

# Key Pledges

## General Election 2017

**Commit to preserving the Human Rights Act** and the protection of minority rights including rights to religious slaughter, circumcision and wearing of religious dress or symbols.

**Commit to tackling religious discrimination** in the workplace and addressing the low level of economic activity among Muslims through targeted interventions at stages of recruitment, retention and promotion.

**Commit to prioritising religious education in the national curriculum** to prepare young people for life in a religiously plural society.

**Commit to supporting faith school provisions in the state sector** for Muslim pupils and parents.

**Commit to media reform** and the full implementation of the Royal Charter on a Leveson compliant press regulator.

**Commit to repealing the current statutory Prevent duty** and replacing this with a more effective, evidence based and non-discriminatory counter-terrorism strategy by engaging with Muslim communities.

**Commit to curbing the encroachment of counter-terrorism policies** on civil liberties by reviewing all counter-terrorism legislation enacted since 2000.

**Commit to tackling the high number of Muslim prisoners** through schemes to facilitate rehabilitation, cut re-offending and developing pathways for social inclusion.

**Commit to reviewing the 2006 Racial and Religious Hatred Act** as advised by the Law Commission's "Hate crime: the case for extending the existing offences" report and introducing legislation to extend legal protection to cover religion, homophobia and disability hate crime.

**Commit to providing shari'ah compliant student loans** for British Muslim students and supporting the growth of the shari'ah compliant financial services industry.



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