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## **Press release – For Immediate Release**

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### **ALP welcomes EHRC report into meat & poultry processing**

The Association of Labour Providers (ALP) welcomes the report by the Equality and Human Rights Commission into recruitment and employment practices in the meat and poultry processing sectors. The recommendations merit careful study by government, regulators, supermarkets, labour providers and labour users. The ALP is willing to discuss the issues with the other parties. Some of the recommendations, such as paying workers for travelling time and engaging workers on contracts of employment rather than contracts for services, are not possible unless there is a commitment from retailers and labour users to meet such costs, and past experience suggests that this is unlikely.

The report says that the Commission has no evidence to suggest that supply chain practices in the meat processing sector are any more detrimental to workers than in any other sector that makes use of low paid agency migrant labour, yet it also calls for more resources to be available to the regulator, the Gangmasters Licensing Authority (GLA), in the only sector that has a regulator. The ALP supports the extension of the remit of the GLA into other sectors and a more joined-up approach by government across the whole of the economy would seem more sensible than a piecemeal sector by sector approach.

### **Notes:**

1. The Association of Labour Providers (ALP) is the specialist trade association for organisations that provide and use temporary, contract and seasonal workers within the food, agricultural and other Gangmasters Licensing Authority regulated sectors.
2. The ALP promotes good agency labour supply practice and provides support and expert advice to its members on compliance requirements and improving standards.
3. A list of ALP members and further information can be found at [www.labourproviders.org.uk](http://www.labourproviders.org.uk).