the Euro-Atlantic region faces, including Russian belligerence. The UK is leading the work necessary to deliver an Alliance that is capable and credible of responding to all threats. We took the decision to provide one of the four defensive, but combat-capable, battlegroups that NATO is now deploying to the Baltic States and Poland to defend NATO. This enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) demonstrates Allies' solidarity, determination, and ability to act by triggering an immediate Allied response to any aggression.

The main body of our fighting forces will arrive in Estonia and Poland in the coming weeks.

We are providing the Framework Battlegroup of around 800 military personnel in Estonia, with around 200 additional troops from France and Denmark: French forces will join us in 2017 and Danish forces in 2018. 5 RIFLES is providing the majority of the UK military personnel for the first rotation, and we are also deploying armoured Infantry equipped with Warrior armoured fighting vehicles, artillery, tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and a small troop of Challenger 2 Main Battle Tanks.

Our Battlegroup will contribute to regional defence and security. We will actively support the Estonian Defence Force's 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade in its role deterring aggression, and we will conduct joint exercising and training with Danish, French, Estonian, and other forces in the region to build a strong multinational Battlegroup.

Based on our close bilateral relationship, we are also sending a British Light Cavalry Squadron of 150 Light Dragoons to Poland. This force will fall under the US eFP Battlegroup in Poland, and we will work closely with our Polish and US Allies to deter aggression against NATO territory.

We are prepared in case our forces are tested by Russia, including through cyber-attacks and false media reports. We are taking all necessary steps to protect our personnel. We will ensure that our forces maintain the highest standards of conduct, and if it is found that a false allegation has been made against an individual or group of British Service personnel, the UK Government will ensure that the matter is publically refuted and, where possible, provide clear attribution of the originator.

Our forces in Estonia are a proportionate response to the changed security environment in Eastern Europe, as

demonstrated by Russia's aggressive actions in Ukraine. The eFP deployments send a strong message of NATO's strength and unity as well as its commitment to defend Poland and the Baltic States.

The UK has been transparent with Russia about our eFP plans; Vice Chief of Defence Staff General Sir Gordon Messenger discussed them with his counterpart, Colonel General Zhuravlev when they met in Moscow last month, and eFP has also been briefed to Russia at the NATO-Russia Council level.

### **Neighbourhood Planning Bill: EVEL**

[HLWS567]

**Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth:** Today, My Hon. Friend the Minister for Housing and Planning and Minister for London (Gavin Barwell), has made the following Written Ministerial Statement:

I am pleased to announce the publication of analysis of English Votes for English Laws in relation to Government and non-Government amendments made to the Neighbourhood Planning Bill during its passage through the House of Lords.

The English Votes for English Laws process applies to public bills in the House of Commons. To support the process, the Government has agreed that it will provide information to assist the Speaker in considering whether to certify the Bill or any of its provisions for the purposes of English Votes for English Laws. Bill provisions that relate exclusively to England or to England and Wales, and which have a subject matter within the legislative competence of one or more of the devolved legislatures, can be certified.

The memorandum provides an assessment of Government and non-Government amendments made to the Neighbourhood Planning Bill, for the purposes of English Votes for English Laws, ahead of Commons Consideration of Lords Amendments. The Department's assessment is the amendments do not change the territorial application of the Bill. I have deposited a copy in the Libraries of the House.

### **NHS Pay Review Bodies**

[HLWS568]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** My Rt. Hon Friend the Secretary of State for Health has made the following written statement:

I am responding on behalf of my Rt. Hon. Friend the Prime Minister to the 30th Report of the NHS Pay Review Body (NHSPRB). The report has been laid before Parliament today (Cm 9440) and is attached.

We welcome the 30th report of the NHS Pay Review Body.

The Government is pleased to accept its recommendations for a 1 per cent increase to all Agenda for Change pay points from 1 April 2017 and the High Cost Area Supplement minimum and maximum



payments. This will be in addition to incremental pay for those that are eligible.

The recommendation that Health Departments should ensure that annual pay awards do not have unintended consequences in reducing the take-home pay of staff whose pay award causes them to cross pension contribution thresholds, will be considered as part of the four yearly valuation of the NHS Pension Scheme, a process which will determine the appropriate level of employer and employee pension contributions from April 2019.

The Government will consider all the observations and report progress to the NHS Pay Review Body in due course.

The Statement includes the following attached material:

30th Report of the NHS Pay Review Body (Cm 9440)  
[58551\_NHS PRB\_Accessible.pdf]

The material can be viewed online at:  
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Lords/2017-03-28/HLWS568/>

## UK's Counter-Terrorist Asset Freezing Regime (1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016)

[HLWS563]

**Baroness Neville-Rolfe:** My honourable friend the Economic Secretary to the Treasury (Simon Kirby) has today made the following Written Ministerial Statement.

