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Investigations into the work of the UK Border Agency

Since early February, there have been several reports published on the work of the UK Border Agency. The Children's Commissioner has published a report on the detention of children at Yarl's Wood. The Parliamentary Ombudsman has published a report on the handling of complaints against the Agency. The report of Dame Nuala O'Loan on allegations of abuse during removals has been published; and the Chief Inspector of the UK Border Agency has published reports including one on the asylum system. These reports are available at:

http://www.11million.org.uk/content/publications/content_394

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/255022/41-oloan-report>

http://www.ombudsman.org.uk/news/press_releases/pr2010_03.html

<http://www.ociukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

Immigration Fees

On 6 April 2010, there will be new fees for immigration applications. Further information about immigration fees is given in the "Immigration Fees" information sheet.

Detention

Information sheets on "Detention" and the Detained Fast Track" give general information about immigration detention, and the detained fast track processes used by the UK Border Agency in the asylum system.

Students

Changes have been made to the immigration rules affecting students and their dependants. The "Students" information sheet gives information about several of these changes. Other information is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/February/final-phase-tier-4-launched>

Students and Workers

New forms and guidance were published in February. See further:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/February/28-migrant-guidance-and-forms>

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/February/29-sponsor-guidance>

UK Border Agency strategy publications

In the last few weeks, the UK Border Agency has published its five-year strategy and an international action plan. Information, including copies of these documents, is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/February/27-crime-strategy>

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/255022/02-international-strategy>