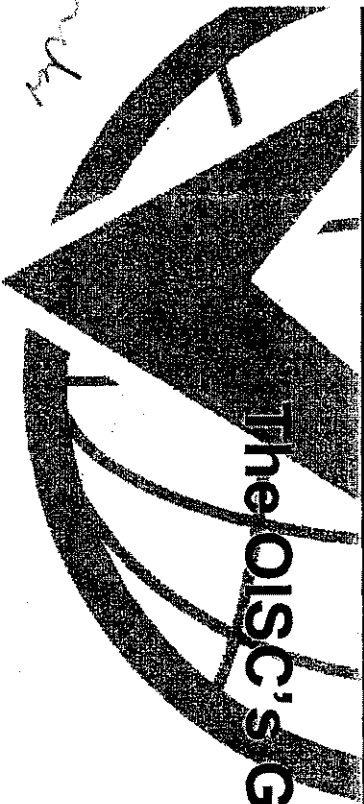


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- We expect to reduce the categories of work from five to three – Asylum and Protection; Points Based System; and Migration
- Advice Level 2 work will be retained but clarified with particular reference to appeals.
- Recognising that advisers who appear before Tribunals must be good advocates, we are researching how specifically to assess these advisers' advocacy skills.
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