

Commenting on an answer to a Written Parliamentary Question, the Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration, Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP said:

"These figures make a nonsense of the Government's aim of integration and show the very real strain that uncontrolled, large scale immigration is already placing upon our society. In hundreds of primary schools, English is the second language for over 70 per cent or more of the pupils. How can these children be expected to integrate into our society, if they are being taught in schools where is English is the mother-tongue of no pupils or a minority of pupils?"

It is interesting to note the concentration of primary schools in certain LEAs which have 70 per cent of more pupils whose first language is known or believed to be other than English. (England only), for example:

LEA	No. of primary schools which have 70% or more pupils whose first language is known or believed to be other than English
Birmingham	60
Tower Hamlets	43
Bradford	40
Newham	31
Leicester	21
Kirklees	21
Ealing	18
Brent	17
Oldham	17
Blackburn & Darwen	15
Lancashire	13
Luton	11
Rochdale	9

Source: House of Commons, Written Reply to PQ no. 250823 (Frank Field MP), 26 January, 2008.