Under the Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010 (TAFE 2010), the Treasury is required to report to Parliament, quarterly, on its operation of the UK's asset freezing regime mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 1373.

This report covers the period from 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016.[1] This report also covers the UK implementation of the UN ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations asset freezing regime (ISIL-AQ) and the operation of the EU asset freezing regime in the UK under EU Regulation (EC) 2580/2001 which implements UNSCR 1373 against external terrorist threats to the EU. Under the ISIL-AQ asset freezing regime, the UN has responsibility for designations and the Treasury has responsibility for licensing and compliance with the regime in the UK under the Al-Qaida (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2011. Under EU Regulation 2580/2001, the EU has responsibility for designations and the Treasury has responsibility for licensing and compliance with the regime in the UK under Part 1 of TAFE 2010.

Annexes A and B to this statement provide a breakdown, by name, of all those designated by the UK and the EU in pursuance of UN Security Council Resolution 1373. The one individual subject to a designation, which has been notified on a restricted and confidential basis, under Sections 3 and 10 of TAFE 2010 is denoted by "A".

The attached table sets out the key asset-freezing activity in the UK during the quarter ending 30 June 2016:

### *Legal Proceedings*

i) On 15 June a hearing was held at the Court of Appeal in relation to the Treasury's decision to revoke and not quash the designation of Moazzam BEGG. The hearing was in respect of a Protective Costs Order of the appellant.

*Annex A: Designated persons under TAFE 2010 by name [2]*

### *INDIVIDUALS*

1. Hamed ABDOLLAHI
2. Imad Khalil AL-ALAMI
3. Abdelkarim Hussein AL-NASSER
4. Ibrahim Salih AL-YACOUB
5. Manssor ARBABSIAR
6. Usama HAMDAN
7. Hasan IZZ-AL-DIN
8. Mohammed KHALED
9. Parviz KHAN
10. Musa Abu MARZOUK
11. Khalid MISHAAL
12. Khalid Sheikh MOHAMMED
13. Abdul Reza SHAHLAI
14. Ali Gholam SHAKURI
15. Qasem SOLEIMANI
16. A (restricted designation)

### *ENTITIES*

1. BASQUE FATHERLAND AND LIBERTY (ETA)
2. EJERCITO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL (ELN)
3. FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC)
4. HIZBALLAH MILITARY WING, INCLUDING EXTERNAL SECURITY ORGANISATION
5. POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE - GENERAL COMMAND (PFLP-GC)
6. POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP)
7. SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL)

*Annex B: Persons designated by the EU under Council Regulation (EC)2580/2001[3]*

### *PERSONS*

1. Hamed ABDOLLAHI\*
2. Abdelkarim Hussein AL-NASSER\*
3. Ibrahim Salih AL YACOUB\*
4. Manssor ARBABSIAR\*
5. Mohammed BOUYERI
6. Hasan IZZ-AL-DIN\*

7. Khalid Sheikh MOHAMMED\*

8. Abdul Reza SHAHLAI\*

9. Ali Gholam SHAKURI\*

10. Qasem SOLEIMANI\*

#### GROUPS AND ENTITIES

1. ABU NIDAL ORGANISATION (ANO)

2. AL-AQSA E.V.

3. AL-AQSA MARTYRS' BRIGADE

4. BABBAR KHALSA

5. COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES, INCLUDING NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA), PHILIPPINES

6. DEVRIMCI HALK KURTULU PARTISI-CEPHESI — DHKP/C (REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY/FRONT/PARTY)

7. EJÉRCITO DE LIBERACIÓN NACIONAL (NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY)\*

8. FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC)\*

9. GAMA'A AL-ISLAMIYYA (A.K.A. AL-GAMA'A AL-ISLAMIYYA) (ISLAMIC GROUP — IG)

10. HAMAS, INCLUDING HAMAS-IZZ AL-DIN AL-QASSEM

11. HIZBALLAH MILITARY WING, INCLUDING EXTERNAL SECURITY ORGANISATION

12. HIZBUL MUJAHIDEEN (HM)

13. HOFSTADGROEP

14. ISLAMI BÜYÜK DOĞU AKINCILAR CEPHESI (IBDA-C) (GREAT ISLAMIC EASTERN WARRIORS FRONT)

15. KHALISTAN ZINDABAD FORCE (KZF)

16. KURDISTAN WORKERS PARTY (PKK) (A.K.A. KONGRA-GEL)

17. LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM (LTTE)

18. PALESTINIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD (PIJ)

19. POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE — GENERAL COMMAND (PFLP-GC)\*

20. POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP)\*

21. SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) (SHINING PATH)\*

22. TEYRBAZEN AZADIYA KURDISTAN (TAK)

[1] Financial institutions update HM Treasury on individual account balances annually. The figures in the first row of the table are based on account balances which were last reported to HM Treasury on 30 September 2015. At the end of each quarter HM Treasury will adjust the figures to reflect any accounts that have been frozen or unfrozen in that quarter.

