

BALANCED **MIGRATION**



Government to miss 3 million new homes target

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The Chief Executive of the National Housing Federation today warns that it is ‘now almost impossible’ for the Government to meet its target of building 3 million new houses by 2020 – and it might not be until 2029 that the target is reached.

Co-Chairmen of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration Frank Field MP and Nicholas Soames MP said:

“Based on the Government’s own figures, immigration will account for at least one third of the additional households expected to be formed in the future. **Balanced Migration**, which would control the number of people allowed to settle here, would help the Government with its housing target.”

Notes to editors:

1. Balanced Migration would limit the number of people being given permission to live here permanently (as opposed to come and work here for a few years) to reflect the number of people emigrating, thereby stabilising the British population at 65 million by mid-century as opposed to the 78.6 million now projected.
2. The Balanced Migration proposal is set out in “Balanced Migration – A new approach to controlling immigration”, which is on www.frankfield.co.uk and www.nicholassoames.org.uk.
3. National Housing Federation press release - <http://www.housing.org.uk/default.aspx?tabid=212&mid=828&ctl=Details&ArticleID=1420>