

BALANCED MIGRATION



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Commenting on the publication of the Home Affairs Committee report 'Managing Migration: The Points Based System', the Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP said:

“This report entirely ducks the main issue. According to Government figures, unless net migration is reduced by 75%, the UK’s population will hit and then exceed 70 million in 20 years – and we will have to find homes for 7 million migrants. The report has nothing to say on whether or not this points based system can bring immigration under control. So far its impact has been trivial with a reduction of only 8%. It is time the Select Committee – and Parliament – looked at the wood, not the trees.”

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Notes to editors

1. The Rt Hon Frank Field MP and The Hon Nicholas Soames MP are Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration. The Group’s Vice-Chairmen are Lord (Bill) Jordan CBE (former President of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union) and Daniel Kawczynski MP (Conservative, Shrewsbury & Atcham). Other members include Tobias Ellwood MP, Roger Godsiff MP, Peter Kilfoyle MP, David Taylor MP, Robert Key MP, Colin Burgon MP, Lord Ahmed, Lord Anderson, Lord Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury) Baroness Cox, Field Marshal Lord Inge KG, GCB, PC, DL, Lord Skidelsky, Lord Wakeham and Lord Ramsbotham.

2. For more information, please visit www.balancedmigration.com.