

**MINUTES OF THE 57TH MEETING OF THE MIGRATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON 23 JULY 2013**

Chair: Professor Sir David Metcalf CBE

**Attending: Dr Martin Ruhs
Dr Jennifer Smith
Professor Jonathan Wadsworth
Professor Jackline Wahba
Nicola Smith
MAC secretariat**

**Apologies: Lesley Giles
Glyn Williams**

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions

Apologies were received from Lesley Giles and Glyn Williams. The Chair welcomed Nicola Smith, of the Home Office, who attended the meeting in place of Glyn Williams. He also welcomed Henna Akram, who had joined the secretariat on a summer internship

Agenda item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2013

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Agenda item 3 – Home Office and MAC secretariat policy updates

2. Nicola Smith gave the update on behalf of the Home Office. She said that work on the Immigration Bill continued at pace, that the judgement in the judicial review of family cases had been received and was being considered by the Government and that the latest net migration figures would be released in August. Nicola also gave an update on discussion with other departments about the review of the Migrant Seasonal Workers.
3. The Chair informed the Committee that Glyn Williams would soon be leaving his current role. The Chair asked that his thanks to Glyn, who ensured that the Committee's deliberations took into account relevant Government policies or operational procedures, be put on record. The Committee was also advised that Jocelyn Goldthorp will be leaving the secretariat. The Chair expressed his gratitude to Jocelyn for her excellent contribution to the work of the MAC. The MAC echoed the Chair's comments.
4. Tim Harrison gave an update on behalf of the MAC secretariat. Tim informed the MAC that the Chair and the secretariat had engaged in a number of meetings with other government departments with respect to the Government's commission to the MAC on low-skilled jobs and migration. He also expressed the secretariat's gratitude for the contributions made by Glyn Williams and Jocelyn Goldthorp

Agenda item 4 – Paper 57.1: Update on the low-skilled commission

5. The secretariat provided an update on the commission on low-skilled jobs and migration. The paper set out an updated time plan for completion of this work, a proposed structure for the report and discussed some of the key methodological issues to address.

Agenda item 5 – Paper 57.2: Update on research and analysis for the low-skilled commission

6. The secretariat provided an update on the research and analysis that had been conducted to date. An update on research that the MAC intends to commission from external partners was also provided.

Agenda item 6 – Paper 57.3: Partner engagement for the low-skilled commission

7. The secretariat presented a paper outlining the proposed partner engagement strategy for the commission on low-skilled jobs and migration. The paper also provided an outline of the structure of the call for evidence document which will be published in autumn 2013.
8. The secretariat was asked to provide a draft call for evidence for the MAC to agree by early September

Agenda item 7 – Update on potential commissions

9. Nicola Smith updated the Committee on the future MAC work plan.

Agenda item 8 – Any other business

10. There was no other business.
11. Next Committee meeting 20 September 2013.

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