[2] For full listing details please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-list-of-designated-persons-terrorism-and-terrorist-financing>

[3] For full listing details please refer to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

\* EU listing rests on UK designation under TAFE 2010

The Statement includes the following attached material:

Asset-freezing activity in the UK during quarter 2 [Q2 2016 Asset Freezing.pdf]

The material can be viewed online at:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Lords/2017-03-28/HLWS563/>

## UK's Counter-Terrorist Asset Freezing Regime (1 July 2016 to 30 September 2016)

[HLWS564]

**Baroness Neville-Rolfe:** My honourable friend the Economic Secretary to the Treasury (Simon Kirby) has today made the following Written Ministerial Statement.

Under the Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010 (TAFE 2010), the Treasury is required to report to Parliament, quarterly, on its operation of the UK's asset freezing regime mandated by UN Security Council Resolutions 1373 and 1452.

This report covers the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 September 2016.[1] This report also covers the UK implementation of the UN ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida asset freezing regime (ISIL-AQ) and the operation of the EU asset freezing regime in the UK under EU Regulation (EC) 2580/2001 which implements UNSCR 1373 against external terrorist threats to the EU. Under the ISIL-AQ asset freezing regime, the UN has responsibility for designations and the Treasury has responsibility for licensing and compliance with the regime in the UK under the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2011. Under EU Regulation 2580/2001, the EU has responsibility for designations and the Treasury has responsibility for licensing and compliance with the regime in the UK under Part 1 of TAFE 2010.

A new EU asset freezing regime under EU Regulation (2016/1686) was implemented on 22 September 2016. This permits the EU to make autonomous Al-Qaida and ISIL (Da'esh) listings. Once a designation is made under this regime it will appear in the table below.

Annexes A and B to this statement provide a breakdown, by name, of all those designated by the UK and the EU in pursuance of UN Security Council Resolution 1373.

The attached table sets out the key asset-freezing activity in the UK during the quarter: 1 July 2016 to 30 September 2016

### Legal Proceedings

i) On 8 August 2016, the designation of one individual referred to in previous reports as 'A' was lifted by the court with effect from 11 March 2016.

*Annex A: Designated persons under TAFE 2010 by name* [2]

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The Statement includes the following attached material:

Asset Freezing activity q3 2016 [asset freezing activity q3 2016.pdf]

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## Written Answers

Tuesday, 28 March 2017

### Abortion

Asked by **Baroness Tonge**

To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Lord O'Shaughnessy on 21 March (HL5804 and HL5905), why a patient's marital status, where known, is requested on HSA4 abortion notification forms. [[HL6223](#)]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** The recording of a patient's marital status on the HSA4 abortion notification forms is a requirement set out in the Abortion (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002.

### Asylum: LGBT People

Asked by **Lord Scriven**

To ask Her Majesty's Government why they did not disclose to Parliament the number of LGBT asylum seekers held in detention over the last eighteen months, despite several oral and written questions, but did disclose the figures through an FOI request by Attitude magazine. [[HL6078](#)]

Asked by **Lord Scriven**

To ask Her Majesty's Government why Campsfield House, Colnbrook, Harmondsworth and Tinsley House detention centres were unable to give full figures to Attitude magazine of the number of LGBT asylum seekers being held in detention and what action has been taken to rectify this. [[HL6079](#)]

Asked by **Lord Scriven**

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers who have been recorded as LGBT have been held in detention over the last 12 months and what was the length of detention in each case. [[HL6080](#)]

**Baroness Williams of Trafford:** On 27 February 2017, the Home Office responded to an FOI request asking for information relating to detainees who identify as LGBT in the immigration detention estate. The FOI asked for information relating to detainees who identify as LGBT in the immigration detention estate. This question concerns asylum seekers in detention who have been recorded as being based LGBT.

The FOI response, provided below, set out the number of individuals in detention who have disclosed their sexual orientation as LGBT as a snapshot (on 18 November 2016) and as a total number for the period from 1 January to 18 November 2016, see table below.

Service providers are required to provide opportunities for detainees who wish to do so, to safely disclose their sexual orientation and to ensure that those individuals can easily access support and assistance.

