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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPQ)
Date of Answer:	03.12.2009
Column References:	501 c909W
Member Tabling Question:	Stunell, Andrew
Topic:	Military Aid: Training
Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how much his Department has spent on the provision of defence training in (a) Afghanistan, (b) Belarus, (c) Burma, (d) China, (e) Colombia, (f) Cuba, (g) the Democratic Republic of Congo, (h) the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, (i) Iran, (j) Iraq, (k) Israel, (l) Palestine, (m) Pakistan, (n) Russia, (o) Saudi Arabia, (p) Somalia, (q) Sudan, (r) Syria, (s) Turkmenistan, (t) Uzbekistan, (u) Vietnam and (v) Libya in each year since 2003; what training activities were provided; and which (i) provider and (ii) recipient organisation participated in each activity.
Answering Department:	Ministry of Defence
Member Answering Question:	Rammell, Bill
Answer:	A key principle of UK Security Cooperation is to use MOD assets in peacetime to prevent conflict abroad, build and maintain trust between states and assist in the development of democratically accountable armed forces; thereby helping to make a significant contribution to conflict prevention and resolution in line with commitment to Public Service Agreement 30 (Conflict Prevention). I am withholding the detailed information requested as its disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice relations between the United Kingdom and another state.
Question Number:	301953
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Column References:	715 c99WA

Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Rwanda
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government further to the answer by Lord Brett on 23 November (Official Report, House of Lords, col. 137), what steps they are taking to bring charges of genocide against the alleged perpetrators of Rwandan genocide at Murambi College of Technology who have been resident in the United Kingdom; when they will commence the relevant provisions of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 permitting such charges to be brought; and what steps they are taking to ensure that the alleged perpetrators do not evade justice.
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	The Ministry of Justice has confirmed that the Coroners and Justice Bill that would allow for prosecution in the UK for cases of genocide perpetrated overseas has been enacted and is scheduled to come in to force on 1 February 2010. Whilst I am unable to go into the details of individual cases, I can confirm that the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) Counter Terrorism Division is responsible for national prosecutions of war crimes and crimes against humanity and the Crimes against Humanity Unit of the Counter Terrorism Command of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) has the national mandate to investigate these types of crime. When the evidence is passed to the CPS Counter Terrorism Division, it is reviewed in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors. If there is sufficient evidence of a war crime or crime against humanity, it is highly likely that a prosecution would meet the public interest test. In anticipation of retrospective legislation introduced in the Coroners and Justice Bill, the MPS continues to consult with the Crown Prosecution Service and partnership agencies in respect of any alleged perpetrator that could potentially be prosecuted under this new legislation.
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPQ)
Date of Answer:	01.12.2009
Column References:	501 c616W
Member Tabling Question:	Kawczynski, Daniel

Topic:	Uganda: Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference
Question:	(2) how many civil servants accompanied him to the 2007 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Uganda .
Answering Department:	Prime Minister
Member Answering Question:	Brown, Gordon
Answer:	I refer the hon. Member to the annual list of overseas visits by Cabinet Ministers, costing in excess of £500, for 2007-08, published by the Government. Copies of the lists are available in the Libraries of the House.
Question Number:	301102
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPQ)
Date of Answer:	01.12.2009
Column References:	501 c635W
Member Tabling Question:	McCafferty, Chris
Topic:	Uganda: Homosexuality
Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what representations the Government has made to the Ugandan government on its proposed legislation to (a) increase penalties for homosexuality and (b) introduce the death sentence for HIV positive homosexuals.
Answering Department:	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Member Answering Question:	Lewis, Ivan
Answer:	[holding answer 25 November 2009]: The legislation is a Private Member's Bill, which was introduced on 14 October 2009 and is currently at committee stage in Uganda's Parliament. It has not so far been adopted formally by the Ugandan Government. We have grave concerns about the Bill, which we have made clear in representations to Ugandan Ministers including by my right hon. Friend the Prime Minister to President Museveni and my noble Friend, the Minister for Africa and the UN, Baroness Kinnock to Foreign Minister Kutesa at the recent Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Our concerns include the negative impact the Bill would have on the rights of homosexual and heterosexual Ugandans through the criminalisation of any action that could be construed as support for homosexuality, the introduction of the death penalty for some acts criminalised by the Bill, and the potential impact of the Bill on the fight against HIV/AIDS in Uganda . The UK is also in

	close touch with and is supporting Ugandan civil society organisations campaigning against the Bill.
Question Number:	300314
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Type:	Written Parliamentary Question (WPQ)
Date of Answer:	01.12.2009
Column References:	501 c626-7W
Member Tabling Question:	Oaten, Mark
Topic:	Democratic Republic of Congo
Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs how many allegations his Department has received of ill-treatment of asylum seekers returned from the UK to the Democratic Republic of Congo in each of the last four years; and how many inquiries his Department has carried out into such allegations in each such year.
Answering Department:	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Member Answering Question:	Lewis, Ivan
Answer:	[holding answer 30 November 2009]: The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does not record the number of allegations of ill-treatment of individuals who return to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).The FCO and the UK Border Agency (UKBA) do not proactively monitor the treatment of individuals who return to the DRC, unless there are exceptional circumstances that warrant doing so. Where specific allegations are made that a returning asylum seeker has experienced ill-treatment, then these allegations are investigated jointly by the UKBA and the FCO.The best way to avoid ill-treatment is to make sure that we do not return those who are at real risk. The DRC authorities' treatment of returning failed asylum seekers to the DRC has been covered as a discrete issue in numerous immigration appeal decisions over the past five years, all of which have held that returned failed asylum seekers are not at risk of persecution on account of having claimed asylum in the UK.On 3 December 2008, the Court of Appeal upheld an Asylum and Immigration Tribunal finding that there is no evidence that failed asylum seekers who are returned from the UK to DRC face a risk of persecution on return. We remain satisfied that failed asylum seekers are at no greater risk of being singled

	out for questioning by the authorities than any other DRC national returning to the country after time spent away.
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Date of Answer:	02.12.2009
Column References:	715 c740
Member Tabling Question:	Alton of Liverpool, Lord
Topic:	Commonwealth: Caribbean
Question:	My Lords— My Lords, following the welcome decision of the Commonwealth to admit Rwanda to its membership, can the Minister tell us whether we are engaging with President Paul Kagame and Rwanda about Rwanda 's involvement in the continuing conflict within the eastern part of the Congo where, as she is well aware, millions of people have died over the past 15 years?
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	My Lords, we should recognise, acknowledge and welcome the fact that there has been a rapprochement between Rwanda and the Government of the DRC. It is a very positive advance on what we have seen in the past. The noble Lord's concerns would have been commendable in the past, but we have now seen some serious progress.
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