

BALANCED **MIGRATION**



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Commenting the Home Office consultation “Earning the right to stay: A new Points Based Test for citizenship”, the Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP said:

"This is a welcome step forward. We will never get our population under control if we continue to allow almost automatic settlement for all economic migrants. There must be a limit for the number of new citizens otherwise the population will continue to grow, hitting 70 million in less than twenty years time."

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Notes to editors

1. For media enquiries, please contact Patrick White on 020 7219 6636.
2. 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.
3. For more information, please visit www.balancedmigration.com.