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**MINUTES OF THE 89th MEETING OF MIGRATION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Chair: Professor Alan Manning**

**Attending: Professor Jackline Wahba  
Dr Jennifer Smith  
Madeleine Sumption  
Paul Regan  
MAC Secretariat**

**Agenda item 1- Welcome and introductions**

1. There were no apologies. This was Alan Manning's first meeting as the new Chair of the MAC and he paid tribute to the work done by his predecessor in establishing the MAC as an authoritative, respected voice of expertise.

**Agenda item 3 - MAC, Home Office and MAC secretariat updates – oral item**

2. The MAC were updated about a meeting the Chair of the MAC had with the Home Secretary. The Home Secretary had discussed possible future work for the MAC with the proviso that this needed to be agreed across government.
3. Alan Manning informed the MAC about introductory meetings he had had as new Chair of the MAC with techUK, Tata and Deloitte.
4. The MAC secretariat will be recruiting some new staff in January 2017 in preparation for potential upcoming MAC work.
5. The MAC were also informed about some work other bodies were planning. The Home Affairs Select Committee planned to launch an enquiry into immigration and the ONS were carrying out a consultation on the presentation of migration data. The MAC were told there was an opportunity to contribute to this consultation.
6. MAC members then gave an update on their own activities.

**Agenda item 4 - A presentation and follow-up discussion of the initial research on migration and productivity**

7. Timo Leidecker, a PhD student at Warwick University, and Jennifer Smith gave a presentation looking at ways of identifying the impact of migration on productivity at the level of individual firms.
8. The MAC thanked Timo and discussed the issues raised. It was recognised that this was a preliminary analysis but raised questions about the mechanisms that were in play between migration and productivity.

**Agenda item 5 - An initial discussion about student migration**

9. Baljit Khinder and Maria del Castillo presented some initial data about student migration drawing on published statistics from ONS, Higher

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Education Statistics Authority and Home Office management information.

10. The MAC considered that the presentation gave a good overview of the sources of data about students and the type of information covered.

**Agenda item 6 - Any other business**

11. There was no other business.