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FOREWORD



As the chair of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health (APPG on PDRH), I am pleased to report that the UK Government is continuing its international political leadership on family planning (FP) and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

The UK Government spent at least 10.3 per cent of its Official Development Assistance on SRHR in 2016-2017. It continues its support to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Marie Stopes International (MSI) both successfully applied for DFID funding through the new UK 'Aid Connect' funding mechanism this year.

The USA's policies to de-fund UNFPA and expand the Global Gag Rule remain a global challenge, but UK aid officials have reassured advocates that the Department for International Development (DFID) remains a loud and strong voice for universal access to SRHR services, including abortion, for women and girls in developing countries.

The UK APPG on PDRH's report on its parliamentary hearings 'Abortion in the Developing World and the UK', launched in November 2017, has been published. It has been disseminated widely among policy makers, academics and other SRHR leaders at conferences and meetings with legislators. Important dissemination fora have included the 5th International Parliamentarians Conference on Population and Development in Ottawa, October 2018 and the 7th Family Planning conference in Rwanda, November 2018.

Of particular concern this year has been that SRHR services in the UK appear to be deteriorating. Collaboration between the national All Party Parliamentary Group on SRH and the APPG on PDRH using joint advocacy, has strengthened the case for better services in the UK.

The APPG on PDRH study tour planned for Bangladesh, in collaboration with UNFPA, in November 2018 was unfortunately postponed to February 2019 and now to September 2019. The aim of the study is to sensitise new strong UK Parliamentary advocates on the linkages between SRHR and social and economic development. Twelve delegates have been enrolled and will be visiting an array of SRHR projects in Bangladesh.

Pauline Latham MP re-introduced my private member's bill (PMB) to bring the age of marriage up to 18 years in the UK, but again it didn't proceed to the second reading. This was mainly due to Brexit negotiations. An amendment will be tabled to the Domestic Abuse Bill this autumn to progress on this important child rights agenda. The UK saw its first successful FGM prosecution this year, which has been long awaited and will hopefully send a strong message to communities who still engage in this abhorrent practice.

In 2019-2020, the APPG on PDRH will continue to scrutinise, monitor and hold the UK Government to account for its political and financial commitments to SRHR through PMBs, parliamentary questions, debates, conferences, meetings, letter writing and media activities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jenny Tonge'.

Baroness Dr Jenny Tonge, Chair, UK APPG on PDRH

APPG ON PDRH COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

The UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health (APPG on PDRH) committee has been active in planning and running the APPG on PDRH's business.

An email was sent to all members inquiring about remaining members and on the database as per the new data protection law. The APPG on PDRH has around 80 members from all parties and both Houses. Below are the committee members:

Joint Chairs

Baroness Jenny Tonge (NA)

Pauline Latham MP (C)



Vice Chairs

Lord Patel (XB)

Holly Lynch MP (L)

Baroness Hussein-Ece (LD)



Secretaries

Baroness Flather (XB)

Baroness Uddin (NA)



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Baroness Gould (L)



Lord Rea (L)



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Liz McInnes MP (L)



John Mann MP (L)



Virendra Sharma MP (L)



Karl Turner MP (L)



Baroness Barker (LD)



Lord Cameron (XB)



Lord Purvis (LD)



Lord Collins (L)



Baroness Northover (LD)



**Parliamentary and
Policy Advisor**

Ann Mette Kjaerby

**Parliamentary
Administrator and
Secretary**

Sarah Harvey-Kelly until November 2018

NEW APPG ON PDRH MEMBERS (APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019)

The APPG on PDRH continues its parliamentary recruitment activities. This year, four new members were recruited through briefing meetings, targeted letter writing and a proposed study tour.

The new members are:

Catherine West MP

Catherine West MP was elected as a Labour Member of Parliament for Hornsey & Wood Green in 2015. From 2015 until June 2017, she was Shadow Foreign Minister, with responsibility for the Americas, Asia-Pacific, Oceania and the Overseas Territories. In September 2017, she was elected onto the Parliamentary Select Committee on International Trade and the joint Committee on Arms Export Controls. She stood down from International Trade in March 2019 to take up a new position on the Foreign Affairs Parliamentary Select Committee. Among other things, Catherine is also Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Rare, Genetic & Undiagnosed Conditions, Deputy-Chair of the APPG on China, Vice-Chair of the APPG on North Korea, and the patron of Hong Kong Watch. Her interests include healthcare and foreign affairs.

Baroness Anelay

Baroness Anelay was created a Conservative Life Peer in 1996. She was Opposition Whip and Shadow Minister for Culture, Media and Sport between May 1997 and June 2002, and then a Shadow Home Office Minister from June 2002 until July 2007. She served as Opposition Chief Whip in the House of Lords from July 2007 to 2010, after which she was appointed Government Chief Whip in the Lords. From August 2014 until June 2017, she was Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, during which time she also served, from 2015 to 2017, as the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict. In 2017, she served briefly as the Minister of State for Exiting the European Union. Her interests include crime, civil law, justice, international affairs, the environment and human rights.

Baroness Healy

Baroness Healy was created a Labour Life Peer in July 2010. Prior to becoming a Peer, Baroness Healy held several senior roles in the Labour party, including Chief of Staff to Harriet Harman when she was interim Leader of

the Labour Party. Upon becoming a Peer, she sat on the HIV and AIDS Committee 2010-2011, the Parliamentary Privilege Joint Committee in 2013, the Communications Committee 2013-2016 and, since 2017, the National Security Strategy Joint Committee. Her interests lie in crime, civil law, justice, international affairs and human rights, particularly women's rights.

Lord Suri

Lord Suri was made a Conservative Life Peer in 2014. He is a successful businessman and served as General Secretary of the Board of British Sikhs in 1991-1992. His interests include prisons, mental health and young people.

APPG ON PDRH AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Aims

To ensure the full implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action (PoA), with specific reference to stabilising the world's population through ensuring choice and sustainable development (SD).

Objectives

- To raise the profile of Population, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), including family planning (FP), in Parliament and internationally
- To provide parliamentary backing to the Secretary of State (SoS) for International Development (ID) in their negotiations with the Treasury, in order to maintain the UK Official Development Assistance (ODA) at 0.7% of Gross National Income (GNI), and increase the allocations to the ICPD PoA to 10% of the ODA
- To keep under review population trends and SRHR programmes/policies/legislation nationally and internationally
- To assess how the UK might respond to requests from outside for support (in consultation with UK Government departments, international agencies and foundations and NGOs) and to press for action by the Parliament and the UK Government
- To study the results of research into the causes and consequences of population changes and the effect that access to comprehensive SRHR services has on population, and draw these to the attention of both Houses of Parliament
- To increase awareness of the interdependence between countries, with reference to poverty reduction, women's equality, access to SRHR services, environment, consumption and pollution and the impact of legislation, policies and practices of one country upon others

PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES

APPG on PDRH Committee Meetings

The APPG on PDRH held six committee meetings between April 2018 and March 2019:

- 14th May 2018
- 2nd July 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Committee Meeting
- 15th October 2018
- 19th November 2018
- 21st January 2019
- 4th March 2019

Please find enclosed agendas and committee meeting minutes in Appendix 1.

APPG on PDRH Parliamentary Briefing Meetings

This year, 16 parliamentary briefing meetings/receptions were co-organised by the APPG on PDRH, where members were briefed on topical issues relating to population, reproductive and maternal health, family planning and international development, in support of parliamentary advocacy activities.

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) briefing meeting on Abortion in the UK and Globally, 25th April 2018, HoC, London

A luncheon was organised by the APPG on PDRH in the HoL where Lesley Regan, President RCOG, briefed members on the current obstacles to universal access to abortion services. In attendance were Baroness Tonge, Baroness Sheehan, Baroness Barker, Baroness Uddin, Baroness Hussein-Ece, Lord Steel, Baroness Watkins, Baroness Hodgson, Baroness Blackstone, Lord Patel and Liz McInnes MP. Of particular interest to members were discussions surrounding medical abortion at home in the UK following Baroness Watkins' oral parliamentary questions on this topic in the HoL and workforce shortages in the UK and globally trained to perform surgical abortions.

