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The Home Affairs Committee

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Publication

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at www.parliament.uk/homeaffairscom. A list of Reports of the Committee since Session 2005–06 is at the back of this volume.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Elizabeth Flood (Clerk), Eliot Barrass (Second Clerk), Elisabeth Bates (Committee Specialist), Sarah Petit (Committee Specialist), Darren Hackett (Senior Committee Assistant), Sheryl Dinsdale (Committee Assistant) and Jessica Bridges-Palmer (Select Committee Media Officer).

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Report

1. We considered it might be useful to provide an overview of our work in the 2005–10 Parliament, concentrating on how—if at all—our recommendations have been implemented. Accordingly, we asked the Home Office to inform us of the progress in implementing the Committee's recommendations and any other relevant updates. The Home Office's response is available on our website as an appendix to this Special Report.¹

2. Our principal remit, as set out in House of Commons standing orders, is “to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Home Office and its associated public bodies”. These bodies include “agencies” such as the UK Border Agency (UKBA) and the Serious and Organised Crime Agency (SOCA), which possess a degree of autonomy but remain the ultimate responsibility of the Home Office. In carrying out our remit we aim to strike a balance between undertaking inquiries into major policy issues, examining the Department's discharge of its duties across the range of its activities—including legislation and legislative proposals—and responding rapidly to important developments relating to the work of the Home Office and that of its associated public bodies.

3. Since 9 May 2007, issues relating to the courts, probation, prisons and prevention of re-offending in England and Wales are no longer within the remit of the Home Office but fall to the Ministry of Justice. We have therefore excluded from our update all reports prior to that date dealing with these issues. We have also excluded reports where insufficient time has passed since publication to enable any meaningful assessment of progress to be made.

4. We list below the reports that we have published from the start of the 2005–10 Parliament up to the date on which we make this Special Report, 16 March 2010. The reports are listed together with the reference for the initial Government Response to the report, where applicable. Those reports included in the Appendix to this Report are printed in bold type; those excluded are listed with a brief note explaining why they were excluded.

Session 2005–06

First Report, *Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill* (First Joint Report with the Work and Pensions Committee) (HC 540), published 20 December 2005. Government Response published as Cm 6755. Not included in Appendix: Legislation introduced.

Second Report, *Draft Sentencing Guidelines: Robbery* (HC 947), published 7 March 2006. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: Now Ministry of Justice responsibility.

Third Report, *Draft Sentencing Guidelines—Overarching Principles: Domestic Violence and Breach of a Protective Order* (HC 1231), published 28 June 2006. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: Now Ministry of Justice responsibility.

¹ <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmhaff/492/annex/492annex.pdf>

Fourth Report, *Terrorism Detention Powers* (HC 910), published 3 July 2006. Government Response published as Cm 6906.

Fifth Report, *Immigration Control* (HC 775), published 23 July 2006. Government Response published as Cm 6910. Not included in Appendix: Legislation introduced.

Sixth Report, *Draft Sentencing Guidelines: Sexual Offences Act 2003* (HC 1582), published 28 July 2006. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: Now Ministry of Justice responsibility.

Session 2006–07

First Report, *Work of the Committee in 2005–06* (HC 296), published 20 February 2007. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: No recommendations made to the Government.

Second Report, *Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System* (HC 181), published 15 June 2007. Government Response published as Cm 7217. Not included in Appendix: Now mostly Ministry of Justice responsibility.

Third Report, *Justice and Home Affairs Issues at European Union Level* (HC 76), published 5 June 2007. Government Response published as HC 1021.

Fourth Report, *Police Funding* (HC 553), published 19 July 2007. Government Response published as HC 1092.

Session 2007–08

First Report, *The Government's Counter-Terrorism Proposals* (HC 43), published 13 December 2007. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: Legislation introduced.

Second Report, *Bulgarian and Romanian Accession to the EU: Twelve months on* (HC 59), published 17 January 2008. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: No recommendations made to the Government

Third Report, *Security Industry Authority* (HC 144), published 17 January 2008. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: Committee's recommendation implemented.

