

Civic Services Lab (ECSL) — civilian-services design-study exchange — MP Evidence Pack

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Audience

- UK MPs
- APPG for Tamils
- FCDO
- College of Policing
- MHCLG
- DSIT
- Home Office (policy)

Best used for

- Written questions on UK knowledge-exchange with diaspora civic-services research
- Letters to the College of Policing on trauma-aware policing curriculum exchange
- Adjournment debates on Patten Report legacy and post-conflict civilian policing design
- Questions on RNLI / civilian SAR design exchange in the Indian Ocean
- Questions on Estonia X-Road and digital-civic-service design principles (with Aadhaar cautionary)

Tier-A evidence anchors

- The State of Jobs in Post-Conflict Areas of Sri Lanka — World Bank Policy Research Working
- Verité Research — Sri Lanka Reform & Public Finance Monitor
- ECSL · Civic Services Lab (TLTE) — <https://docs.tlte.cloud/lab>
- ECSL · Charter & Hard Rules — <https://docs.tlte.cloud/lab/charter>
- ECSL · 14-unit Architecture — <https://docs.tlte.cloud/lab/architecture>
- ECSL · 12 Principles — <https://docs.tlte.cloud/lab/principles>
- ECSL · Analytic Spine (8 models) — <https://docs.tlte.cloud/lab/models>
- ECSL · Comparative anchors & cautionary refusals — <https://docs.tlte.cloud/lab/comparative>
- Patten Report (1999) — A New Beginning: Policing in Northern Ireland — <https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/issues/police/patten/patten99.pdf>
- ICAC Hong Kong — Three-pronged anti-corruption approach — <https://www.icac.org.hk/en/about/three.html>
- UK College of Policing — National Decision Model — <https://www.college.police.uk/app/national-decision-model>
- RNLI — Royal National Lifeboat Institution (civilian SAR) — <https://rnli.org/>

- Estonia X-Road — e-Governance Academy — <https://x-road.global/>

Policy asks

- UK Government (FCDO): Note opportunities for non-operational design-study knowledge exchange between UK civic-services institutions and Tamil diaspora civilian-services research.
- College of Policing: Engage with diaspora design-study research on trauma-aware policing curricula, drawing on the Patten Report's continuing relevance to post-conflict communities.
- UK Government (DSIT): Reference Estonia's X-Road and the UK's own GOV.UK Service Manual as design anchors, with Aadhaar as cautionary precedent, in any future digital-civic-service capacity exchange.
- UK Government (Home Office, policy): Recognise the distinction between non-operational design studies and operational policing/intelligence work — design exchange does not require security clearance frameworks.

Draft parliamentary questions

- [FCDO] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment has been made of opportunities for UK knowledge exchange with diaspora civilian-services design research from communities affected by the post-2009 Sri Lankan conflict.
- [Home Office] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions the College of Policing has had on the continuing relevance of the 1999 Patten Report for post-conflict policing design in other contexts.
- [DSIT] To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment has been made of comparative design principles between Estonia's X-Road and the GOV.UK Service Manual for digital-civic-service architecture, including cautionary lessons from India's Aadhaar.
- [FCDO] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what HM Government's position is on civilian search-and-rescue cooperation in the Bay of Bengal and Palk Bay, with reference to the RNLI model.

Civic remembrance

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