

ALP says Modern Slavery Bill should include supply chain transparency

The government has indicated in its response to the Joint Committee that the new Modern Slavery Bill will not ask companies to report how they are tackling forced labour in their supply chains because it could be too much of a burden.

Instead it intends “to build on the existing legislative framework, and work with business to establish what more can be done to raise awareness among their workforce and their sub-contractors, and develop an evidence base on best practice.”

The Association of Labour Providers Director David Camp comments, “The Government has made the wrong call here. If the UK is serious about being a world leader in combatting modern day slavery then parliament should do its best to rectify this omission. Those companies that are striving to effectively counter slavery in their supply chains should not be undercut by those that turn a blind eye. The ALP shall make these points to the Home Secretary and Minister for Modern Slavery at a meeting at the Home Office later today”.

The ALP is a lead partner in a multi-stakeholder initiative to reduce human trafficking, forced labour and other third party worker exploitation in supply chains. Stronger Together supports UK employers and recruitment businesses to deter, detect and deal with hidden third party worker exploitation in their supply chains by providing access via www.stronger2gether.org to a range of free resources, including best practice guidance and a toolkit containing multi-language workplace posters, worker leaflets, template forms and procedures, a powerful anti-trafficking video and interactive regional workshops.