

BALANCED MIGRATION



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Commenting the Institute for Public Policy Research report *Shall We Stay or Shall We Go: Re-migration trends among Britain's immigrants*, the Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP said:

"The real issue is not the 3 million who have left in the past 30 years but the 3 million who have stayed in the last ten years. Circular migration is a natural and valuable part of an open economy but it is the massive net migration of recent years that is putting such huge pressure on our housing and public services. The recession will have only a temporary effect on this as all recent research has demonstrated."

Notes to editors

1. Please see the Balanced Migration briefing paper *Will a recession solve the problem of large scale immigration?*, (October 2008) - <http://www.balancedmigration.com/briefingPapers/Will%20a%20recession%20solve%20the%20immigration%20problem%2019%20October%202008.pdf>
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.