

New Plan for Immigration: Public Core questionnaire

Fore	word		
1	 The foreword provides a high level outline of the New Plan for Immigration, including reforms to make the system fair, but firm. Overall, how far do you support or oppose what is being said here? Please refer to the foreword of the New Plan for Immigration to support your answer to this question. 		Strongly support Tend to support Neither support nor oppose Tend to oppose Strongly oppose Don't know
Char	ter 1: Overview of the Current System		
This	question relates to the Overview of the Current System in the Nev Id you wish to refer to this before answering.	w Pla	an for Immigration,
2	 The UK Government is committed to building an asylum system that is firm and fair, based on three major objectives: To increase the fairness and efficacy of our system so that we can better protect and support those in genuine need of asylum. To deter illegal entry into the UK, thereby breaking the business model of criminal trafficking networks and protecting the lives of those they endanger; and To remove more easily from the UK those with no right to be here. How effective, if at all, do you think each of the following will be in helping the UK Government achieve this vision? Please select one response for each statement. A. Strengthening safe and legal routes for those genuinely seeking protection in the UK. B. Reforming legal processes to ensure improved access to justice. C. Reforming legal processes to ensure speedier outcomes. D. Requiring those who claim asylum and their legal representatives to act in 'good faith' by providing all relevant information in support of their claim at the earliest opportunity. 		Very effective Fairly effective Not very effective Not at all effective Don't know





	 E. Enforcing the swift removal of those found to have no right to be in the UK, including Foreign National Offenders. F. Eliminating the ability for individuals to make repeated protection claims to stop their removal, when those follow-up claims could have been raised earlier in the process. G. Preventing illegal entry at the border, for example, by making irregular channel crossings unviable for small boats or deterring other activities such as hiding in the back of lorries. 	
3 T p ca T d re al Ir fc p	 r 2: Protecting those Fleeing Persecution, Oppression and Tyrathe Government is reviewing safe and legal routes for rotection claimants to enter the UK. Further details of this an be found in Annex A. he intention of the UK Government is to maintain clear, well-efined routes for refugees in need of protection, ensuring efugees have the freedom to succeed, ability to integrate and contribute fully to society when they arrive in the UK. h your view, how effective, if at all, do you feel each of the ollowing proposals will be in ensuring the Government can rovide safe and legal ways for refugees in genuine need of rotection? lease select one response for each statement. Maintaining a long-term commitment to resettle refugees from around the globe to the UK, including ensuring a full range of persecuted minorities are represented. Granting resettled refugees immediate indefinite leave to remain on their arrival in the UK so that they benefit from full rights and entitlements when they arrive. Reviewing the refugee family reunion routes available to refugees who have arrived through safe and legal routes. Ensuring resettlement programmes are responsive to emerging international crises - so refugees can enter the UK through community sponsorship, encouraging stronger partnerships between local Government and community groups. 	<u>)</u>



	 Introducing a new means for the Home Secretary to help people in extreme need of safety whilst still in their country of origin in life-threatening circumstances. Enhancing support provided to refugees to help them integrate into UK society and become self-sufficient more quickly. Reviewing support for refugees to access employment in the UK through our points-based immigration system where they qualify. 		
Thes inclu	and legal routes including Family reunion for unaccompanied asy e questions relate to the separate information sheet (Annex A) on ding family reunion for unaccompanied asylum seeking children. I information.	n saf	e and legal routes
4	 The Government recognises the importance of reuniting those who are in the UK who are in genuine need of protection, with their family members. How important, if at all, do you think each of the following proposals would be in meeting this objective? Please select one response for each statement. Reuniting an adult with refugee status in the UK with Their spouse or partner, wherever their spouse/partner may be in the world. Their own child who is under the age of 18, wherever their child may be in the world. Their own adult child who is over the age of 18, wherever their child may be in the world. A close family member (e.g. sister, brother), wherever that family member may be in the world. Another family member (e.g. uncle, aunt, nephew, niece), wherever that family member may be in the world 		Very important Fairly important Not very important Not at all important Don't know
5	Now that the UK has left the European Union (EU), protection claimants who have sought international protection in an EU member state can no longer join family members in the UK using EU law. This means those seeking international protection in the EU must apply to join family members in the UK under the Immigration Rules like those from the 'rest of the world'.		Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know



