EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO MIGRATION AND TRAFFICKING

SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE FROM ANN HAMILTON

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**Marilyn Glen:** TARA's role is to identify and support women who have been trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation. Will you comment on whether you consider sexual exploitation to be the primary rationale for human trafficking in Scotland? What is TARA's experience of other forms of trafficking such as labour exploitation and domestic servitude?

**Ann Hamilton:** We have had a number of referrals that we have passed on to other agencies involving women who have come here as domestic servants and have been raped by the householder or subjected to some other form of sexual violence. We are also aware of women being trafficked for cannabis farming. Often they are doubly exploited. They might move on from prostitution into cannabis farming or vice versa. There is definitely movement between the different forms of exploitation.

I cannot give you the figures just now, but I can certainly work out the number that we have passed on to other agencies. I know that there was a referral today and a referral last week of cases that on the surface look as though they relate to domestic labour rather than commercial sexual exploitation. Such referrals are not common, but they still happen regularly

**WRITTEN RESPONSE FROM ANN HAMILTON**

I hope the following is of use. Of 47 referrals between 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010

5 were trafficked for domestic servitude
14 had not been trafficked but had survived rape, sexual assault, prostitution, domestic abuse and forced marriage

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