Mentions of Oxford and Oxbridge in Parliament

**Date: November 16**

- Commons: Evidence to EU Home Affairs Committee: Migration Observatory, Madeleine Sumption
- Commons: Mention in social mobility debate
- Commons: Mention of funding in Autumn Statement
- Commons: Mention in statement debate
- Lords, Question for Written Answer featuring Oxford’s in vitro fertilisation work

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**Commons Research**

* Mon, 28 November 2016 | Commons Select Committee Immigration Stamp

28 November 2016

The EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee takes evidence from Jonathan Portes, Senior Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe, and Madeleine Sumption, Director of Oxford University’s Migration Observatory, on the potential options for UK-EU movement of people after the UK leaves the EU.

* Jonathan Portes, Senior Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe

* Madeleine Sumption, Director, Migration Observatory, Oxford University

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**Education Access and Influence**

* MPs debate Education and Social Mobility*  
**Tue, 22 November 2016 | Debate - Adjournment and General**

Ian Austin (Dudley North) (Lab)

However, as we have heard, last week’s Social Mobility Commission report shows that compared with children from the most advantaged areas, children from deprived areas are 27 times more likely to go to an inadequate school, more likely to drop out of education at 16, and 30% less likely to study A-levels that could get them into a top university. White working-class boys are even worse off. New research by the Sutton Trust shows that three quarters are being so badly let down that they are failing to achieve five good GCSE grades. Let us compare that with the situation for pupils from
independent schools: just five public schools send more pupils to Oxbridge than 2,000 state schools—two-thirds of the entire state sector; and despite accounting for just 7% of school pupils, those from independent schools represent seven out of 10 High Court judges, more than half our leading journalists and doctors, and more than a third of MPs.

Other
Wed 23 November 2016 | Autumn Statement
Chancellor of the Exchequer

I am also backing the commission’s interim recommendations on the Oxford-Cambridge growth corridor, published last week, with £110 million of funding for east-west rail and a commitment to deliver the new Oxford-Cambridge expressway. That project can be more than just a transport link. It can become a transformational tech corridor, drawing on the world-class research strengths of our two best-known universities. I welcome the commission’s continuing work on delivery model options. We will carefully consider its final recommendations in due course.

Thu, 24 November 2016 | Statement Debate
After delivering the Business Statement, Leader of the House David Lidington answered questions from MPs.

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Valerie Vaz (Walsall South) (Lab)
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Valerie Vaz
………The autumn statement was a statement for the elite. The Chancellor said that the Oxford and Cambridge expressway would become “a transformational tech corridor, drawing on the world-class research strengths of our two best-known universities.”[Official Report, 23 November 2016; Vol. 617, c. 904.]

Again, that elitism is not based on evidence, because the 2017 university league tables put Oxford and Cambridge third and fourth. Imperial is first and the London School of Economics is second. Cardiff is fifth, and King’s, Warwick, University College London, Queen Mary and Edinburgh are in the top 10. May we have a statement on what will be available for the other universities that do not have the historic wealth of Oxford and Cambridge?

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Questions for Written Answer (Lords)

Lords Tabled Written Question - Lord Alton of Liverpool - what assessment they have made of the recent study by Oxford University into in vitro fertilisation "add-on" procedures that are routinely offered by private fertility clinics in the UK, which show

Mon, 28 November 2016 | House of Lords - Written Question Tabled

View item on DeHavilland | Source

SUMMARY

The following question was tabled on 28 November 2016 to the Department of Health

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Asked by Lord Alton of Liverpool To ask Her Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the recent study by Oxford University into in vitro fertilisation "add-on" procedures that are routinely offered by private fertility clinics in the UK, which showed that the vast majority of extra treatments offered by private clinics had no rigorous scientific evidence from trials to suggest they improve the chance of conceiving a child through in vitro fertilisation.