To what extent do you agree or disagree with this approach to apply the same policy to protection claimants seeking to join family members in the UK, regardless of where they are?	
Are there any other observations or views you would like to share relating to the UK Government's future policy on safe and legal routes for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in the EU wanting to reunite with family members in the UK? Please write in your answer and provide as much detail as you can.	Open question
Are there any other observations or views you would like to share relating to the UK Government's future policy on safe and legal routes for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in the rest of the world (outside the EU) wanting to reunite with family members in the UK?	Open question
Please write in your answer and provide as much detail as you can.	
Are there any other observations or views you would like to share relating to the UK Government's future policy on safe and legal routes to the UK for protection claimants in the EU? Please write in your answer and provide as much detail as you can	Open question
When you answer please indicate if your views relate to protection claimants who are unaccompanied asylum- seeking children, adults and/or families (adults and accompanied children) in the EU.	
Are there any other observations or views you would like to share relating to the UK Government's future policy on safe and legal routes for protection claimants who are adults and/or families (adults and accompanied children) wanting to reunite with family members in the UK?	Open question
Please write in your answer and provide as much detail as you can.	
Are there any further observations or views you would like to share about safe and legal routes to the UK for family reunion or other purposes for protection claimants and/or refugees and/or their families that you have not expressed?	Open question
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	Please write in your answer and provide as much detail as you can.	
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Chapt	ter 3: Ending Anomalies and Delivering Fairness in British Nationa	ality Law
	e questions relate to chapter 3 of the New Plan for Immigration. P ore information.	lease refer to this chapter
11	 How effective, if at all, do you feel the following changes will be in contributing to the objective of correcting historic anomalies in current British Nationality law? Please provide an answer for each statement. Introducing new registration provisions for children of a British Overseas Territories Citizen (BOTC) to acquire citizenship more easily. Fixing the injustice which prevents a child from acquiring their father's citizenship if their mother was married to someone else. Introducing a new discretionary adult registration route to give the Home Secretary an ability to grant citizenship in compelling and exceptional circumstances where there has been historical unfairness beyond a person's control. Creating further flexibility to waive residence requirements for naturalisation in exceptional cases. This will mean those impacted by Windrush are not prevented from qualifying for British Citizenship because they were not able to return to the UK to meet the residency requirements through no fault of their own. 	 Very effective Fairly effective Not very effective Not at all effective Don't know
-	ter 4: Disrupting Criminal Networks and Reforming the Asylum Sy e questions relate to chapter 4 of the New Plan for Immigration. P	
	ore information.	
12	To protect life and ensure access to our asylum system is preserved for the most vulnerable, we must break the business model of criminal networks behind illegal immigration and overhaul the UK's decades-old domestic asylum framework.	 Very effective Fairly effective Not very effective Not at all effective Don't know
	In your view, how effective, if at all, will the following proposals be in achieving this aim?	







Chapt	ter 5: Streamlining Asylum Claims and Appeals		
These questions relate to chapter 5 of the New Plan for Immigration. Please refer to this chapter for more information.			
14	The Government wants to ensure the asylum and appeals system is faster, fairer and concludes cases more effectively. The Government's end-to-end reforms will aim to reduce the extent to which people can frustrate removals through sequential or unmeritorious claims, appeals or legal action, while maintaining fairness, ensuring access to justice and upholding the rule of law.	•	Very effective Fairly effective Not very effective Not at all effective Don't know
	In your view, how effective, if at all, will each of the following intended reforms be in achieving these aims?		
	 Developing a "Good Faith" requirement setting out principles for people and their representatives when dealing with public authorities and the courts, such as not providing misleading information or bringing evidence late where it was reasonable to do so earlier. Introducing an expanded 'one-stop' process to ensure that asylum claims, human rights claims, referrals as a potential victim of modern slavery and any other protection matters are made and considered together, ahead of any appeal hearing. This would require people and their representatives to present their case honestly and comprehensively – setting out full details and evidence to the Home Office and not adding more claims later which could have been made at the start. Considering introducing a ground of appeal to the First Tier Tribunal for certain Modern Slavery cases within the 'one-stop' process. 		
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	In your view, how effective, if at all, will each of the following intended reforms be in achieving these aims:		
	 Providing more generous access to advice, including legal advice, to support people to raise issues, provide evidence as early as possible and avoid last minute claims. 		





