

BALANCED **MIGRATION**



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Statement by the Co-Chairmen of the Cross-Party Group on Balanced Migration following the Conservative Party Spring Conference and Welsh Labour Conference

Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP said:

“The British people need more than words on immigration, they need commitment. So far, all our political leaders have chosen to avoid specific commitments. For example, David Cameron said in Brighton that immigration has been “too high” and “needs to be cut”. What he didn’t say was by how much. Nor was there any mention of immigration by Gordon Brown at the Labour party’s Welsh Conference last weekend.

Before the General Election, the British people need a clear commitment from all major parties, to a level of net migration which will prevent our population from reaching 70 million in 20 years as currently projected. To achieve this, balanced migration is an inescapable requirement. The electors need a clear answer to the question of how the next government will bring our unprecedented population growth under control.”

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3. For more information, please visit www.balancedmigration.com.