The data you have requested in relation to LGBT asylum seekers held in detention over the last 12 months and the length of detention in each case is not readily available. It is not incumbent upon a detained individual to declare their sexuality. The required information would only be recorded in the case notes sections within the Home Office database or held solely on the paper files. The time required to examine individual cases and extrapolate the required data, would exceed the £800 cost limit.

#### FOI response to Attitude magazine

	Number of people currently detained who identify as LGBT (as of 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016)	Number of people currently detained who identify as LGBT from January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016 – November 2016
Brook House	Less than 5	15
Campsfield	Information not held	Information not held
Colnbrook	5	Information not held
Dungavel	0	Less than 5
Harmondsworth	10	Information not held
Larne House	0	0
Morton Hall	Less than 5	Less than 5
The Verne	Less than 5	43
Tinsley House	Less than 5	Information not held
Pennine House	0	0

Where the number of people identified is low, a parameter is added to ensure individuals are not identifiable, in line with our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. This is provisional management information that is subject to change. It has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics.

### Care Leavers

Asked by **Lord Hylton**

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many young people have left local authority care in each of the last 10 years; and whether they intend to recommend that local authorities treat them as a priority category for social housing. [[HL6041](#)]

**Lord Nash:** The number of young people who left local authority care in each of the last 10 years, is provided in the table attached.

In 2012, the Department for Communities and Local Government issued statutory guidance for local authorities on social housing allocations. The guidance makes clear that those leaving care should be treated as a priority group for social housing. In addition, care leavers aged 18-21 are an identified priority need group in homelessness legislation.

In 2014, we introduced the 'Staying Put' duty, which requires local authorities to support young people in foster

care to remain with their former foster carer(s) until age 21. We have also made a commitment to introduce 'Staying Close', which will provide many of the benefits associated with Staying Put for young people leaving residential care.

The Answer includes the following attached material:

Children\_who\_ceased\_to\_be\_looked\_after  
[Children\_who\_ceased\_to\_looked\_after 2012-2016.xlsx]

The material can be viewed online at:  
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-03-14/HL6041>

## Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

*Asked by The Countess of Mar*

To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord O'Shaughnessy on 7 March (HL5683), whether the proposal submitted for chronic fatigue, for which there is no current classification, includes the current classification for G93.3 – post-viral fatigue syndrome and benign myalgic encephalomyelitis; and whether it is intended that those definitions will be included in ICD 11 under neurological conditions. [HL6136]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** The World Health Organization (WHO) has reaffirmed with NHS Digital that the proposal submitted on the ICD-11 platform for chronic fatigue is currently with the relevant groups of the organisation to consider the scientifically-based placement in the classification. We understand that the WHO are still reviewing this matter and expect that the next iteration of ICD-11, expected in April 2017, will reflect the WHO's conclusions.

*Asked by The Countess of Mar*

To ask Her Majesty's Government upon what scientific basis the Expert Reference Group for the Joint Commissioning Panel for Mental Health (JCPMH), in publishing their guide on Commissioning for Medically Unexplained Symptoms (MUS), based their decision that myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) should be categorised as a functional somatic disorder, given that the World Health Organisation's mandatory International Classification of Diseases categorises the illness as neurological under ICD 10-G93.3, and that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has not listed ME/CFS as a functional somatic disorder; and whether they will withdraw the recommendation for cognitive behaviour therapy and graded exercise to be commissioned for patients with ME/CFS until NICE Guideline CG53 is reviewed. [HL6204]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** The Joint Commissioning Panel for Mental Health is not a Government body, it is a collaboration between 17 leading organisations including the Department of Health, and is co-chaired by the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Royal College of General

Practitioners. The Department was not closely involved in the writing or production of this document.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is currently reviewing the guidance GC53 to consider whether it should be updated to take account of new evidence. NICE are expected to reach a decision on whether the guidance should be updated in summer 2017.

## Congenital Abnormalities

*Asked by Lord Alton of Liverpool*

To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord O'Shaughnessy on 20 March (HL5811), why they do not maintain a list of foetal anomalies that cannot be identified before 24 weeks gestation. [HL6206]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** It is not possible to detect every condition in every pregnancy at screening before 24 weeks of gestation. A screening test is not diagnostic; some conditions may subsequently be detected either at clinical ultrasound examination later in pregnancy, at birth or in the early postnatal period.

## Crown Courts: Legal Representation

*Asked by Lord Beecham*

To ask Her Majesty's Government why they have not yet published the report on issues faced by the courts and practitioners as a result of the number of cases in which defendants are unrepresented in the Crown Courts; and when they intend to do so. [HL5945]

**Baroness Buscombe:** This research was designed and delivered as an internal report to give the Government a better understanding of the practical issues associated with unrepresented defendants. We have no plans to publish the report.