Ethiopia Ministry of Health officials, Marie Stopes International (MSI) and APPG on PDRH meeting and guided tour of Parliament, 1st May 2018, HoC, London



MSI requested a meeting in Parliament between APPG on PDRH members and a visiting study tour delegation that included staff from the Ethiopian Ministry of Health and members of the Ethiopian national charity commission to discuss UK abortion legislation and policies. The delegation was also interested in feedback from members of the APPG on PDRH who participated in the APPG's study tour to Ethiopia in 2017. In attendance at the meeting were Animut Ayalew Redatie, Coordinator of Charity Organization & Societies Project, MoH; Fantaye Gezahegn, Deputy General Director, Charities and Societies Agency; Mideksa Adugna Koricho, Charity Organization and Societies project; Thomas Lee, MSI; Baroness Tonge; Baroness Blackstone; Baroness Jenkin; and Ann Mette Kjaerby, advisor, APPG on PDRH.

Baroness Tonge opened the meeting by providing a short overview of the UK abortion legislation, policies and service provisions and then summarised the Ethiopia study tour findings prior to opening the meeting for questions. Delegates were particularly interested in the UK National Health System and abortion service provisions. The commissioning of services was introduced along with UK human resource management and financing.



Ethiopian delegation and MSI representative

Viscount Craigavon kindly guided the delegation around the Palace after the meeting as per request from MSI and delegation.

Briefing meeting on SRHR services for Indigenous Women and Women Living with Disabilities, 14th May 2018, HoC

APPG on PDRH members attended the above round-table briefing meeting, where NGOs presented obstacles to services for indigenous women and women living with disabilities. Isabel Gammie, Sense International, presented its SRHR education work in India which has developed over recent years; Philippa Wynne, Rosie Walton and Jo Cowan, Deaf Child Worldwide, presented SRHR information on their work for deaf children and young people in developing countries; Diane Kingston, International HIV/Aids Alliance, presented on multiple and intersectional discrimination in relation to disability/HIV and SRHR; Pauline Oosterhoof and Sophie Robinson, Institute for Development Studies, presented on assumptions made by researchers, NGOs and people within communities around women with disabilities in relation to SRHR, which can leave women with disabilities excluded from vital services, the sexual abuse and dehumanisation of women with disabilities as part of a wider pattern of gender inequality, how all of these issues are compounded in emergency/humanitarian crises; and Sean Roberts, Health Poverty Action; presented the group's findings on indigenous women's maternal health. A question and answer session followed the presentations where reference was made to DFID's forthcoming co-hosted Global Disability Summit with the Government of Kenya and the

International Disability Alliance, July 2018. It was noted that the Disability Summit will focus on tackling stigma and discrimination, inclusive education, routes to economic empowerment, and harnessing technology and innovation.

NGOs recommended that DFID make clear political commitments to disability inclusive development, allocate more resources and strengthen accountability on disability inclusion at the Summit. It was noted that DFID's disability inclusion was a relatively new strand of work for the department and that, as of May 2018, only 22% of its programmes address disability in some form.

In December 2018, DFID published its new strategy for disability-inclusive development. This included four 'strategic pillars' for action: inclusive education, social protection, economic empowerment and humanitarian action. The strategy also identified three cross-cutting issues (tackling stigma and discrimination; supporting girls and women with disabilities; and harnessing access to technology and innovation) and includes a focus on mental health.

Please find enclosed briefings in Appendix 2A.

Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (FSRH) meeting, 21st May 2018, HoC, London

Paula Baraitser, Chair of the FSRH International Affairs Committee and Senior Lecturer in Global Health at King's College London, and Camila Azevedo, External Affairs Officer, FSRH, met with Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby upon their request to discuss the forthcoming FSHR conference on contraception where Baroness Jenny Tonge would be speaking at the opening session. Paul Baraitser gave a brief overview of the conference with its aims and objectives along with her concerns regarding current SRHR service provisions in the UK. The conference, entitled 'Better Contraception: A UK Perspective on Global Challenge Conference', was planned for 19th June 2018. A discussion followed in relation to press interviews at the conference and a roundtable meeting took place after the conference to discuss strategies for moving progestogen-only pills from a prescription-only medicine to a pharmacy medicine.

FORWARD Tanzania report launch, 11th June 2018, HoC, London

In collaboration with the APPG on PDRH, FORWARD and CDF launched their new research report entitled "'I don't know how I got pregnant": Teenage pregnancy and child motherhood in Tanzania'. A panel of experts shared their findings. Dr Leila Rushamba, OBGYN Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust, presented the impact on mother and child and strategies for addressing challenges in Tanzania; Janet Chapman, Campaigns Manager, Tanzania Development Trust (TDT) and Founder of Crowd2map, presented the findings on supporting vulnerable girls and young women in Tanzania in a presentation entitled 'Reviewing challenges and programme successes of the TDT'; Koshuma Mtengeti, Executive Director, Children's Dignity Forum, presented 'Teenage pregnancy and child motherhood in Tanzania: Contexts and programme strategies'; Naana Otoo-Oyortey, Executive Director, FORWARD, presented 'Key findings: Participatory study on teenage pregnancy and child marriage in Mpwapwa District of Tanzania'. A question and answer session followed. The event concluded with an exclusive screening of the new anti-FGM song by Tanzanian artist RP Mbaula, entitled 'Ntiai Eembe Koko' meaning "drop the razor blade, old lady", supported by Musicians Unite to End FGM (MUTEFGM).

Please find enclosed invitation in Appendix 2B.

Meeting with Naasu G. Fofana on Abortion in Sierra Leone, 11th June 2018, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Naasu G. Fofana, a student at the School of Public Policy, following discussions she had with John Mann MP about her interest in abortion in the UK. Naasu G. Fofana briefed Baroness Tonge on her background and interest in gender and related subjects including the decriminalisation of abortion and her previous advisory position to MoH officials in Sierra Leone. Naasu G. Fofana also highlighted her interest in running for the presidency in five years. A discussion followed regarding decriminalisation of abortion in the UK and Sierra Leone.

World Population Day reception, 9th July 2018, HoL, London

The above annual celebratory event was co-hosted with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and members of the UK SRHR Network. This year's World Population Day marked the 50th anniversary of the International Conference on Human Rights, where for the first time ever, family planning was affirmed to be a human right. As such, the theme of this year's event was 'Family Planning is a Human Right'.

Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed this year's keynote speaker: Harriett Baldwin MP, Secretary of State (SoS) for Africa, Department for International Development (DFID). Harriett Baldwin presented DFID's support for the full SRHR agenda. Mina Barling, Incoming External Relations Director, IPPF followed, noting that access to safe, voluntary family planning is a human right and family planning is central to gender equality and women's empowerment. She further elaborated that it is a key factor in reducing poverty and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Matthew Jackson, UK UNFPA Country Representative, highlighted UNFPA's continued support to family planning and government support around the world to achieve universal access to family planning services. All speakers highlighted their commitment to the delivery of rights-based SRHR services centred on family planning, with a focus to serve the most marginalised and under-served communities. This annual event brought together Ministers, Peers, MPs, donors, embassies, private sector, DFID, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and UK SRHR organisations and was attended by around 100 participants.



Baroness Tonge speaking at the World Population Day reception

Please find enclosed invitation in Appendix 3.

Population Media Center (PMC) briefing meeting, 15th October 2018, HoC



The APPG on PDRH was contacted by David Johnson, Chief Executive (CE) Population and Sustainability Network (PSN) with regards to setting up a briefing meeting between Bill Ryerson, President, PMC (Population Media Centre) and the APPG on PDRH to discuss collaboration and share experiences. Bill Ryerson presented PSN's activities and projects and a discussion followed on parliamentary engagement globally on SRHR and including the APPG on PDRH links to the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF) and other national and global networks.

Dr Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director (ED) luncheon with APPG on PDRH, 17th October 2018, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH invited Dr Natalia Kanem, UNFPA ED to a luncheon in Parliament to discuss parliamentary activities, conferences and future APPG on PDRH study tours. In attendance were Baroness Tonge, Virendra Sharma MP, Baroness Hussein-Ece, Baroness Uddin, Baroness Barker, Matt Jackson, UNFPA London representative and Ann Mette Kjaerby, Advisor, APPG on PDRH.

