**Home Office**

**Review of the Balance of Competences:**

**Asylum and Immigration.**

**Response form**

**May 2013**

Please use this form to answer the questions contained within the call for evidence published at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-the-balance-of-competences--2> .

Your evidence should be objective, factual information about the impact or effect of the competence in your area of expertise.

Please keep responses limited to the outlined box sizes. If the response form is not suitable for the expert evidence you wish to submit, please let us know to the below e-mail address. We may be able to accommodate attachments in the form of expert reports.

The closing date for the submission of responses is **midday 5th August 2013.**

Responses can be returned by email to Asylum&ImmigrationBoC@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

A summary of the evidence received will be published alongside the final report in late 2013 and will be available on the Government website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

We will share your responses with other Government departments if your evidence is relevant to other balance of competences reports.

We expect to make available all evidence alongside our report, unless there is a good reason not to do so, or if the evidence is similar to contributions already submitted. In the meantime we may use section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to exempt such material from any FOIA requests. Please note that, even if you ask us to keep your contribution confidential, we might have to release it in response to an FOIA request. We will publish the name of your organisation unless you formally ask us not to, but will not publish your own name unless you wish it included.

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Note: on the form below, please leave the response box blank for any questions that you do not wish to respond to.

**The EU and the UK Border**

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| 1. What are the advantages or disadvantages of the UK opting out of the border and visa aspects of the Schengen Protocol?
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| 1. If the UK had decided not to opt out of the border and visa aspects of the Schengen Protocol, what impact would this have had on the EU competences? Would this have been in the UK national interest?
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| 1. What future challenges do you see in the field of borders and visas and what impact might this have on the national interest?
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| 1. Could action be taken in a different way i.e. could the EU use its existing competence on borders and visa matters differently which would deliver more in the UK national interest?
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| 1. Are there any other general points you wish to make which are not captured above?
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**The EU and Asylum**

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| 1. What are the advantages or disadvantages of participating in a Common European Asylum System for the UK?
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| 1. If the UK had used its opt-in differently in the area of asylum, what implications would this have had for the EU competences? Would this have been in the UK national interest?
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| 1. What future challenges do you think the EU will face in terms of asylum and what impact might this have on the national interest?
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| 1. Could action be undertaken by the EU in a different way using existing competence that might provide better outcomes for the UK national interest?
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| 1. Are there any other general points you wish to make which are not captured above?
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**The EU and Legal Migration**

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| 1. What are the advantages or disadvantages of the UK deciding not to opt into the EU competences around Legal Migration and returns and admissions?
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| 1. If the UK had used its opt-in differently in the area of legal migration what impact would this have had on the EU competences? Would this have been in the UK national interest?
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| 1. What future challenges do you see in the field of legal migration and what impact might this have on the national interest?
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| 1. Could action be undertaken by the EU in a different way using existing competence that might provide better outcomes for the UK national interest?
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| 1. Are there any other general points you wish to make that are not captured here?
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