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RESEARCH ABOUT ILLEGAL WORKING - purpose

- Size of population
- Characteristics
- Impact on employers
- Impact on communities



RESEARCH ABOUT ILLEGAL WORKING - size

- Challenges and sources
 - enforcement activities
 - studies of regularisation applicants
 - special surveys
 - comparing population sources
 - other administrative sources



RESEARCH ABOUT ILLEGAL WORKING - size

- Australia: 60,000 (0.3% of population)
 - immigration sources
- USA: 8.5m (3.0% of population)
 - population and immigration sources + research
- Italy: 250,000 (0.5% of population)
 - other estimates also 500,000 in 1991
- Other EU: less valid estimates
- UK: ?



RESEARCH ABOUT ILLEGAL WORKING - characteristics

- Very few UK studies
- Variety of nationalities
- Skill levels - underuse
- Pay levels
- Documentation
- Remittances
- Exploitation



RESEARCH ABOUT ILLEGAL WORKING - Businesses

- Business sectors
- Recruitment
- Business factors
 - labour shortages
 - costs
- Impact on domestic workers



RESEARCH ABOUT ILLEGAL WORKING - Next steps

- Further develop approach to sizing
- In depth studies of accessible groups; sector studies
- obtain findings from overseas research
- develop collaboration with academic researchers



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