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**MINUTES OF THE 93rd MEETING OF MIGRATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Chair: Professor Alan Manning

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

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions and minutes of previous meeting

1. The MAC thanked Baljit Khinder for her important contributions to the work of the MAC over the past year and a half. The minutes of the 91st and 92nd meetings were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed.

Agenda item 2 - Introduction to Head of MAC Secretariat

2. Jennifer Bradley introduced herself, she is an economist with a background in DWP and Private Office. Jennifer is looking forward to leading the MAC secretariat.

Agenda item 3 - Updates

3. Paul Regan gave the update on behalf of the Home Office which covered the Higher Education and Research Bill receiving Royal Assent. Paul also discussed the forthcoming election. We are now in Purdah and there are limits on what civil servants and NDPBs can say or do. The advert for the recruitment of a new MAC member has to wait until after the elections to be advertised as a result of rules on Purdah. Paul discussed the potential for a forthcoming commission to the MAC.
4. MAC members gave an update on their own activities. Jennifer Smith gave an update on ASD data and other related data sets. They are still waiting for the results. Jackline Wahba also gave a data update to the Committee.
5. The Chair reported on his meeting with Francis O'Grady at TUC.

Agenda item 4 - Data analysis presentation and discussion

6. Following on from the paper Maria del Castillo presented to the MAC at the last meeting a further draft was produced. The Committee discussed the paper and were content with the overall report. Some minor amendments were agreed.

Agenda item 5 – MAC Secretariat Update

7. Tracy Liennard gave an update from the policy team. The annual report was presented for agreement. Minor amendments were suggested. It was agreed to cancel the large MAC engagement meetings with external stakeholders in favour of individual meetings

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with those wishing to engage with the MAC to provide a better quality of engagement.

Agenda item 6 - Any other business

8. The MAC agreed to hold its next meeting at the end of June. Subsequent to the meeting, it was confirmed that this date would also not be suitable. The secretariat will contact the MAC separately about the date of the next meeting.