APPG on Global Health and UNFPA: Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Report launch on Indigenous Women's Maternal Health, 30th October 2018, HoC, London

The APPG on Global Health, UNFPA, the Minority Rights Group, Health Poverty Action and the APPG on PDRH jointly organised the UK launch of the UNFPA commissioned project on indigenous women's maternal health and maternal mortality. The Report highlighted that indigenous women die in pregnancy and childbirth more often than other women. Failure to act will render the SDGs unattainable. The lack of data on the health of indigenous women and adolescent girls is masking huge disparities between populations, preventing effective action to address it. Improving the health of indigenous women and adolescent girls is achievable but requires states to implement commitments to disaggregate data by gender and ethnicity, tackle discrimination, and make health centres physically, financially and culturally accessible. A discussion followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation in Appendix 4A.

Chinese delegation meeting and guided tour, 16th November 2018, HoC, London

IPPF requested a meeting in Parliament between a visiting Chinese delegation and the APPG on PDRH members to share experiences in promoting SRHR in global development. Liz McInnes MP and Viscount Craigavon welcomed the senior delegation from Chinese Family Planning Association (CFPA), the IPPF Chinese Member Association. The delegation was led by Wang Peian, the former Vice Health Minister of China and Wang Peian, Standing Vice President of CFPA, Hong Ping and commissioner of CFPA; Wei Ruiliang, Chief, Human Resource Division, CFPA; Wang Qi, Deputy Chief, Organisation and Publicity Division, CFPA;

Du Lili, Deputy Chief, International Cooperation Division, CFPA and Li Jing, Deputy Chief, Secretariat Division, National Health Commission. Viscount Craigavon gave a brief tour of the parliament building following the meeting and discussions.

Please find enclosed sample communications in relation to the event in Appendix 4B.

Joint APPG on PDRH and APPG on Agriculture and Food for Development briefing meeting: Clean water linked to rising birth rates in Africa: why development initiatives must consider women's reproductive health, 19th November 2018, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH was contacted by Dr Mhairi Gibson, anthropologist at the University of Bristol, to present her research findings on clean water linked to rising birth rates in Africa. A briefing meeting was set up co-hosted with the APPG on Agriculture and Food for Development. The research involved the installation of clean water taps in rural Ethiopian villages. This had dramatic effects on women's lives. However, contrary to the expectations of development policy-makers, the results of the intervention have not all been positive. The research identified that improving health conditions can introduce higher birth rates and potentially local population growth. The researcher proposed that this demonstrates the need for culturally appropriate family planning and reproductive services to be combined with other forms of development intervention.

Please find enclosed invitation in Appendix 5.

MASIC Foundation briefing meeting: Faecal incontinence after childbirth, 21st January 2019, HoC, London

Professor Keighley at MASIC (Mothers with Anal Sphincter Injuries in Childbirth) was invited to brief APPG on PDRH members on the Foundation's findings and work with women experiencing faecal incontinence after childbirth. Professor Michael Keighley, MASIC, thanked members for inviting the Foundation and gave a brief overview of faecal incontinence and his involvement with the Foundation as a surgeon. Greta, a lawyer who lost her job as a result of her injuries and now the Director of MASIC, presented her personal story surrounding childbirth and incontinence. Julie Frohlich, Consultant Midwife at St Thomas' Hospital, Chairman of the Council of the MASIC Foundation, followed by addressing the midwifery issues surrounding faecal incontinence. Professor Robert Arnott, Executive Secretary MASIC and previous civil servant and Private Secretary to a Minister of Health, concluded by presenting NHS expenditure in relation to faecal incontinence, which were later received and disseminated to members who were particularly interested.

A question and answer session followed where members expressed their concern with the large number of women suffering from faecal incontinence in developed as well as developing countries. Of particular concern was the lack of diagnosis immediately after childbirth and immediate treatment, the training of midwives and episiotomies, and the lack of a six-week postnatal check for women, which is no longer commissioned. Baroness Jenny Tonge tabled the number of written parliamentary questions (PQs) on these subjects following the briefing meeting, which are now available on the APPG on PDRH website.

RCOG meeting, 24th January 2019, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Lesley Regan, President RCOG at the RCOG to follow up on discussions from April 2018 meeting on abortion and the RCOG involvement in the UK Government's new strategy on SRHR. They discussed women's

reproductive health life cycle and priorities in connection with the forthcoming strategy, and also discussed the UK Government's U-turn with regards to allowing women to take the second medical abortion pill at home.

MSI evening reception with abortion donors, 30th January 2019, HoL, London

The APPG on PDRH, in collaboration with MSI, hosted an evening reception to meet with safe abortion donors and practitioners participating in MSI's two-day meeting on abortion in London. Keynote speakers at the reception were Dr Mary Favier, Doctors for Choice, Ireland, who presented the Irish Referendum success, and Darren Welch, Policy Director at DFID, who highlighted DFID's continued support for universal access to safe abortion services.

Please find enclosed invitation in Appendix 6.

Forced Marriage film event, 4th March 2019, HoC, London

Eylem Atakav, the producer and director of a film on forced marriage, requested a meeting with Baroness Jenny Tonge to discuss the success of her film. At the meeting she presented her proposed future advocacy activities and the possibility of the APPG on PDRH co-hosting a film event in Parliament in connection with the forthcoming UK Government Domestic Abuse bill and Baroness Jenny Tonge's proposed amendment to bring the age of marriage to 18 years in the UK.

MSI country programme delegation and guided tour, 15th March 2019, HoC, London

MSI requested a meeting in Parliament between the APPG on PDRH and MSI colleagues from country programmes for them to hear first-hand about the APPG on PDRH parliamentary advocacy activities. In attendance were: Debanjana Choudhuri, India; Agha Xaher Gul, Pakistan; Ei Ei Tin, Myanmar; Eugene Andriamasy, Madagascar; Faith Nassozi, Uganda; Godfred Bonnah Nkansah, Ghana; Shah Halimur Rashid, Bangladesh; Krishna Prasad Upadhyay, KP; Namakando Simamuna, Zambia; Thomas Leueleseged Bezabih, Ethiopia; Ziporah Mungwanga, Kenya; Simeon Thodi, Malawi; and George Hayes and Sara Brandao from the MSI London advocacy and programme teams.

Baroness Jenny Tonge presented an overview of the APPG on PDRH activities with particular reference to briefing meetings, parliamentary questions, debates and bills, parliamentary conferences, study tours and hearings. There was particular interest in the parliamentary hearings and reports were circulated. The EPF report on 'Restoring the Natural Order' and coordinated anti-choice activities were also discussed at length.

Baroness Jenny Tonge gave a short, escorted tour of Parliament following discussions.



MSI country programme representatives and Baroness Jenny Tonge

SRHR Briefing Meetings

APPG on PDRH members and staff attended 16 external family planning and SRHR briefing meetings this year.

British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU) meeting with Liberian parliamentary delegation, 9th May 2018, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH was contacted by the BGIPU to meet with a Liberian parliamentary delegation in the UK on 9th May to share the APPG on PDRH's parliamentary activities, including its hearing reports on abortion, child marriage, population and the SDGs and maternal morbidity. The focus of the Liberian delegation visit was on key bilateral issues between the UK and Liberia, but also covered thematic issues such as poverty, education, health (including maternal health) and Liberia's post-Ebola recovery. The delegation included: Johnson N. Gwaikolo, Co-Chair, Committee on Public Works; Johnson N. Gwaikolo, administrator; Rustonlyn Suacoco Dennis, Co-Chair, House Modernisation Committee; Miss Dennis, youngest member of the 54th National Legislature; Munah Evangerline Pelham-Youngblood, Chair, Committee on the Executive; Hon. Munah E. Pelham-Youngblood; Byron Wehgbiah Zahnwea, Co-Chair, Committee on Internal Affairs; Julie F. Wiah, Chair, Committee on Gender Equity and Child Development; Mike Jurry, Co-Chair, Committee on Education; and Mildred N. Sayon, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Please find enclosed full Liberia BGIPU schedule in Appendix 7.

