

of protest has come to light since comments were made by Nigel Farage about the Epping High Court decision on hotel accommodation for refugees. Mr Farage was quoted as saying **“Let’s hold peaceful protests outside the migrant hotels and put pressure on local councils to go to court to try and get the illegal immigrants out; we now know that together we can win.”**

A Query from the National newspaper (21/08/2025) seeking response from the Scottish Government to comments made by Nigel Farage about the Epping High Court decision on hotel accommodation for refugees, Kaukab Stewart Minister for Equalities said **“The Scottish Government firmly believes we must deliver a more effective and humane asylum system that treats people who may be highly vulnerable with dignity and respect.**

“I am deeply concerned about some of the rhetoric we are seeing in the UK, which should have no place in our society. No one should have to fear they will be targeted for who they are, and it is critical that everyone feels safe.

“Refugees must not be scapegoated – they must be treated as valuable members of our communities.”

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Perth and Falkirk: Demonstrations against the housing of asylum seekers at the **Redacted S30(b) ii** and the **Redacted S30(b) ii** are expected from 12:30. Counter protestors are also expected.

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Hi DG Colleagues,

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- It would be helpful if you could raise the impact on Glasgow of changes within the asylum system with UK Government colleagues, and the need to manage these changes more effectively to reduce the societal impact we are seeing across the UK. My officials engage regularly with UK government officials and will continue to raise these points, escalating these concerns may help with this engagement.

Kind Regards

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Subject: Briefing note on hotel accommodation and asylum - Deadline as soon as possible

Good afternoon,

The Cabinet Secretary has requested a short briefing on the use of hotel and BnB accommodation in Scotland, vis-à-vis (i) those awaiting an asylum outcome, and (ii) those having been granted leave to remain and presenting as homeless.

Grateful for this to be worked up and shared with PO as soon as possible please?

Please expand copylist as appropriate and confirm receipt of this request.

Many thanks, [Redacted S.38(1)(b)]

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