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Coalition Government

Following the May 2010 general election, there has been a change in Government. The new Government is a coalition of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties. In the course of agreeing to form a coalition, the two parties have made a formal agreement on various matters of policy. The agreement, which includes a section on immigration, is available at:

<http://programmeforgovernment.hmg.gov.uk/>

The Home Secretary is Theresa May MP, who is also responsible for Equalities. The Immigration Minister is Damian Green MP. He has been the Conservative shadow Immigration Minister for several years.

Ending the detention of children

One of the commitments in the Government's coalition agreement is to end the detention of children for immigration purposes. The "Detention of Children 2" information sheet provides further information.

Students

The Government's coalition agreement indicates an intention to introduce changes to immigration law and policy affecting students. The "Students 2" information sheet gives more details, and highlights some of the current difficulties faced by migrant students in the UK.

Language requirement for partners

The Government has announced that it will make changes from autumn 2010 so that partners will need to satisfy English language requirements before being permitted to come to the UK to join a British citizen or other person settled in the UK. More information is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/26-english-language-partners>

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/268071/15migrants-english-requirement>

Points Based System – Tier 2

On 2 June 2010, the UK Border Agency published updated guidance for skilled worker migrants under Tier 2 of the Points Based System, see:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/268071/3-t2-policy-guide-update>

UK Border Agency website

In May 2010, the UK Border Agency website was archived. Many of the documents available on the website before the change of Government are now only available from the archive website. To find the archived website, see:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/may/01-new-uk-govt>