Guttmacher-Lancet Commission on SRHR report launch, 18th June 2018, London

The APPG on PDRH was represented at the half day Guttmacher-Lancet Commission on SRHR report launch at the Holiday Inn, Kensington High Street, London.

Rebekka Von Roemburg, SheDecides, facilitated the launch. Cynthia Summers, Guttmacher Institute, presented an overview of the report's key findings; Yilma Melkamu, IPPF, discussed service delivery; Felicity Daly, Outright Action, discussed community involvement; Lesley Regan, President RCOG, discussed maternal and child health; Ian Askew, World Health Organisation (WHO) presented multilateral involvement in SRHR; and Julian Gedeon, International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAFF), presented meaningful youth engagement.

Please find enclosed the invitation and full programme in Appendix 8.

FORWARD event: Gender Equality and the Empowerment of African Women and Girls: Celebrating 15 years of the Maputo Protocol, 5th July 2018, HoC, London

APPG on PDRH members attended above FORWARD event. The African Diaspora Women's Network marked the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the landmark Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, commonly known as the Maputo Protocol, the first continental instrument for the advancement of women's rights in Africa. The ground-breaking Maputo Protocol goes beyond any preceding human rights instrument by detailing provisions for the economic, political, environmental, cultural and social rights of African women and girls. Although the Maputo Protocol has been ratified by 40 African countries, gender inequality and discriminatory social norms and laws persist on the continent and as such much is still needed to be done to ensure the rights of women and girls are fully respected, protected and fulfilled.

Please find enclosed invitation in Appendix 9.

Amnesty UK and Family Planning Association (fpa) event on Abortion in Northern Ireland (NI), 18th July 2018, HoC, London

APPG on PDRH members attended the Amnesty UK and fpa press and briefing event on abortion in Northern Ireland. They saw presentations and participated in discussions surrounding the decriminalisation of abortion and reform for women in NI. Members were invited to sign a press release and attached a photo to support the NI abortion reform campaign.

Please find enclosed draft press release in Appendix 10.

APPG Pro-Life event, 18th July 2018, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH was represented by Fiona Bruce MP, Chair of the UK APPG Pro-Life event on Abortion in Northern Ireland (NI). 'Research' and personal stories were shared. These linked abortion to depression, regret and guilt, and participants accordingly discouraged the UK Government from involvement in abortion in NI.

The Royal College of Midwives (RCM) Maternity Report launch, 12th September 2018, HoC, London

Baroness Hodgson and Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the RCM Maternity Report launch, which was hosted by Victoria Prentis MP. She opened the meeting by welcoming the report and its findings and gave the latest snapshot of what is happening in NHS maternity services across the whole of the UK. The RCM maternity report documents what is happening with the midwifery workforce, pulling together statistics and numbers about the profession and childbirths across England.

The APPG on PDRH had supported the RCM in gathering statistics for the report some months prior.

Please find enclosed invitation to event in Appendix 11.

Blrth Theatre event, Liverpool School of Public Health, 4th October 2018, Wellcome Collection, London

The APPG on PDRH was represented at the Birth Theatre event. B!RTH showcased the power of theatre to ignite debate, galvanise action and encourage positive social change. The evening included performances of two of the B!RTH plays: 'Orchid' by Mũmbi Kaigwa, addressing the burden of obstetric fistula in Kenya, and 'Q&Q' by Liwaa Yazji, which focused on the realities of pregnancy and childbirth through conflict. The plays were followed by an expert panel discussion and audience debate. Panellists included Dr Nono, WHO Assistant Director-General for Family, Women, Children and Adolescents, Dr Benjamin Black from Medicins Sans Frontières (MSF), and Dr Nynke van den Broke, Head of the Centre for Maternal and Newborn Health at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM). The audience was made up of a mixture of NGOs, academics, funders, ministers, and arts organisations which made for some interesting debate and networking.

B!RTH can be found at www.birthdebate.com.

Please find enclosed invitation in Appendix 12.

APPG meeting on the Rohingya situation, 16th October 2018, HoC, London

APPG on PDRH members attended the APPG meeting on the Rohingya situation chaired by Anne Main MP and Rushanara Ali MP, Co-chairs of the APPG on the Rights of the Rohingya. The meeting highlighted and allowed discussion of the ongoing humanitarian crisis and what the APPG should do next for the Rohingya refugees.

UNFPA State of World Population (SWOP) report launch, 17th October 2018, London

The APPG on PDRH was represented at the UNFPA SWOP report launch, entitled 'The Power of Choice: Reproductive Rights and the Demographic Transition'. Dr Natalia Kanem, UNFPA ED and Under-Secretary General, launched the report at the Bishop Partridge Hall, Church House, Westminster, London. A question and answer session followed the launch along with networking.

Please find enclosed invitation, front, content and executive summary pages and press release in Appendix 13.

APPG on Universal Credit meeting on restricting financial support to low-income families having a third or subsequent child in the UK (New Universal Credit Claimants), 17th October 2018, HoC, London

Select APPG on PDRH members attended the above event where evidence sessions were held on the two-child limit in the UK's Universal Credit programme. Evidence was presented by the Child Poverty Action Group, the Church of England, Pearls of Peace (a women's community group) and the London School of Economics. The APPG on Universal Credit encouraged organisations to tell claimants to contact MPs with their cases to raise in the Chamber. MPs should also visit their local refuges to see how the policy is impacting on services and clients. MPs present at the APPG evidence session agreed to apply for a parliamentary debate on the policy.

Plan International UK's parliamentary reception 'Girls' Rights are Global: The UK's role in delivering for girls at home and abroad', 16th November 2018, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH was represented at Plan International UK's parliamentary event in Speaker's House. Speakers include: Penny Mordaunt MP, SoS for International Development and Minister for Women and Equalities; Yamina Karitanyi, High Commissioner, Republic of

Rwanda; Tanya Barron, CE, Plan International UK; and adolescent girls from Rwanda and the UK.



DFID Select Committee oral evidence session on Independent Commission on Aid Impact (ICAI) review on assessing DFID's results in improving maternal health, 19th December 2018, HoC, London

Select members attended the above DFID select committee session. The Committee questioned the following people in relation to DFID's results on maternal health: Dr Alison Evans, Chief Commissioner, ICAD; Emma Back, Team Leader, ICAD; Richard Clarke, Director General for Policy, Research and Humanitarian; and Will Niblett, Head of Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights Team, DFID.

Full evidence session can be found here:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/international-development-committee/news-parliament-2017/icai-maternal-health-review-evidence-17-19/>

FGM film: Defying the cutting season, 7th February 2019, HoC, London

Several members attended this FGM film event, chaired by Sarah Champion MP and Preet Gill MP. The film produced by Giselle Portener was entitled 'Defying The Cutting Season' and included real FGM life stories. Networking and discussions followed the film presentation.

Sarah Champion MP and Preet Gill MP would like to invite you to a Parliamentary screening of
BBC Storyville's:
Defying The Cutting Season
a film by Giselle Portener
Please join us from 2 – 5 PM on Thursday 7th February 2019
Jubilee Room, House of Commons, SW1A 0AA



Followed by a panel discussion on FGM in the UK: What can we do to prevent it
Speakers include: Dr Phoebe Abo-Okwona, Leethen Bartholomew Head of the National FGM Centre,
Hilary Berrage Trustee: Global Media Campaign to End FGM, Cllr Anita Lower National FGM Centre Advisory Group

Please RSVP to: simonite@parliament.uk
Please allow a minimum of 30 minutes to pass through security

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Dr Farah Nadeem FGM event, 27th February 2019, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the above FGM discussion event chaired by Stephen Hammond MP. Dr Farah Nadeem presented her findings on the psychological consequences of FGM.

APPG on Women's Health event, 4th March 2019, HoC, London

Several APPG on PDRH members attended the above half-day Annual APPG on Women's Health event, which was chaired by Paula Sherriff MP, chair APPG on Women's Health. The conference brought together MPs, patient groups, industry, clinical experts and others for three panel discussions on prominent topics surrounding women's health.