	 Introducing an expedited process for claims and appeals made from detention, providing access to justice while quickly disposing any unmeritorious claims. Providing a quicker process for Judges to take decisions on claims which the Home Office refuse without the right of appeal, reducing delays and costs from judicial reviews. Introducing a new system for creating a panel of preapproved experts (e.g. medical experts) who report to the court or require experts to be jointly agreed by parties. Expanding the fixed recoverable costs regime to cover immigration judicial reviews (JRs) and encouraging the increased use of wasted costs orders in Asylum and Immigration matters. Introducing a new claims, made late. This will include late referrals for modern slavery insofar as they prevent removal or deportation. 	
These	ter 6: Supporting Victims of Modern Slavery e questions relate to chapter 6 of the New Plan for Immigration. P ore information.	lease refer to this chapter
16	 The Government believes there is a need to act now to build a resilient system which identifies victims of modern slavery as quickly as possible, and ensures that support is provided to those who need it, distinguishing effectively between genuine and vexatious accounts of modern slavery. In your view, how effective, if at all, will each of the following intended reforms be in achieving these aims? Improving First Responders' understanding of when to make a referral into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) and when alternative support services may be more appropriate. Clarifying the Reasonable Grounds threshold. Clarifying the definition of "public order" to enable the UK to withhold protections afforded by the NRM where 	 Very effective Fairly effective Not very effective Not at all effective Don't know



	 Legislating to clarify the basis on which confirmed victims of modern slavery may be eligible for a grant of temporary, modern slavery specific, leave to remain. Bringing forward other future legislation to clarify international obligations to victims in UK law. Continuing to strengthen the criminal justice system response to modern slavery, providing additional funding to increase prosecutions and build policing capability to investigate and respond to organised crime. Introducing new initiatives (as set out in Chapter 6 of the New Plan for Immigration) to provide additional support to victims, improve the Government's ability to prevent modern slavery in the first place, and increase prosecutions of perpetrators. 	
Chapt	er 7: Disrupting Criminal Networks Behind People Smuggling	
	e questions relate to chapter 7 of the New Plan for Immigration. F ore information.	Please refer to this chapter
17	 Illegal immigration can cause significant harm and can endanger the lives of those undertaking dangerous journeys. It can also endanger those emergency service workers and Border Force officers who respond to illegal journeys such as those made by small boat. The Government is determined to introduce tough new measures to deter illegal migration by strengthening the protection of the UK's borders In your view, how effective, if at all, will each of the following intended reforms be in helping to meet this aim: 	 Very effective Fairly effective Not very effective Not at all effective Don't know
	 Intended reforms be in helping to meet this aim: Introducing tougher criminal offences for those attempting to illegally enter the UK, (including raising the penalty for illegal entry from 6 months to 2 - 5 years). Widening existing powers to tackle those promoting or facilitating illegal migration, including raising the maximum sentence for facilitation to life imprisonment. Giving additional powers to Border Force including searching freight containers for immigration purposes, seize and dispose of any vessels and the ability to stop and redirect vessels from the UK where persons being conveyed are suspected of seeking to enter the UK illegally. 	