## Developing Countries: Human Papillomavirus

*Asked by Baroness Tonge*

To ask Her Majesty's Government what funding they provide, and to which countries, for the detection and treatment of breast and gynaecological cancer. [HL6183]

*Asked by Baroness Tonge*

To ask Her Majesty's Government what priority they give to HPV vaccination in developing country programmes. [HL6184]

*Asked by Baroness Tonge*

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will consider developing a campaign to vaccinate all girls in developing countries against HPV. [HL6185]

**Lord Bates:** The UK's assessment is that the most effective approach to vaccinate all girls in developing

countries against HPV is through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Gavi will vaccinate 40 million girls against HPV and prevent 900,000 deaths by 2020. The UK is the largest contributor to Gavi, and UK funds will vaccinate over 10 million girls against HPV by 2020, preventing over 200,000 future deaths from cervical cancer.

DFID supports low income countries to strengthen their health services, so that they can effectively address the existing disease burden and be responsive to the future and changing health needs.

### Firearms: Licensing

*Asked by **The Earl of Shrewsbury***

To ask Her Majesty's Government what were the itemised costs to (1) the Home Office, and (2) the police, of the grant and renewal of authorities under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 for each of the last three years. [I] [[HL5958](#)]

**Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The Department published the estimated average annual costs associated with issuing licences for museums, Home Office approved shooting clubs, and Section 5 licences in the impact assessment that accompanied the recent consultation on firearms. Average annual costs to the Home Office were estimated to be £596,000. Average annual costs to the police in England and Wales were estimated to be £69,000. Average annual costs to the police in Scotland were estimated to be £5,000. The impact assessment is available on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website and has been attached to this answer.

The Answer includes the following attached material:

Impact Assessment [Impact Assessment.pdf]

The material can be viewed online at:  
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-03-09/HL5958>

### Government Art Collection

*Asked by **Lord Freyberg***

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the Government Art Collection is planning to open a gallery in central London; if so, what is the projected annual cost, and when it will open; and whether they held discussions on locating the gallery outside London prior to making that decision. [[HL6040](#)]

**Lord Ashton of Hyde:** The Government plans to make an announcement on this matter in due course.

### Heart Diseases: Health Services

*Asked by **Baroness Gardner of Parkes***

To ask Her Majesty's Government when NHS England expects to make a final decision on its review into congenital heart disease services. [[HL6163](#)]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** NHS England will make a decision on its proposals for changes to adult and children's congenital heart services in England following a consultation which is now underway and which closes on 5 June 2017. It has worked, and will continue to work, with providers and other stakeholders to assess the impact of these proposals and will publish further information in due course.

### Hospices: Children

*Asked by **Lord Carlile of Berriew***

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will take steps to increase the funding for the Children's Hospice Grant, and if so, how they will sustain that increase in funding for the foreseeable future. [[HL6152](#)]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** The Government strongly values the crucial role of the children's hospice sector in providing excellent end of life care across the country. Our ambition is for everyone approaching the end of life to receive high quality care that reflects their individual needs, choices and preferences.

The budget for the Children's Hospice Grant programme was reviewed as part of NHS England's business planning process and has been maintained at the current rate. However, children's hospices will receive notification of their two year budget allocations from April instead of the usual annual budget settlement to allow for better future planning.

### Housing: Veterans

*Asked by **Lord Jones of Cheltenham***

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the initiative by Cheltenham Borough Council to build homes for veterans; and whether they will encourage other local authorities to take similar action to house those who have left the armed forces. [[HL6254](#)]

**Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth:** The Government commends Cheltenham Borough Council for the steps they have taken which are in line with the Armed Forces Covenant and measures which we have put in place to ensure that serving members of the Armed Forces and veterans are given appropriate priority for social housing.

In 2012 we introduced regulations to ensure that seriously injured and disabled Service personnel and former members of the Armed Forces with urgent housing needs are always given high priority for social housing.

At the same time, we introduced regulations to ensure that serving personnel, and veterans who are within 5 years of having been discharged, do not lose their qualification rights for social housing because of the necessity to move from base to base.

Our 2012 statutory social housing allocations guidance goes further and also strongly encourages councils to take into account the needs of all serving or former Service personnel when framing their housing allocation schemes.

It gives examples of how councils can do this, including setting aside a proportion of properties for former members of the Armed Forces under a local lettings policy, which is what Cheltenham Borough Council have done.

