

# BALANCED MIGRATION



PRESS RELEASE: Rt Hon. Frank Field MP and The Hon. Nicholas Soames MP  
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## **REVEALED: HOW BRITAIN'S NEW JOBS WENT TO IMMIGRANTS**

- **New research shows 1.34 million new jobs did not go to British workers**
- **Cross Party Group calls for “action this day” to help British unemployed**

Commenting on the figures released by Migrationwatch UK today showing that virtually all new jobs in the past seven years have been taken by those who have come to this country, Nicholas Soames MP, the Co-Chairman of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, said:

“The Government has been pulling the wool over the eyes of the British public about the impact of immigration on our workforce. Limited immigration brings benefits, but uncontrolled immigration has meant that the number of British born workers in employment has dropped by a quarter of a million in the last four years while nearly half a million East Europeans have found jobs here. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of non-EU citizens have also been given jobs in the UK - and there has been no obligation for any of these jobs to be advertised here first. This will continue under the new Points based System. At a time when unemployment is rising, we repeat our call for this to be stopped. So too should the ability for non-EU citizens to come to the UK “on spec” to look for work. As the recession hits home, we need action this day if we are to help unemployed Britons. The Immigration Minister has promised that he’s going to make it “harder” to get into the UK. Now he must prove it.”

Frank Field MP said:

“Labour has enjoyed ten years of growth with rising employment, but this has only translated into a very minor fall in those claiming out of work benefits. The dual processes of rising employment and rapidly rising immigration has meant that virtually all these new jobs have been taken by people who have come to this country. The welfare reform programme announced last week has little hope of success while the most vulnerable workers face such intense competition from near uncontrolled immigration.”

### **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, David Taylor MP, Lord Ahmed, Lord Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury) Baroness Cox, Field Marshal Lord Inge KG, GCB, PC, DL and Lord Skidelsky. Further members will be announced in due course.
2. On 10 November 2008 the Cross Party Group called for the Points Based System to be tightened in the light of the recession see:  
<http://www.balancedmigration.com/pressreleases/Exposed-thousandsofBritishjobsgotonon-EUworkers-andnotonehastobeadvertisedintheUK101108.pdf>

3. “Balanced Migration – A new approach to controlling immigration” is available to download at [www.balancedmigration.com](http://www.balancedmigration.com).

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