	 Increasing the penalty to a maximum of 5 years in prison for Foreign National Offenders who return to the UK in breach of a deportation order. Overhauling the Clandestine Civil Penalty Regime. Implementing an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme to identify and block the entry of those who present a threat to the UK. 	
18	 The Government proposes to legislate for and enforce an electronic travel authorisation (ETAs) scheme i.e., an application for permission to travel to the UK similar to the current process for countries like United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. If you have experience of applying for or engaging with travel authorisation schemes operated by other countries, what are your experiences of those schemes? 1. Mostly positive 2. Equally positive and negative 3. Mostly negative 4. Not sure / don't know 5. I have not had experience of applying 	 Mostly positive Equally positive and negative Mostly negative Not sure / don't know I Have not had experience of applying Open question
Thes	ter 8: Enforcing Removals including Foreign National Offenders (e questions relate to chapter 8 of the New Plan for Immigration. F fore information.	
19	 It is an essential responsibility of any Government to enforce and promote compliance with immigration laws, ensuring the swift return of those not entitled to be in the UK. The Home Secretary is also under a duty to remove any foreign national offender who has been served a sentence for an offence in the UK of 12 months or more. In your view, how effective, if at all, will each of the following reforms be in helping us to build on these principles? Consulting with Local Authority partners and stakeholders on implementing the provisions of the 	 Very effective Fairly effective Not very effective Not at all effective Don't know



	 Considering whether to more carefully control visa availability where a country does not co-operate with receiving their own nationals who have no right to be in the UK. Increasing the early removal provision for Foreign National Offenders who leave the UK from 9 months to 12 months to encourage departure and also add a new 'stop the clock' provision so that they must complete their sentence if they return. This would be in addition to any sentence for returning in breach of a deportation order. Amending the list of factors for consideration of granting immigration bail and the conditions of immigration bail. Placing in statute a single, standardised minimum notice period for migrants to access justice prior to enforced removal and confirm in statute that notice need not be re-issued following a previous failed removal, for example where the person has physically disrupted their removal. 	
20	The Government intends on amending the list of factors for consideration of Immigration Bail in paragraph 3 of Schedule 10 to the <u>Immigration Act 2016 (legislation.gov.uk</u>), to include an individual's compliance with proper immigration process. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with this proposal?	 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know
Public	Sector Equality Duty (and other general questions)	
21	 Below is a list of protected characteristics under the Equalities Act: Age Disability Gender reassignment Marriage and civil partnership Pregnancy and maternity Race Religion or belief Sex Sexual orientation 	Multiple choice Open question



	From the list of areas below, please select any areas where	
	you feel intended reforms present disproportionate impacts on individuals protected by the Equalities Act.	
	Please expand on your answer for any areas you have selected, providing data (where applicable), further information and detailed reasons.	
	 Protecting those Fleeing Persecution, Oppression and Tyranny (Chapter 2) Ending Anomalies and Delivering Fairness in British Nationality Law (Chapter 3) Disrupting Criminal Networks and Reforming the Asylum System (Chapter 4) Streamlining Asylum Claims and Appeals (Chapter 5) Supporting Victims of Modern Slavery (Chapter 6) Disrupting Criminal Networks Behind People Smuggling (Chapter 7) Enforcing Removals including Foreign National Offenders (FNOs)(Chapter 8) None of these 	
22	And in which areas, if any, of the intended reforms do you feel there are likely to be the greatest potential equalities considerations against the listed protected characteristics? (tick all that apply)	Multiple choice Open question
	 Protecting those Fleeing Persecution, Oppression and Tyranny (Chapter 2) Ending Anomalies and Delivering Fairness in British Nationality Law (Chapter 3) Disrupting Criminal Networks and Reforming the Asylum System (Chapter 4) Streamlining Asylum Claims and Appeals (Chapter 5) Supporting Victims of Modern Slavery (Chapter 6) Disrupting Criminal Networks Behind People Smuggling (Chapter 7) Enforcing Removals including Foreign National Offenders (FNOs)(Chapter 8) None of these 	
	Please expand on your answer, providing data (where applicable) and further information	
23	Thinking about any potential equality considerations for the intended reforms in each of the areas, are there any mitigations you feel the Government should consider? Please	Open question





	give data (where applicable) and detailed reasons.	
24	Is there any other feedback on the New Plan for Immigration content that you would like to submit as part of this consultation?	Open question

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