### Medical Equipment: EU Law

*Asked by Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town*

To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to transpose the forthcoming EU Medical Devices Regulation into UK law following the UK's exit from the EU; and how they intend to address those aspects of the Regulation that are based on participation in EU institutions and the single market. [[HL6290](#)]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** The Government is committed to the safe and effective regulation of medical devices in the United Kingdom. We continue to strengthen safety while ensuring patients and the public have fast access to new, innovative devices.

We will be implementing the new Devices Regulations, the first provisions of which are expected to enter into force in May this year. Details of the future legislative framework will be subject to the outcome of negotiations with the European Union.

### Medical Treatments

*Asked by Lord Warner*

To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to restrict patient access to new NICE-approved treatments for a period of time in excess of one year if the cost of introducing such treatments exceeds a given financial threshold in their early years; and whether any such plans to restrict patient access could be implemented without legislation. [[HL6071](#)]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** From 1 April, a 'budget impact test' will be introduced for products assessed through the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) technology appraisal and highly specialised technologies programmes. The budget impact test has been developed within the existing legislative framework for the funding requirement. The National Health Service spent over £15 billion on medicines in 2015/16, a 20% increase since 2010/11, and the purpose of the budget impact test is to help to manage the introduction of high budget impact products into the NHS, and to ensure that their introduction does not distort the NHS's ability to fund other priorities.

Where the budget impact of a technology being evaluated by NICE is expected to have a net budget impact that is £20 million or greater in any of the first three years, NHS England will seek to have a commercial discussion with the company in order to manage the introduction of the high budget impact product into the NHS. In circumstances where a commercial arrangement is unable to be reached, NHS England may make a case to NICE for a longer implementation period, normally up to

a maximum of three years, during which the product would have a phased introduction. It should be noted that £20 million is not the maximum amount that the NHS would commit to funding a new technology in any one financial year.

### National Parks

*Asked by Lord Judd*

To ask Her Majesty's Government what consultations they have had with Natural England about ensuring the protection of the national parks from major development; and what was the outcome of those consultations. [[HL6045](#)]

**Lord Gardiner of Kimble:** National park authorities and Natural England have clear roles with respect to the planning system. National park authorities are required to consult Natural England on development plans and must take into account any advice Natural England provides on them. Natural England is a statutory consultee on development requiring an environmental impact assessment and nationally significant infrastructure projects, and provides advice to national park authorities, local planning authorities and the Secretary of State where it considers there will be significant adverse impacts on national park purposes. In addition, Natural England has a duty to provide advice where any local authority consults it about proposals for the development of land in a national park.

Natural England's advice is provided in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, which affords national parks the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty. Where a local planning authority is minded to grant planning permission contrary to Natural England's advice, Natural England may request the Secretary of State to call in the application for its determination. Natural England liaises regularly with the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Department for Communities and Local Government on planning and development issues relating to national parks.

### Oral Questions

*Asked by Lord Rooker*

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they use a system to monitor commitments by Ministers to write to members if they are unable to answer the oral question at the time it is asked in the House of Lords Chamber; and if so, how many replies are currently outstanding. [[HL6075](#)]

**Lord Young of Cookham:** The content of answers to Oral Questions is a matter for the Minister concerned, and each Minister is accountable to the House for the answers they provide. As such it is for individual departments to ensure commitments made by Ministers to write to members meet the Minister's responsibilities under section 1 of the Ministerial Code.



## Overseas Trade: Israel

Asked by **Lord Polak**

To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Israel to strengthen UK-Israel trade; and what progress has been made in securing a UK-Israel trade deal to be implemented following the UK's exit from the EU. [HL6141]

**Lord Price:** The Prime Minister met the Israeli Prime Minister in February and agreed to establish a working group to continue the progress we have seen to date. We continue to liaise closely with the Israeli Government on strengthening our trading links, and I look forward to building on our strong trade relationship during my visit to Israel this week.

## Palliative Care: Children

Asked by **Lord Carlile of Berriew**

To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that Clinical Commissioning Groups understand their responsibility for the commissioning of children's palliative care, and that they engage with the work that is done in the third sector to provide and develop children's palliative care. [HL6150]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** In 2016, the National Palliative and End of Life Care Partnership, made up of 27 partners from across the system, published *Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care - a national framework for local action 2015-2020*. The framework outlines an overarching vision for palliative and end of life care for both children and adults, and includes six ambitions, all with building blocks, to make that vision a reality. A copy of the framework is attached.

The framework emphasises the importance of local decision-making and delivery and encourages commissioners to work with partners to improve palliative and end of life care across the local system.

To support delivery of the ambitions, a new online only 'knowledge hub' has been developed containing resources, tools and case studies for both commissioners and professionals, including commissioning guidelines.

