

BALANCED **MIGRATION**



PRESS RELEASE: Rt Hon Frank Field MP

Publication of the Borders, Immigration and Citizenship Bill

Commenting on the Bill's publication, Frank Field said:

“There are two litmus tests for immigration policy. First, it needs to tighten up immigration controls so that British unemployed people are given a fair crack at getting jobs. Second, it needs to control immigration so that the UK's population does not hit 70 million in 2028. This Bill passes neither of these tests.

Can it be that the government puts the interests of economic migrants before those of British workers – and has scant regard for the impact that uncontrolled immigration will have on the fabric of our society?”

Notes to Editors:

Key Facts

- The House of Lords Select Committee on Economic Affairs conducted an exhaustive inquiry into the economic impact of immigration last year: it found “no evidence” that net immigration generates significant economic benefits for the existing UK population. The Government's own figure for the annual benefit of immigration is 62 pence per head per week.
- Our population, according to the Government itself, is on track to hit 70 million in 2028. Net migration last year was 237,000 – well above the Government's future assumption of 190,000.
- The number of non-EU migrants allowed into UK to look for work, or to take up a job that have not been advertised in the UK, is running at about 75,000 jobs a year - and probably a good deal more. It makes no sense to allow this to continue at a time of rising UK unemployment.
- There is no evidence that recessions have a long term impact on the trend of immigration, as this paper shows: <http://balancedmigration.com/briefingPapers/Will%20a%20recession%20solve%20the%20immigration%20problem%2019%20October%202008.pdf>

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