Fourth Report, *Work of the Committee in 2007* (HC 226), published 24 January 2008. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: No recommendations made to the Government.

Fifth Report, *A Surveillance Society?* (HC 58), published 8 June 2008. Government Response published as HC 1124.

Sixth Report, *Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and “Honour”-Based Violence* (HC 263), published 13 June 2008. Government Response published as HC 1165.

Seventh Report, *Policing in the 21st Century* (HC 364), published 10 November 2008. Government Response published as HC 364.

Session 2008–09

First Report, *Monitoring of the UK Border Agency* (HC 77), published 12 January 2009. Government Response published as HC 381.

Second Report, *Police and the Media* (HC 75), published 18 January 2009. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: No recommendations made to the Government.

Third Report, *The work of the Committee 2007–08* (HC 76), published 26 March 2009. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: No recommendations made to the Government.

Fourth Report, *Policing Process of Home Office Leaks Inquiry* (HC 157), published 16 April 2009. Government Response published as HC 1026.

Fifth Report, *Borders, Immigration and Citizenship Bill [HL]* (HC 425), published 29 April 2009. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: Legislation introduced.

Sixth Report, *The Trade in Human Beings: Human Trafficking in the UK* (HC 23), published 14 May 2009. Government Response published as Cm 7693.

Seventh Report, *Knife Crime* (HC 112), published 20 May 2009. Government Response published as Cm 7648 in August 2009. Not included in Appendix: Response too recently published for follow-up to be useful.

Eighth Report, *Policing of the G20 Protests* (HC 418), published 29 June 2009. Government Response published as HC 201 on 27 January 2010. Not included in Appendix: Response too recently published for follow-up to be useful.

Ninth Report, *Project CONTEST: The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Strategy* (HC 212), published 7 July 2009. Government Response published as Cm 7703 in September 2009. Not included in Appendix: Response too recently published for follow-up to be useful.

Tenth Report, *The cost of policing football matches* (HC 676), published 19 July 2009. Government Response published as HC 339 on 1 February 2010. Not included in Appendix: Response too recently published for follow-up to be useful.

Eleventh Report, *Bogus Colleges* (HC 595), published 21 July 2009. Government Response published as Cm 7766 on 10 December 2009. Not included in Appendix: Response too recently published for follow-up to be useful.

Twelfth Report, *Macpherson Report–Ten Years On* (HC 427), published 22 July 2009. Government response published as HC 461 of Session 2009–10. Not included in Appendix: Response too recently published for follow-up to be useful.

Thirteenth Report, *Managing Migration: The Points-Based System* (HC 217), published 1 August 2009, Government Response published as Cm 7767 on 10 December 2009. Not included in Appendix: Response too recently published for follow-up to be useful.

Fourteenth Report, *The work of the Serious Organised Crime Agency* (HC 730), published 18 November 2009. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: No recommendations made to the Government.

Session 2009–10

First Report, *The Detention of Children in the Immigration System* (HC 73), published 29 November 2009. Government Response published as Cm 7795 in January 2010. Not included in Appendix: Response too recently published for follow-up to be useful.

Second Report, *The work of the UK Border Agency* (HC 105-I), published 8 December 2009. Government Response published as HC 370 on 12 February 2010. Not included in Appendix: too recently published for follow-up to be useful.

Third Report, *The E-Borders Programme* (HC 170), published 18 December 2009.

Fourth Report, *Work of the Committee in 2008–09* (HC 265), published 15 January 2010. No Government Response required. Not included in Appendix: No recommendations made to the Government.

Fifth Report, *Police Service Strength* (HC 50), published 26 January 2010.

Sixth Report, *The Home Office's Response to Terrorist Attacks* (HC 117), published on 2 February 2010.

Seventh Report, *The Cocaine Trade* (HC 74), published on 3 March 2010.

Eighth Report, *The National DNA Database* (HC 222), published on 8 March 2010.