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Legal Aid

A final information sheet (“Legal Aid 11”) is now available. This sets out a few bullet points that people can consider putting to the Ministry of Justice or their Member of Parliament about the proposals for immigration and asylum.

Children

This month, the Supreme Court handed down judgment in an important case concerning the deportation of a parent of a UK-born, and British citizen, child. The “ZH Tanzania) Supreme Court Judgment” information sheet provides more details.

The “Detention of Children 4” information sheet provides a general update following an important decision of the High Court in January 2011.

Points Based System – shortage occupations

On 7 February 2011, the Migration Advisory Committee published new recommendations about which occupations should remain on the shortage occupation list. For further information, see:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/february/23mac-report-tier2>

Revised policy guidance

The UK Border Agency has announced revisions to its policy instructions concerning enforcement activity, on immigration powers and prosecutions and on how continuous periods are calculated for the purposes of settlement applications. For further information, see:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/february/13-revised-ilr>

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/jan/74-amended-guidance-section-35>

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/jan/14-revised-eig>

Immigration Minister’s speech

On 1 February 2011, the Immigration Minister, Damian Green MP, gave a speech on “reforming the immigration system”. The speech can be read at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/speeches/immigration-reform>

The Home Secretary gave a speech on immigration in November 2010. Her speech is available at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/speeches/immigration-speech>

These speeches focus on non-EU related work, student and family migration, and the Government aim to reduce net migration. While the Government has said that it will not implement the ‘earned citizenship’ programme of the previous Government, these speeches also indicate that the Government continues to consider whether to make changes to naturalisation (the way certain migrants may be permitted to become British citizens).