

These notes refer to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (c.41) which received Royal Assent on 7 November 2002

NATIONALITY, IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 - Immigration Procedure

Immigration Services

Section 142: Advisory panel on country information

355. The Act makes provision for the establishment of an advisory panel on country information.
356. Country information means information about the countries of origin of asylum seekers. The Immigration and Nationality Directorate compiles information regarding the political situation as well as human rights issues on the 35 countries that produce the highest numbers of asylum seekers to the UK. Their purpose is to document what is known about the countries in a way that might be relevant to making a decision on an asylum application.
357. The advisory panel will provide scrutiny and oversight of the quality and content of the country reports and review the methodology used in their compilation.