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) event on celebrating child health recovery in post-Ebola Sierra Leone in the presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, 28th March 2019, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge, Baroness Northover and Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the above evening reception. The RCPCH presented its work on Ebola in Sierra Leone and networking followed with The Princess Royal circulating among delegates.

Please find invitation enclosed in Appendix 14.

European Meetings

European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development – now called the European Parliamentary Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Health (EPF)



Collaboration between the UK APPG on PDRH and EPF remains strong. Parliamentary advocacy activities have been shared online, discussed over the phone and at meetings and conferences.

John Mann MP remains the UK APPG on PDRH representative on the EPF Executive Committee (EC) and attended the April 2018 EC meeting. He was unable to attend the January 2019 EC due to Brexit debates in the HoC. In October 2018, Baroness Tonge, Virendra Sharma MP and Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the EPF EC meeting, held in conjunction with the International Parliamentary Conference (IPCI) on the Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Ottawa.

At this EPF EC meeting, Virendra Sharma MP agreed to contact colleagues in the Scottish Parliament to re-establish links with a Scottish APPG working on SRHR. Correspondence remains ongoing with the Scottish APPG on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses, chaired by Kezia Dugdale MSP and its secretariat Dylan Morris, Policy and Public Affairs Officer, HIV Scotland.

EPF study tour invitations have been circulated to all members, but unfortunately no UK members have been available to attend any this year due to Brexit discussions, debates and votes in the UK Parliament.

EPF newsletters and the EPF booklet: *Restoring the Natural Order* have been disseminated electronically and some members received hard copies upon request. The 'Restoring the Natural Order' booklet raised discussions among members at APPG on PDRH committee meetings and provided members with great insight into strategic anti-choice movements across Europe. The report was referenced in parliamentary debates all available on the APPG on PDRH website. Ann Mette Kjaerby also presented the report and its findings at the Sussex University workshop (please see collaboration section for further information) and Baroness Jenny Tonge received communications from H. E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the report in July 2018. Several requests have been made for copies of the report including by MSI, academics and a graduate student from Kent University also requested it for inclusion in her master's dissertation.

In May 2018 all members received an EPF social media briefing to support the Republic of Ireland Referendum on abortion.

In July 2018 EPF re-connected the APPG on PDRH with Catholics for Choice to support Baroness Barker's intervention in the July 2018 debate on faith-based organisations and SRHR.

Communications and collaboration also occurred in connection with the Rwanda Family Planning conference in October 2018. EPF sent a large parliamentary delegation, including members from the newly established and EPF-supported Africa Regional Parliamentary Network.

In December 2018, UK members of the Council of Europe (CoE) were sent an EPF briefing requesting support relating to the CoE Legal Affairs and Human Rights Committee report. Members were asked for urgent action in the Parliamentary Assembly to support the nomination of a rapporteur who has a clear record of upholding the human rights values of the CoE.

In January 2019, UK members of the CoE received a luncheon invitation from EPF, the European Humanist Federation, the International Humanist and Ethical Union, IPPF and the Centre for Reproductive Rights on Reproductive Health and Human Rights. Virendra Sharma MP and Baroness Massey attended the luncheon where discussions revolved around the resistance and attacks on the Istanbul Convention and latest trends and strategies to improve women's SRHR in the CoE.

In March 2019 discussions took place in connection with the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) in New York. The EPF sent a small delegation and the UK APPG on PDRH was represented by Baroness Gale, Baroness Hodgson and Baroness Watkins on the UKIPU delegation.

In January 2019, Neil Datta, EPF coordinator, visited IPPF's Head Office in London and also met briefly with Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby in the UK Parliament to discuss strategies on future collaborative parliamentary activities.

EPF conference for European APPG Secretariats, 26th – 28th November 2018, Krakow, Poland



APPG on Population and Development secretariats meeting, Krakow, Poland

The 2018 EPF APPG Secretariats meeting took place in the Polish city of Krakow, where around 30 participants came together to discuss the past year's successes and obstacles, and how to proceed into 2019. Ann Mette Kjaerby attended this two-day meeting which also included a session on how to take advantage of social media platforms to represent organisations. The meeting also reminded members of the resources and publications EPF has produced over the past year, such as the 2018 Contraception Atlas (and associated

White Paper) as well as the Restoring the Natural Order Anti-Choice Report and the Ottawa Statement of Commitment.

Members were informed about the newly established African Regional Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development, supported by EPF with an office in Nairobi. Secretariats were also informed about the fact that EPF is in the process of setting up support networks with the Asia and Latin American regional APPG networks.

The EPF now supports around 30 APPGs across Europe and is of great value to national APPGs including the UK APPG on PDRH in connection with joint European parliamentary advocacy and media activities to protect SRHR.

Please find enclosed the programme in Appendix 15.

European Non-Governmental Organisations for SRHR (EuroNGO)

Collaboration between European SRHR NGOs and the APPG on PDRH remains strong and important. Events and campaigns continue to be co-organised with both national and international SRHR stakeholders.

EuroNGO's e-mail briefings and NGO press cuttings have been circulated to members of the UK APPG on PDRH regularly to ensure they are updated on new and relevant SRHR research, campaigns, legislative and policy issues (please see general written briefing section for further information).

In May 2018, EuroNGO received the APPG on PDRH's hearing report on abortion in the developing world and the UK to support the new EuroNGO working group on abortion.

Ann Mette Kjaerby did not attend this year's AGM 6th – 7th November 2018 in Ghent, Belgium as she was meant to be in Bangladesh on the APPG on PDRH Bangladesh study tour which was postponed at the last minute (see further information in the study tour section).

In March 2019, Ann Mette Kjaerby met with the new EuroNGO (now renamed Inspire) Coordinator Marie Dubost to discuss the Inspire strategy and collaboration. Marie Dubost was particularly interested in links to people and organisations working on sexual health in the UK and was referred to The Pleasure Project, founded by Anne Philpott. See here: <http://thepleasureproject.org/about-us/who-we-are/>

Study Tours

Sudan study tour, 9th – 13th April 2018

Baroness Jenny Tonge participated in a study tour to Sudan with Lord Sheikh as the main organiser and chair of the APPG on Sudan along with Lord Tope and Baroness Lawrence. The Government of Sudan funded the visit. Baroness Jenny Tonge's summary report reads:

"For many years Sudan has been on the list of states that support terrorism, the President and three other individuals are on the ICC list for war crimes (Darfur) and sanctions imposed by the USA have hit the country hard. There are no links with outside banks and so credit cards are not used and the only acceptable currency on a realistic level is the American dollar.

[The tour] explained the lack of development in Khartoum since I last visited 10 years ago, apart from half a dozen skyscrapers, which have managed to get built for international visitors to have accommodation in hotels that the ordinary citizen of Khartoum could only dream about! We stayed in one sadly, and were guarded at all times, transported in bullet proof government cars with an outrider to clear the traffic so that we could use any lane. Just to be on the safe side an armoured 4x4 laden with soldiers pointing guns out of

the windows, brought up the rear. The main expenditure for the government budget is internal and external security.

A brief glance at the countries surrounding this beautiful and ancient country will explain their caution. Despite our lack of freedom we went to interesting facilities and government departments and were happy to see many women MPs in the assembly. 30% women MPs is better than our parliament of course, but everything is decided by President Bashir, so they have little 'power'.

Current situation (from FCO briefing):

Since 2016, the UK has a policy of Phased Engagement with the Government of Sudan, to explore areas of common interest now that the sanctions are lifted. There is a Biannual UK Sudan Strategic Dialogue and more humanitarian aid has gone into the war affected areas. Human rights are a main topic for discussion together with the resolution of conflict through the Troika (with the US and Norway). This concentrates on South Kordofan, Blue Nile and Darfur where a fragile peace reigns at present. We had many discussions on the potential for economic growth, trade, human rights, prisoners and religious freedom. I am glad to say that UK/Sudan national Mr Kaballo and many other political prisoners were released whilst we were there!