NHS England also expects clinical commissioning groups to commission services in accordance with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines *End of life care for infants, children and young people with life-limiting conditions: planning and management*, which includes details on the planning and management of end of life and palliative care for infants, children and young people. A copy of the guidance is attached.

The Answer includes the following attached material:

Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care [Ambitions Framework.pdf]

End of Life Care for infants [NICE guidance.pdf]

The material can be viewed online at:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-03-16/HL6150>

Asked by **Lord Carlile of Berriew**

To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they will take to ensure that Clinical Commissioning Groups are accountable to NHS England for delivering a consistent level of children's palliative care across England. [HL6151]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** NHS England expects clinical commissioning groups to commission services in accordance with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guideline *End of life care for infants, children and young people with life-limiting conditions*, which includes details on the planning and management of end of life and palliative care for infants, children and young people. A copy of the guideline is attached.

The Answer includes the following attached material:

NICE Guideline End of Life Care for Infants [NICE guidance.pdf]

The material can be viewed online at:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-03-16/HL6151>

## Primodos

Asked by **Lord Alton of Liverpool**

To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Earl Howe on 26 October 2010 (HL2589, HL2591, HL2592, and HL2593) concerning the drug Primodos, and to the remarks by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health on 23 October 2014 (HC Deb 1139) concerning oral hormone pregnancy tests, and in the light of the Sky News documentary *Primodos: The Secret Drugs Scandal*, what progress has been made on the independent review of the papers and evidence relating to oral hormone pregnancy tests; what assessment that review has made of the decision by the Committee on Safety of Medicines to ask drug companies to stop promoting pregnancy test drugs to doctors in 1969 but not to advise doctors not to use such drugs until 1975; and whether that review will examine the allegations made in the Sky News documentary, in particular (1) that no toxicology or testing was undertaken prior to the drug Primodos being licensed, (2) that Primodos was being used as an abortifacient in some parts of the world whilst being sold in the UK for the purposes of pregnancy testing, and (3) that there may have been collusion between the drug manufacturer and the regulatory bodies. [HL6261]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** Primodos, a hormonal pregnancy test, first became available in the 1950s. At that time there were no legal requirements on companies to ensure that marketed medicines met appropriate standards of safety, quality and efficacy and a licence to



market was not required. Any studies performed on a medicine prior to its use were at the discretion of the company. The Medicines Act came into force in 1971.

The terms of reference of the Expert Working Group on Hormonal Pregnancy Tests, adopted by its members and agreed with by the chair of the main patient association in her role as an 'observer' on the Group, are focused on a scientific review of the strength of evidence for a possible association between exposure in pregnancy to hormonal pregnancy tests and adverse outcomes in pregnancy (particularly birth defects, miscarriages and stillbirths). The Group's terms of reference also include what lessons may be learnt for further improving existing regulatory systems to identify, monitor and minimise any adverse effects of medicines in pregnancy.

### Pupil Premium

*Asked by Lord Storey*

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many pupils qualified for pupil premium in the academic years 2015–16 and 2016–17. [HL6148]

**Lord Nash:** The number of pupils eligible for the pupil premium in state-funded primary and secondary, maintained special schools, special academies, pupil referral units, alternative provision academies and alternative provision is:

	<i>Deprivation Pupil Premium</i>	<i>Service Child Pupil Premium</i>	<i>Post-LAC</i>	<i>Pupil Premium Plus for Looked After Children</i>	<i>Total</i>
2015 to 2016	1,920,357	68,896	30,774	55,380	2,075,406
2016 to 2017 <sup>1</sup>	1,913,326	73,415	36,854	55,380 <sup>2</sup>	2,078,974

Notes: 1 - Provisional figures for 2016 to 2017 which will be finalised by end March 2017 covering new data for Looked After Children and for new and growing schools.

2 - Provisional LAC figures are pulled forward from 2015 to 2016.

3 - Full-time equivalent (FTE) number of pupils. Figures are rounded to 0 decimal places and so do not sum to the Total.

This information is published on the department's website.

### RT

*Asked by Lord Hylton*

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the spread of misinformation, or (2) interference in the internal affairs of foreign states, through the activities of Russia Today. [HL6044]

**Baroness Anelay of St Johns:** The Russian government has a poor record of respecting freedom of expression and enjoys a near monopoly over Russian language media across the post-Soviet region. This

provides an avenue for the spreading of disinformation and propaganda.

Where media plurality exists such as that enjoyed by broadcasters in the UK, the impact is low. Russia Today, for example, has a limited audience share in the UK and we have judged that there is little to no impact measurable from its activity in the West.

