

MINUTES OF THE 108th MEETING OF MIGRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4 September 2018 11.00 to 12.45
Conference room 8
2 Marsham Street, London

Attending: Professor Alan Manning
Dr Brian Bell
Professor Jackline Wahba
Professor Jo Swaffield
Dr Jennifer Smith
MAC Secretariat

Via phone: Madeleine Sumption

Apologies: Paul Regan

Agenda item 1 – Welcome, introductions and minutes of previous meeting

1. Apologies were received from Paul Regan, the Home Office was represented by Alicia Ioannou and Paul Jeffreys. Madeleine Sumption dialled in to the meeting. The Chair said this was the last MAC meeting for Richard Cahill, Alessandra Caroni and Zoe Forbes from the Secretariat and that Sophie McCammond had left the Secretariat and he thanked them all on behalf of the MAC for their work.

Agenda item 2 – MAC, Home Office and MAC secretariat updates

2. Alicia Ioannou and Paul Jeffreys updated the Committee on Home Office issues. Alicia reported on the latest ONS figures on migration including on EU and non-EU migration to the UK. She said that on 6 July Ministers made a temporary change to the immigration rules to take nurses and doctors out of the Tier 2 cap. The Home Office was continuing to monitor the impact of this change. Paul informed the MAC that Universities UK had published a report requesting a scheme for international students whereby such students could be sponsored by their university and given two years to remain in UK to look for work.
3. Jennifer Bradley, on behalf of the MAC Secretariat, said that journalists would be informed of the date of the press conference and, at same time, the Secretariat would inform the stakeholder database via email of dates of publication of the students and EEA workers reports. The Secretariat will send press notices to the MAC. Jennifer also updated the MAC about changes to the make-up of the MAC Secretariat and about recent meetings with departments.

Agenda item 3 – international students draft report

4. Harriet Cameron talked the MAC through the draft report highlighting changes made since the last version of the report considered by the MAC. She focused on changes following the exercise to quality assure the report, as well as other analytical changes. The MAC sought clarification on a number of

recommendations and suggested ways in which their thinking could be presented with more clarity. The MAC also suggested changes to a number of figures and tables in the report.

Agenda item 4 – EEA migrants draft report

5. Peter Gambrill introduced the latest version of the EEA migrant workers report. The report had been tidied up and some figures had changed following the quality assurance exercise. Peter highlighted the main changes to the report since the previous version considered by the MAC.
6. The MAC asked for some changes to the wording in the executive summary of the report, specifically asking that a section be included to set out a summary of the report's conclusions.

Agenda item 5 - Brief discussion on plan for next Commission: the SOL

7. Jennifer Bradley led a discussion of preparations for the next MAC commission to review the shortage occupation list. The next MAC meeting is 23 October. The Secretariat will work up a workplan for handling a call for evidence and the analytical work. The MAC agreed that, as an overall principle for this commission, it would invite evidence not just on RQF6 level jobs but would also seek evidence on jobs at RQF3 and RQF4 levels.

Agenda item 6 – Any other business

8. There was no other business.

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