Maternal Health Issues:

We visited Omdurman Maternity Hospital which is the main government- run hospital in Khartoum for Obstetrics and Gynaecology. (There are many private/semi charitable centres, such as the Breast Cancer Centre that were more like the facilities here in the UK). The government-run hospital at Omdurman deals with an average of 100 deliveries a day with 360 beds, six delivery rooms and two operating theatres!

It means that women often have to share a bed whilst in labour and husbands are not welcome because of the overcrowding---they were corralled in a covered area in the hospital grounds where they are called in by loud speaker when the wife delivers. We all found that rather fun!

There was a good blood bank and the families of any patient needing a Caesarean section were asked to come in and donate blood. If their relative did not need it, it was stored for other patients of that blood group.

The Neonatal Department was crowded but well staffed and equipped. Health screening and family planning was offered to all patients. Treatment is free but access is difficult to all who live outside Khartoum.

Despite the old buildings and wards there were excellent protocols and modern procedures being carried out by the book. Little wonder though that Sudanese doctors, having received their training in Sudan come abroad in their thousands. Good news for our NHS (we employ 6000 Sudanese doctors), bad news for the people of Sudan!

The main purpose of my visit was to re-establish contact with the Afhad University for Women also at Omdurman. The Bedri family founded it first as a school and then a university in 1907. They still feature in its management (all relatives of Zeinab Bedawi, World Service BBC presenter). We were treated to an evening reception and a presentation on the work they were doing on SRHR in Sudan, including family planning, child marriage, FGM/C, gender-based violence. Abortion sadly does not get addressed in Sudan due to restrictive laws against it. Family planning has an 11.7% prevalence rate and an unmet need for family planning of 26.6%. Poor supply chains and social resistance results in stock outs of 38% in community health facilities. Child marriage is widespread and allowed by law after 13 years of age. 12% are married before the age of 15 years and 38% before the age of 18 years. These practices all contribute to the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) remaining high (200-300 per 100,000 live births). When I asked the President's representative about this he said Sudan needed more people and [therefore the government] encouraged big families. Men are allowed four wives [so] the fertility rate is 5.2. The university is challenging this! Afhad University is remarkable for its survival despite pressure from government. It is due to the highly influential and well-educated elite in Sudan who is immune to government pressure on the whole.

The President has recently published a strategy for health services in Sudan called 'Ten in Five'.

A statement by the President himself prefaces it: 'Mothers are the source of life/mankind and our children are the country's future. No nation will prosper if it does not place their health and welfare at the heart of its development agenda.'

Full of fine plans for an NHS for Sudan but there is little money available yet and SRHR is not mentioned! Further information can be obtained from briefings by UNFPA and Plan International, available from APPG on PDRH. The professors at the university are very keen to have links with the UK APPG on PDRH including Professor Nafisa M. Bedri SRHR who will be visiting the UK in early May and will make contact (nmbedri@gmail.com) and Hilary Bower, Professor of Epidemiology, working in Sudan, will also make

contact. She is at LSHTM (Hilary.bower@lshtm.ac.uk). It would be very worthwhile for the APPG on PDRH to invite both of these women to a meeting in the UK Parliament.”

Bangladesh study tour November 2018/February 2019/September 2019

The APPG on PDRH organised a study tour to Bangladesh in November 2018 in collaboration with UNFPA. The aim of the study tour was to sensitise current members and enrol new members as parliamentary advocates for the ICPD PoA. The November 2018 delegation included: Baroness Jenny Tonge (head of delegation); Baroness Jenkin; Baroness Blackstone; Baroness Hodgson; Lord Dykes; Lord Suri; Stephen McCabe MP; Nic Dakin MP; and Ruth Cadbury MP.

A briefing meeting was set up with FCO/DFID and UNFPA the week prior to departure in the UK Parliament. However, a letter was received from the Government of Bangladesh requesting it be postponed to 2019. Nic Dakin MP, Baroness Jenny Tonge and the Bangladesh High Commissioner and staff subsequently met to discuss the sudden postponement. The reasons for the postponement were unclear, but it was agreed to reschedule to February 2019 after the Bangladesh General Elections. Unfortunately, it was again postponed due to the UK Brexit negotiations and votes which did not allow parliamentarians any recess.

The study tour is now scheduled to take place from 12th – 20th September 2019 with a new delegation with Baroness Jenny Tonge as the lead of the delegation with Baroness Jenkin, Baroness Uddin, Baroness Hodgson, Baroness Blackstone, John Mann MP, Nic Dakin MP, Stephen McCabe MP, Rachel Maclean MP, Liz McInnes MP, Tommy Sheppard MP and Imran Hussain MP.

General Written Briefings

This year, 119 written briefings were disseminated to members. The majority of briefings were sent to update members on new international and UK family planning/SRHR policies, funding, research or programme activities. Some briefings were sent in response to specific requests in support of parliamentary debates, legislation, questions or conference presentations.

Members also received one-to-one briefings, as requested on specialised subjects, in addition to updates on parliamentary advocacy opportunities through weekly UK parliamentary business relating to the International Conference for Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action (PoA).

Topical oral and written parliamentary questions were also disseminated to members for tabling in both Houses. A summary list of oral and written PQs can be found in the Parliamentary Statements, Legislation, Debates, EDMs and PQ section and a full list and information can be found on the APPG on PDRH website here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/>

Please find enclosed notices regarding all future business circulated in Appendix 17.

Below is a full list of written briefings sent to members of the APPG on PDRH:

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- 4th April: Committee members received the article ‘Tampon tax fund grant to anti-abortion group’.
- 5th April: Baroness Tonge received the UNFPA and Plan International briefing on Sudan and SRHR in preparation for her Sudan study tour.
- 16th April: All members received link to EPF contraceptive atlas.

16th April: Baroness Tonge received information on DFID Select Committee inquiry into sexual exploitation and abuse in the aid sector.

16th April: HoC members received follow up oral PQs to SS for ID on CHOGM and SRHR.

1st May: Ethiopia study tour delegates received information on Ethiopia's new Prime Minister.

2nd May: Baroness Tonge and Baroness Barker received information on GP practices and service provisions.

11th May: Select members received the EPF report on European anti-choice network.

15th May: HoC members received RCOG's briefing for 16th May HoC debate on access to reproductive rights around the world.

16th May: Baroness Uddin received written briefings on SRHR and disabilities as requested.

17th May: Baroness Barker received follow up written PQs on GPs and contraceptive services.

21st May: All members received an invitation to the FORWARD event on 11th June 2018 on teenage pregnancy and Tanzania.

22nd May: Holly Lynch MP, Liz McInnes MP and John Mann MP received draft oral PQs for PM question time on the Republic of Ireland referendum on abortion.

22nd May: All HoC members received drafted follow up oral PQs on Family Planning/ SRHR to SS for ID oral PQs on 23rd May 2018.

23rd May: All members received EPF briefing on social media support to Republic of Ireland referendum on abortion.

25th May: Baroness Tonge received fact sheet on obstetrics in the UK, faecal incontinence and new Montgomery test for consent.

29th May: All members received RCOG Northern Ireland position on abortion.

29th May: All members received a weblink to support reform on abortion in Northern Ireland from Stella Creasy MP, FPA (Family Planning Association) Northern Ireland, London Irish Abortion Rights Campaign, Alliance for Choice, bpas and others.

7th June: All members received the Center for Reproductive Rights press release entitled 'UK Supreme Court – Northern Ireland's Abortion Ban!'

8th June: All members received the invitation to the APPG on PDRH and IPPF World Population Day reception.

8th June: All members received the UNFPA response to the Guardian editorial on family planning.

15th June: All members received information on the vote in Argentina on abortion reform.

15th June: Baroness Tonge and Baroness Barker received information on Peer Mentor Mother Network of women living with HIV.

21st June: Baroness Tonge received Ipas world refugee day press release.

26th June: HoC members received drafted oral PQs for SS for ID on funding to family planning.

26th June: All members received a link to legislative reform needed to protect women and girls from violence.

3rd July: All members received DFID's 'bottom line' on Population and FGM.

3rd July: All committee members received Plan UK's briefing on universal health coverage for the Westminster Hall debate on 5th July 2018.

3rd July: All committee members received Plan UK's new evidence: Adolescent's SRHR in South Sudan and Bangladesh.

