Justice: Controlling Migration

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Has the Home Secretary made an estimate of the number of sham marriages, particularly those to EU migrants to the UK? What further measures will she take to deter this and punish those responsible?

Theresa May (Home Secretary)

I do not have an estimate of the number of sham marriages, but I am happy to say to my hon. Friend that the UK Border and Immigration Agency was very active in stopping sham marriages over the summer; we had a very big crackdown on them. Many people were concerned and surprised to see that a Church of England vicar was caught and arrested for helping sham marriages to take place.

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