**Review of the Balance of Competences:**

**Consular**

**Response form**

Please use this form to answer the questions contained within the call for evidence. We are particularly looking at the following areas, but this is not an exhaustive list. Please submit, this form and any additional comments by e mail to [balanceofcompetences.consular@fco.gov.uk](mailto:balanceofcompetences.consular@fco.gov.uk).

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

The closing date for the submission of responses is **4 July 2014.**

A summary of the evidence received will be published alongside the final report in at the end of 2014 and will be available on the Government website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

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

We will expect to publish your evidence and the name of your organisation unless you ask us not to (but please note that, even if you ask us to keep your contribution confidential, we might have to release it in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000). We will not publish your own name unless you wish it included.

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| **Other (please give details)** |  |  |

**Note**: please leave the response box blank for any question to which you do not wish to respond.

**Consular**

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| 1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the current system for providing mutual support between Member States in consular assistance? |
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| 2. How might the UK and its citizens benefit or be disadvantaged if the EU were to take on a greater role in consular work? |
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| 3. How would either greater or lesser sharing of Member States’ consular resources impact on the delivery of consular services to UK Nationals? |
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| 4. What would be the advantages or disadvantages of formalising cooperation in this area through further legislation? |
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| 5. What future challenges or opportunities might we face in the area of consular competence and what impact might these have on the national interest? |
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| 6. What would be the advantages or disadvantages of different provisions for consular work during a crisis? |
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