

# BALANCED **MIGRATION**



PRESS RELEASE: Rt Hon. Frank Field MP and The Hon. Nicholas Soames MP

## **GOVERNMENT MUST DO MORE THAN RESTRICT BULGARIAN AND ROMANIAN WORKERS**

Commenting on the Written Ministerial Statement today by Immigration Minister Phil Woolas that the Government is to retain UK work restrictions for Romanian and Bulgarian nationals, the Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration said:

"The Government has seen sense and heeded our warnings about the folly of making it easier for Bulgarians and Romanians to come to the UK to compete for work. At a time of rising unemployment, that would have been foolishness. Now the Government needs to act to tighten up other immigration controls, so that foreign workers cannot come here "on spec" to look for work, and also to ensure that all jobs are advertised in the UK first - and cannot be given straight to foreign workers."

### **Notes to editors**

1. The Rt Hon Frank Field MP and The Hon Nicholas Soames MP are Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration. The Group's Vice-Chairmen are Lord (Bill) Jordan CBE (former President of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union) and Daniel Kawczynski MP (Conservative, Shrewsbury & Atcham). Other members include Tobias Ellwood MP, Roger Godsiff MP, David Taylor MP, Lord Ahmed, Lord Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury) Baroness Cox, Field Marshal Lord Inge KG, GCB, PC, DL and Lord Skidelsky. Further members will be announced in due course.

2. On 10 November 2008 the Cross Party Group called for the Points Based System to be tightened in the light of the recession see:

<http://www.balancedmigration.com/pressreleases/Exposed-thousandsofBritishjobsgotonon-EUworkers-andnotonehastobeadvertisedintheUK101108.pdf>

3. "Balanced Migration – A new approach to controlling immigration" is available to download at [www.balancedmigration.com](http://www.balancedmigration.com).

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