



Parliamentary Question – Agriculture: Seasonal Workers

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Question:

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential effect of officials of UK Visas and Immigration attending Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority inspections of farms under the Seasonal Workers Pilot scheme on the propensity of workers to report abuse and exploitation.

Response:

The Government is committed to tackling all forms of labour abuse and exploitation.

The responsibility to inspect locations under the Seasonal Workers Pilot scheme lies with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), not the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA).

GLAA officers accompany UKVI on such visits to provide them with information, advice and guidance including in the context of the GLAA licensing scheme and whether there is evidence of exploitative practice.