5th July: All committee members received information on the US withdrawing from the UN Human Rights Council.

6th July: Baroness Barker and Baroness Tonge received information on the forthcoming FSRH conference, and figures regarding potential financial savings of offering oral contraception over the counter in chemists.

10th July: Baroness Barker received EPF, Catholics for Choice and Richard Ottaway's paper on sex, ideology and religion for HoL debate on faith organisations.

11th July: Baroness Tonge and Viscount Craigavon received EPF booklet entitled, 'Restoring the Natural Order'.

11th July: Viscount Craigavon received Ann Mette Kjaerby's PowerPoint presentation and notes from the Sussex University presentation on sex selection (abortion).

11th July: Select members received the invitation to the APPG on HIV and AIDS' report launch: 'Withdrawal of Aid from Middle Income Countries and the Impact on People living with HIV, key populations and women and girls'.

11th July: Select members received information about an event hosted by Fiona Bruce MP in parliament in July on abortion in Northern Ireland.

11th July: All members received Dr Natalia Kanem's, UNFPA Executive Director, statement on World Population Day.

12th July: All members received the latest report from the Countdown 2030 Europe consortium, entitled, 'Contraception supplies financing: What role for donors? A guide for advocates'.

19th July: All committee members received The Lancet's Global Health report, entitled 'Investing in sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls to reach HIV and UHC goals'.

19th July: Baroness Tonge received statistical factsheet for Uganda.

23rd July: APPG on PDRH Ethiopia study tour delegates received latest news for Ethiopia.

6th August: All members received a weblink to the International HIV/AIDS Alliance's new report on abortion and HIV.

6th August: Baroness Barker and Baroness Tonge received summary information on the latest statutory changes to Relationship and Sex Education in the UK.

7th August: All members received IPCI ICPD questionnaire along with APPG on PDRH annual activity report.

8th August: All committee members received the press release 'Argentina: No turning back'.

9th August: Baroness Barker received a link to the BBC News article, 'Are women turning their back on the pill?'.

15th August: All members received the invitation to the WHO launch of its flagship European Health Report on 11th September 2018.

15th August: All members received a weblink to the press article entitled, 'Scottish women will still be allowed to take abortion pills at home after a legal challenge against the move was thrown out'.

18th August: Baroness Tonge received a weblink to an article entitled 'WHO study shows drug could save thousands of women's lives'.

20th August: Baroness Tonge received a summary of the APPG on PDRH's parliamentary activities on child marriage to prepare for her interview with Emma Batha, Chief Correspondent UK, Thomson Reuters, who was putting together a series of stories on child marriage in the West.

21st August: Baroness Tonge received information on caesarean births affecting human evolution.

28th August: Baroness Tonge received a summary of the APPG on PDRH's activities (2010 – 2018) as requested.

28th August: All committee members received summary findings from the World Health Organization's flagship European Health Report.

6th September: Baroness Uddin received the CEDAW-CRPD adopted statement on SRHR.

7th September: John Mann MP received the APPG on PDRH's 2016 Sierra Leone study tour report, as requested, prior to his visit to the country to meet the President.

11th September: Baroness Barker received the Education Progress Trust's briefing on reproductive health technologies in preparation for the HoL debate on 13th September, the 40th Anniversary of the first baby born using in vitro-fertilisation by Baroness Deech.

17th September: All members received the BOND press release dated 13th September, entitled 'DFID needs better oversight of other government departments' ODA spending'.

20th September and again 1st October: All members received EPF's invitation to the Rwanda Family Planning conference.

20th September: Baroness Tonge received information on the UK's ODA to Somalia.

21st September: Baroness Tonge received a SRHR briefing for a Muslim Aid event on 31st October 2018.

1st October: All committee members received information on faecal incontinence among women post-delivery from Leigh Day.

5th October: Baroness Tonge received a briefing on the Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (FGM) Bill.

8th October: All HoC members received drafted follow up oral PQs to SS for oral question on the Rohingya refugees.

11th October: All members received a link to the Guardian article: Botswana has one of the fastest falling fertility rates.

21st October: All members received the joint RCOG and Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare abortion briefing paper ahead of Diana Johnson MP's Ten Minute Rule Bill on 23rd October on abortion.

23rd October: All committee members received information on Lord Berkeley's PMB on FGM as requested.

26th October: All HoL members received FPA and Amnesty briefing for NI (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Bill – second reading.

30th October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefing on the ICAI review – assessing DFID's results in improving maternal health.

1st November: All members received the press release entitled, 'UN Human Rights Committee Asserts that Access to Abortion and Prevention of Maternal Mortality are Human Rights'.

2nd November: Baroness Barker received link to press release on the UN Human Rights Committee Asserts that Access to Abortion and Prevention of Maternal Mortality are Human Rights.

7th November: All members received the Ottawa IPCI ICPD PoA Parliamentary Statement of Commitment.

8th November: All members received the invitation to the ActionAid UK HoC reception on 3rd December, from 4-6pm. The reception had as its theme '6 days of activism - Acts of Defiance in the age of #MeToo'.

12th November: All members received an invitation to the EPF 2018 Partners' Forum on 10th – 14th December 2018 in New Delhi.

16th November: All members received an invitation to Plan International UK's parliamentary reception on 20th November, entitled 'Girls' Rights are Global: The UK's role in delivering for girls at home and aboard'.

23rd November: All committee member's received Bristol Policy briefing on clean water linked to rising birth rates in Africa.

29th November: Baroness Tonge received DFID's operational plan 2011- 2016 for Rwanda.

29th November: All members received Population Council's briefing on male contraceptive gel.

11th December: Baroness Tonge received information about the Women and Equalities committee doing an inquiry on abortion in NI.

14th December: All members received information about the EU's increase in budget for development cooperation.

4th January: All HoL members received Plan UK's briefing on adolescent girls.

7th January: Baroness Sheehan received a copy of the Sierra Leone study tour report.

9th January: All members received information that the SS for Health has formally approved misoprostol at home.

18th January: All members received the weblink to the UNFPA Humanitarian Action Overview 2019 - launch 24th January 2019.

18th January: All members received the UK Government's (Forced Marriage Unit) press release stating they will no longer ask girls/women to take out a loan for their repatriation costs, as part of efforts to protect girls/women who are vulnerable to forced marriage.

18th January: Baroness Tonge received DFID Embassy, Sudan reply to Toubia Nahid on UK FGM support in country.

21st January: All members received the WHO press release, entitled 'Launch of first Report on the health of refugees and migrants in the WHO European Region'.

22nd January: All members received the UNFPA announcement of the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, entitled 'Accelerating the promise', Nairobi, Kenya, 13th – 15th November 2019.

22nd January: All members received a weblink to the Telegraph article entitled 'Family Planning in Ghana'.

23rd January: Baroness Tonge received information on the first HPV vaccine in England: Gardasil made by Merck & Co., licensed for use in June 2006. It targets four types of HPV: 6, 11, 16 and 18. Types 16 and 18 lead to cervical cancer.

28th January: All committee members were reminded of the upcoming Westminster Hall debate: 'A call for the lowering of the age for smear tests for cervical cancer from 25 to 18'.

28th January: All members received the EPF January newsletter.

29th January: Baroness Tonge received information that 1,800 nursing associates will soon qualify in England.

31st January: All members received the Countdown2030 report, entitled, 'A Summary of European donor support to SRHR and FP'.

31st January: All members received 'FP2020: Country Success Stories'.

4th February: All members received the Sky News article entitled, 'Mother becomes first person to be found guilty of FGM in UK'.

4th February: Baroness Tonge and Baroness Barker received Dr Catherine Schumann's presentation from the FSRH conference, 25th Feb 2019, for HoL question on public health on 4th February: 'Do we leave vulnerable patients behind when integrating services?'

6th February: Mary Robinson MP received abortion statistics for Manchester as requested with support from fpa (UK family planning association).

8th February: Baroness Barker received the APPG on PDRH's internal finance/administration memo as requested to support other UK APPGs.

12th February: All members received the UK SRHR Network's publication, 'Spotlight Report - DFID's implementation of SRHR as it relates to the UK Voluntary National Review'.

