

## **Bill proposes to extend GLA powers to all recruitment sectors**

Following recent unconfirmed rumours surrounding the demise of the Employment Agency Standards Inspectorate (EAS), the Association of Labour Providers (ALP) notes with interest the [Gangmasters Licensing Authority \(Extension of Powers\) Bill 2013-14](#), submitted by Andy Sawford, Labour MP for Corby and East Northamptonshire.

The Private Member's Bill, presented to Parliament on 24 June 2013, proposes to extend the powers of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority to enable it to regulate employment agencies in all sectors of the economy. The second reading debate is scheduled for 24 January 2014.

Says David Camp, ALP Director, "With the current Government's lighter touch approach to regulation it is unlikely that such a blanket approach to licensing of employment businesses will make it into law. However, with rumours regarding the closure of EAS prompting widespread opposition from an array of trade associations and now this Bill to extend the remit of the GLA, the debate on appropriate regulation for the recruitment industry is once again open."

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