

BALANCED **MIGRATION**



Australian Government's decision to cut immigration – MPs call on UK Government to “take note”

Commenting on the Australian Government's decision to reduce immigration to Australia in the face of the recession, the co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP said:

“We hope that the British Government will sit up, take note and act accordingly. Their so-called “toughening” of their Points Based System is only expected to reduce immigration by 5 or 6 per cent. Given that net immigration is running at 237,000 a year, this is a drop in the ocean compared to what needs to be done.”

Details of the Australian Government's decision can be found here:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/7945401.stm>

Notes to editors:

1. “Balanced Migration – A new approach to controlling immigration” is available to download at www.balancedmigration.com.