



Parliamentary Question – Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority remit

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Question:

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans he has to extend the remit of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority to social care.

Response:

The Immigration Act 2016 amended the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 to allow sectors to be included or excluded from the remit of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority so that the licensing regime can be flexible in meeting the changing nature of labour exploitation.

Changes to the licensing regime should be informed by an understanding of the threat of exploitation in different sectors and the full range of options to tackle it. That is why we have appointed the Director of Labour Market Enforcement to assess the risk of exploitation in different sectors and consider whether the use of licensing is an appropriate response. The Director is currently looking at regulation in different sectors, including the care sector to consider whether licensing would be an appropriate tool.