### Schools: Finance

*Asked by Lord Ouseley*

To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the warning from the Local Government Association that reductions in the central government-provided education services grant may result in some local authorities potentially being unable to meet legal obligations to schools, such as checking staff for criminal records and ensuring that buildings are free of asbestos, what recourse is available to affected pupils, parents, school staff and other local residents if those legal obligations are not met. [HL6216]

**Lord Nash:** As announced at the Spending Review, we will be removing the Education Services Grant general funding rate from 2017-18. We recognise that local authorities will need support with this change, which is why we have introduced a new transitional grant worth £125m in 2017-18. We have also amended regulations to allow local authorities to use other sources of funding to pay for education services for maintained schools once the ESG is removed from September 2017. Local authorities are allowed to retain some of their maintained schools' Dedicated Schools Grant so that they can continue to deliver the statutory duties they carry out on behalf of maintained schools previously funded through the Education Services Grant general funding rate.

If local authorities cannot agree with their maintained schools on the level of funding to retain, local authorities have recourse to the Secretary of State.

Funding delivered through the ESG retained duties rate, which funds duties that local authorities hold in respect of all schools, is not being removed. In 2017-18, this funding has been moved into the Dedicated Schools Grant and paid to local authorities on a per-pupil basis. From 2018-19, this funding will be allocated to local authorities through the central school services block.

### Social Services

*Asked by Lord Warner*

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of providers of publicly funded (1) home care, and (2) residential and nursing home care services, who have handed back contracts to local authorities in England; what representations they have received from local authorities and others about this issue; and what assessment they have made of the impact of such actions on the performance of the NHS. [HL6252]

**Lord O'Shaughnessy:** Information on the number of providers of publicly funded home care and residential and nursing home care services who have handed back contracts is not held centrally. Ministers have received representations from a number of local authorities (LAs) about market fragility which have touched on the risk of and alluded to actual handing back of contracts.

Following the Chancellor's announcement in the Budget, LAs in England will receive an additional £2 billion for social care over the next three years.

The additional resources will help LAs commission care services that are sustainable, diverse and offer sufficient high quality care and support for people in their areas.

There is a complex relationship between social care and NHS services. NHS England is working with the Department to identify a fuller understanding of the linkages between health and social care services. It is aiming to undertake some detailed work at local level to exploit linked data where it is available to analyse more fully how changes and variation in the provision of social care impacts on health care services.

The results of the best available academic study indicate that for each additional £1 spent on social care, there is a saving to the National Health Service of £0.35. Also, £1 additional NHS spend corresponds to just over £0.35 reduction on social care.

### **St Helena: Airports**

*Asked by Lord Stevens of Ludgate*

To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Bates on 30 January (HL4701), and in the light of the positive results of the recent air access tests at St Helena Airport, whether wind shear was the primary factor in the decision made to reduce regular air services to and from that airport. [HL6176]

**Lord Bates:** Wind shear identified at St Helena Airport in April 2016 meant that the commencement of regular scheduled air services was postponed while the operating conditions were investigated and means identified to mitigate their impact. A tender for a weekly air service into St Helena was launched in December 2016 and received a substantial response. Contract award is scheduled for early summer 2017.

### **Swimming: Rural Areas**

*Asked by Lord Storey*

To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure the teaching of water survival techniques to children in rural or remote areas where there is no provision of swimming pools or access to other safe places to swim. [HL6178]

**Lord Nash:** We want all children to leave primary school able to swim. Swimming is not only an excellent form of physical activity but also a life-saving skill. This is why swimming and water safety is compulsory in the national curriculum for PE at key stages 1 and 2.

While many schools enjoy excellent links to local facilities we do know that some schools, especially in rural areas, struggle to access local pools.

To help look into this and other issues that hinder the teaching of high quality swimming lessons, the Government has established a working group to advise on how to ensure no child leaves primary school unable to swim. The group is supported by the Amateur Swimming Association and includes sector experts, and will be presenting their recommendations to Ministers shortly. Further details will be announced in due course.

### **Trade Promotion: Central America**

*Asked by Viscount Waverley*

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will consider appointing a Prime Minister's trade adviser for Central America. [HL6094]

**Lord Price:** There is currently no such title or role as a Prime Minister's trade adviser. However there are currently no plans for a Prime Minister's Trade Envoy for Central America. The exact make up of our overseas engagement is under constant review in order to balance our global efforts and resources to achieve maximum strategic benefit to the UK.

We support international trade and investment through a range of engagements tailored to individual markets and regions. The Department for International Trade leads on this work and has an international staff network, including in the Central American markets of Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Panama. DIT's work to place the UK at the forefront of global trade is supported by other government departments as well as British business, Business Ambassadors and Prime Minister's Trade Envoys.

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