

# BALANCED **MIGRATION**



## **EXPOSED: THOUSANDS OF BRITISH JOBS GO TO NON-EU WORKERS – AND NOT ONE HAS TO BE ADVERTISED IN THE UK**

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### **Cross Party Group calls for immigration system to be toughened up**

Ahead of Wednesday's unemployment figures, the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration has published new research which shows that last year thousands of jobs went to economic migrants from outside the European Union – and not a single one of those jobs had to be advertised in the UK first. The Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group have written to the Home Secretary, asking her to ensure that all UK jobs are properly advertised in the UK, and to suspend Tier One of the new Points Based System, under which migrant workers are able to come to the UK without any job to go to.

Commenting on the research, the Group's Co-Chairmen, Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP, said:

“The Government's claim that it wants “British jobs for British workers” is simply not being put into practice. Everyone knew that the Government could do nothing to stop EU citizens from applying for UK jobs. What isn't known is that, for the last few years, tens of thousands of non-EU citizens have been given jobs in the UK - and there has been no obligation for any of these jobs to be advertised here first. At a time when unemployment is rising, this must stop. So too should the ability for non-EU citizens to come to the UK “on spec” to look for work.

“The government say that they are about to introduce a “tough” points based system. In fact, in the new economic circumstances, it is not nearly tough enough. Last month the new Immigration Minister said that he was brought in to “toughen up” the immigration system. We have today produced specific proposals. Now is his chance to prove that he is serious.”

The Chairmen of the Cross Party Group commissioned the research (attached) from Migrationwatch.

## 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. According to the Government's statistics:

- Immigration will add 7 million to our population by 2031, equivalent to adding seven cities the size of Birmingham.
- In 2009, England is expected to become the most crowded country in Europe, overtaking Holland.
- For the next 20 years we will have to build a house every six minutes for new immigrants.
- The annual benefit of immigration, on the Government's own calculation, is 62 pence per head, per week.

3. The House of Lords Select Committee on Economic Affairs issued a ground-breaking report on the economic impact of immigration in April which called for "a reasoned indicative target range for net immigration" around which policies should be adjusted. The Cross Party Group believes that this indicative target should be Balanced Migration.

4. Balanced Migration would seek to bring the number of immigrants into line with the number of emigrants. The main change would be to limit the number of non-EU citizens who are given the right to settle permanently in the UK. Under these proposals, there would be no fundamental change to arrangements governing asylum; foreign students coming to the UK; genuine marriages; and the new Points Based System although some aspects will need to be tightened up. Non-EU citizens would be able to work here for up to four years, after which they would be expected to leave. Permanent settlement would be subject to a small annual limit with applicants selected by a further points system. Balanced Migration, once achieved, would mean that new household formation would be reduced by about a third, and the population of England, now nearly 51 million, would stabilise at about 56 million by mid century; by contrast, at present levels of immigration it will be 68 million in 2056 and the population of the UK will be 78 million while still rising sharply.

5. "Balanced Migration – A new approach to controlling immigration" is available to download at [www.frankfield.co.uk](http://www.frankfield.co.uk) and [www.nicholassoames.org.uk](http://www.nicholassoames.org.uk)