

**OCE – Literature Review Muslim Identity Over Time
SO17294
Appendix B – Service Description**

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SERVICE DESCRIPTION**

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Government has placed countering extremism amongst its top priorities for this Parliament. Indeed, tackling this threat has been described by the Prime Minister as “one of the great struggles of our generation”. Within Government the Home Office has lead responsibility.
- 1.2 The Government’s comprehensive Counter-Extremism Strategy was published on 19 October (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-extremism-strategy>). This sets out the programme of work needed to protect communities from the harm extremism causes (including hate crime) to counter extremist influence by promoting an alternative based on our core shared values and to improve integration.
- 1.3 At the heart of this response is the new Office for Counter-Extremism (OCE). The OCE, established in June, will be led by a Director General (recruitment is underway) and is responsible to the Home Secretary for the delivery of those elements of the strategy which fall to the Home Office and the leadership of HMG’s response to extremism.
- 1.4 Within the OCE sits the Extremism Analysis Unit (EAU) which has been established with a remit to analyse extremism in this country, and abroad where it has a direct impact on the UK and/or UK interests. The EAU is a cross-government resource, with government departments able to commission research and analysis, directly from the EAU or from third parties through the auspices of the EAU. Following on from the publication of the Government’s Counter Extremism Strategy, the EAU is providing analytical support to Louise Casey’s review into how government can boost opportunity and integration in our most isolated communities. To assist with building an evidence base for this work, the EAU would like to commission a literature review of how Muslim identity in the UK has changed over time.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this procurement is to inform the evidence base of Louise Casey’s review of isolated communities, which will ultimately inform funding for a major new Cohesive Communities Programme starting in 2016. The Review team is keen to understand the historic relationship between Muslim identity and social isolation and how this has changed over time and would like to commission a literature review to systematically identify all existing work on this topic.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE AUTHORITY

- 3.1 This assessment will be procured through the auspices of the EAU, which has a mandate to produce and commission assessments on extremism-related topics for all of government.
- 3.2 The primary customer is Louise Casey’s Review of isolated communities. The Prime Minister announced in July that Louise Casey would carry out a review of how to boost opportunity and integration in communities and bring Britain together as one nation. She will look at issues like the role of integration/isolation in relation to communities’ resilience to extremism; how we can ensure people learn English; how we boost employment outcomes, especially for women; how state agencies can work with communities to properly promote integration and opportunity; and also how we can learn lessons from past mistakes.
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- 3.3 Louise will provide an interim report early next year. This report will be used to inform plans for funding a new wider cohesive Communities Programme, focusing on improving integration and extending opportunity in those communities that need it most. Further details of the PM's announcement can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/extremism-pm-speech>

4. BACKGROUND TO REQUIREMENT/OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENT

- 4.1 As described at Section 1 and 2.

5. SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 We are seeking a literature review to understand how the identity of British Muslims has changed, particularly over the last 15 years and to identify any gaps in existing research. We expect this to include: a structured search of all the available evidence; and a narrative report detailing the key findings of this evidence. The focus for the literature review should be changes in:

- *Religiosity, including the nature of religiosity*
- *Social conservatism / progressivism*
- *Civic engagement*
- *Self identification*

And what is driving trends, particularly the impact of:

- *Educational attainment and social mobility*
- *Levels of community integration / isolation*
- *External / international events: the 'War on Terror', perceptions of discrimination*

- 5.2 We would also like the following cross cutting themes included in the review:

- *Differences based on socio-economic status, geography, ethnicity, Islamic sect, age and gender.*

6. SERVICE LEVELS AND PERFORMANCE

- 6.1 The Authority will measure the quality of the Supplier's delivery by:

- Timely delivery within a cost effective budget
- Quality of the research and analysis

- 6.1.1 The Plan as at the Effective Date is set out below:

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Milestone	Deliverables	Duration	Milestone Date	Customer Responsibilities (if applicable)
Initial findings	Draft interim briefing of initial findings from the structured review of evidence		TBC	
Literature Review Finalised	Final report delivered		TBC	

- 6.1.2 If so required by the Customer, the Supplier shall produce a further version of the Plan (based on the above plan) in such further detail as the Customer may reasonably require. The Supplier shall ensure that each version of the Implementation Plan is subject to approval. The Supplier shall ensure that the Implementation Plan is maintained and updated on a regular basis as may be necessary to reflect the then current state of the implementation of the Services.
- 6.1.3 The Customer shall have the right to require the Supplier to include any reasonable changes or provisions in each version of the Implementation Plan.
- 6.1.4 The Supplier shall perform its obligations so as to achieve each Milestone by the Milestone Date.
- 6.1.5 Changes to the Milestones shall only be made in accordance with the variation procedure and provided that the Supplier shall not attempt to postpone any of the Milestones using the variation procedure or otherwise (except in the event of a Customer default which affects the Supplier's ability to achieve a Milestone by the relevant Milestone Date).

Payment can only be made following satisfactory delivery of pre-agreed certified products and deliverables.

Before payment can be considered, each invoice must include a detailed elemental breakdown of work completed and the associated costs.

7. LOCATION

- 8.1 The location of the Services will be carried out at the supplier's premises. It may be necessary to visit the Home Office, to discuss the project with EAU and Louise Casey's review team:

Extremism Analysis Unit
Home Office
3rd floor Peel,
2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF

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8. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

8.1 There are no security requirements