

**MINUTES OF THE 65th MEETING OF THE MIGRATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON 23 MAY 2014**

Chair: Professor Sir David Metcalf CBE

Attending: Dr Jennifer Smith
Professor Jonathan Wadsworth
Professor Jackline Wahba
Lesley Giles
John Thompson (Home Office)
MAC Secretariat

Apologies: Dr Martin Ruhs

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions

1. Apologies were received from Martin Ruhs. The Chair said that the meeting should focus on the Committee's report on migrants in low-skilled employment especially on those chapters that the Committee had not previously considered in detail as well as the main themes of the report.
2. The Chair also said that the meeting was likely the last one to be attended by David Style as a member of the MAC secretariat. He thanked David for his work on behalf of the MAC.

Agenda item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2014

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Agenda item 3 – MAC secretariat policy update – oral item

4. John Thompson gave the update on behalf of the Home Office. He discussed the net migration statistics published the day before the meeting and the Home Office approach to addressing current abuses of the immigration system.
5. Tim Harrison gave the update on behalf of the MAC secretariat. He mentioned the latest immigration statistics from Germany that were also published the day before the meeting and provided a useful comparison with the UK's figures. Tim also paid tribute to David Style and the work he has done within the secretariat.
6. Lesley Giles gave an update on UKCES' business plan.

Agenda item 4 - Paper 65.1: Update on the review of migrant employment in low-skilled work including updated draft chapters of report

7. Paper 65.1 was used to introduce draft Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the report. The relevant chapter author from the secretariat talked the Committee through each of the chapters and the Committee asked for changes to be made to the analysis in Chapters 5, 6, 8 and 9 as well as drafting changes to the other chapters. Chapter 10 was discussed in some detail and a number of areas were identified where the Committee thought the report should make comment on.
8. Committee members were asked to suggest detailed changes in writing to the drafting of the chapters and the secretariat undertook to make all the changes and circulate a near final draft report as soon as possible.

Agenda item 5 – Any other business

9. David Metcalf had to leave the meeting to attend another appointment and Jonathan Wadsworth took over as Chair. The Committee asked that a date be set aside for a potential informal MAC meeting should members feel it desirable to get together to discuss further the low-skilled report. A date of 13 June 2014 was agreed.

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