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Response to the Home Secretary's statement

The Women's Asylum Charter welcomes the Home Secretary's statement and looks forward to further progress on this important issue.

House of Commons

Topical Questions to the Home Department

14.12.09

Mr. Neil Gerrard (Walthamstow) (Lab): Following on from the strategy that was recently announced to tackle violence against women and girls, which will include some reforms to the criminal justice system, what plans does the Secretary of State have to make comparable reforms to the asylum system in relation to women and girls who have suffered similar forms of violence in their countries of origin?

Alan Johnson (The Secretary of State for the Home Department): That issue was raised during our very wide consultation on violence against women and girls. The publication of our strategy is not the end of the issue; in fact, it is the beginning. We have looked at taking out certain strands, including the issue my hon. Friend mentions, getting much more information on it and tackling it as part of the ongoing strategy.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091214/debtext/91214-0003.htm#0912147000488>