13th February: Committee members received UNFPA plans for the ICPD25 and UNFPA@50, the main international conferences in 2019, to galvanise support for SRHR.

25th February: All members received a briefing on the European Parliament's concerns about the backlash against women's rights and gender equality in the EU.

25th February: All members received the Guardian article 'UK Aid Tied'.

25th February: All committee members received the request from Leigh Day to open their health care event on 6th June 2019.

25th February: All members received the new ONS publication, entitled 'Sex and Gender – UK define these as different concepts'.

26th February: Baroness Tonge, Viscount Craigavon and Virendra Sharma MP received the NGO briefing on the UK Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the SDGs as requested.

4th March: All HoL members received the Plan UK briefing for Lord Oates' oral PQ on the SheDecides campaign.

4th March: Viscount Craigavon received a summary briefing on the EPF Contraceptive Atlas.

4th March: Baroness Tonge received a briefing on the SheDecides campaign.

7th March: Baroness Tonge, Viscount Craigavon and Virendra Sharma MP received further briefings on the UK VNR on the SDGs for the DFID Ministerial meeting on the subject on 11th March 2019.

8th March: All members received the Centre for Reproductive Rights publication, 'Round-Up of Abortion Law Reform in 2018'.

8th March: All members received an invitation for the ThomsonReuters Foundation's International Women's Day conference in London, 13th – 14th November 2019.

11th March: Baroness Blackstone received a briefing for International Women's Day HoL debate as requested.

18th March: All members received the Salamander Trust and partners booklet on women living with HIV, HPV and cervical cancer.

22nd March: Holly Lynch MP received information on Christine McCafferty CoE Conscientious Objection Bill through EPF as requested.

26th March: All members received an invitation to the London pre-Women Deliver Conference event with Penny Mordaunt MP, Secretary of State for International Development.

26th March: Holly Lynch MP received a briefing on Christine McCafferty as requested.

28th March: All committee members received the PAI press release entitled, 'USA expanded Global Gag Rule'.

29th March: All members received the EPF briefing on the EU long-term budget, 2021- 2027, on SRHR.

31st March: Baroness Tonge received briefing on the Mexico City Policy.

Please find enclosed all briefings sent in Appendix 18.

General Collaboration, Meetings and Correspondence

Enquiries to and about the APPG on PDRH and its parliamentary activities have been dealt with through e-mails, over the phone and face-to-face communications at meetings and conferences.

Collaboration and communications continue with a variety of national and international SRHR organisations and stakeholders including:

UNFPA; IPPF; MSI; UK SRHR Network; RCOG, bpas; Forced Marriage and FGM NGOs including: Plan UK, Townsend Women Guilds, FORWARD, Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO), Agency for Culture and Change Management UK (ACCM), Girls not Brides, Commonwealth Medical Trust (COMMAT), Global Justice Centre (GJC), PSN and other NGOs, academic institutions and individuals working on SRHR and related health issues.

Meetings

UNFPA

The APPG on PDRH continues its strong links and collaboration with UNFPA. Of particular interest this year were communications and collaboration surrounding the Bangladesh study tour and the roundtable luncheon discussion in the UK Parliament hosted by the APPG on PDRH in October 2018. UNFPA was represented at this event by Dr Natalia Kanem, UNFPA ED and her advisors. Baroness Jenny Tonge, Baroness Barker, Baroness Uddin, Baroness Hussein-Ece and Virendra Sharma MP were in attendance and Lord Crisp made a courtesy visit.

The APPG on PDRH also communicated and met with Matthew Jackson, UNFPA London representative, and Ragaa Said, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, New York. These conversations

related to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in April 2018 in London; the Rwanda Family Planning conference in October 2018 in Kigali; and the IPCI ICPD PoA in October 2018 in Ottawa, Canada (please see conference section for further information).

UNFPA conducted a financial spot check in 2019 into the APPG on PDRH accounts. All APPG on PDRH income and expenditure list were sent to UNFPA along with documentary evidence (invoices, salary slips etc).

The APPG on PDRH also communicated with UNFPA in relation to UNFPA's State of World Population (SWOP) report launch in October 2018; the UK IPU Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) delegation in April 2019; and the contraceptive stock out in Madagascar in December 2018. The stock out in Madagascar culminated in discussions between the UNFPA Madagascar commodity expert, the DFID expert in the London office, SRHR NGOs in Madagascar and the three main contraceptive pharmaceutical suppliers in Madagascar: MSM, Bayer and Pfizer.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 19.

IPPF

The APPG on PDRH continued its strong links and collaboration with IPPF. The APPG on PDRH has communicated regularly with Riva Eskinazi throughout the year. The majority of correspondence has been in connection with joint events and parliamentary briefings (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information), the Rwanda Family Planning conference and the (postponed) 2018 November study tour to Bangladesh.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 20.

MSI

The APPG on PDRH continued its strong links and collaboration with MSI. The APPG on PDRH has communicated regularly throughout the year with Sarah Shaw and Bethan Cobley, who returned from maternity leave. Several briefing papers pertinent to parliamentary debates were received and disseminated and joint parliamentary events were organised including for an MSI Chinese delegation in November 2018 and an abortion donor conference in January 2019. A joint roundtable event was hosted for MSI programme staff in March 2019 (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information). Baroness Tonge also nominated MSI for one of ICFP's EXCELL awards in July 2018.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 21.

UK SRHR Network

The APPG on PDRH has been in regular contact with the UK SRHR Network and its member organisations and staff throughout the year. Of particular interest has been discussions/ meetings/briefings surrounding the UK Government SDG VNR due in July 2019. In April 2018, the APPG on PDRH completed the UK SRHR Network questionnaire on the future work of the network.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 22.

RCOG

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby held meetings with Lesley Regan, President, and Kelley Ireland, Special Advisor, on several occasions this year to discuss the decriminalisation of abortion and medical abortion at home in the UK and abroad. Access to contraception, postnatal care, surgical mesh and folic acid fortification were also discussed and culminated in several written PQs. The APPG on PDRH also received and disseminated several RCOG briefings for debates in parliament (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information).

Kelley Ireland left RCOG in February 2019 and Stephen Hall has now taken up the post as Lesley Regan's new special advisor.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 23.

RCM

The APPG on PDRH met Stuart Bonar, RCM, this year to discuss written questions on UK midwifery workforce, number of homebirths and neonatal episodes. Members also attended the RCM launch of its report, entitled 'Annual State of Maternity Services' in September 2018 (please see other briefing meeting section for further information).

bpas

The APPG on PDRH remains in contact with bpas and their briefings have been disseminated to members in connection with Stella Creasy MP's UK parliamentary activities on abortion in Northern Ireland in May 2018.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 24.

Forced Marriage and FGM NGOs and individuals: PLAN UK, FORWARD, Townsend Women Guilds, IKWRO, ACCM UK, Girls not Brides and Eylem Atakav from University of East Anglia and individuals working on FGM/Child Marriage

The APPG on PDRH has met and communicated with numerous NGOs and individuals this year on FGM and child marriage. The majority of correspondence has been in connection with the Government's forthcoming Domestic Abuse Bill and Baroness Jenny Tonge's plan to amend it to increase age of marriage to 18 in the UK. The APPG on PDRH plans to organise, in collaboration with the Home Office Child Marriage Unit and relevant UK APPGs, child marriage NGO stakeholders, and Eylem Atakav, a roundtable briefing meeting, prior to the bill being re-introduced into parliament.

The APPG on PDRH has communicated with FORWARD in connection with the UK's SDG VNR in 2019 and with the private member's bill, put forward by Lord Berkeley of Knighton and Zac Goldsmith MP, in relation to FGM. This PMB amended the Children Act 1989 to state that proceedings under Section 5A of, and Schedule 2 to, the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 are family proceedings. It gained Royal Assent 15th March 2019 (Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Act 2019). In connection with this PMB, the APPG on PDRH also had conversations with Marge Berer, Abortion Rights, and others. For more information on the amendment, see: <https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/childrenact1989amendmentfemalegenitalmutilation.html>

The APPG on PDRH also received briefings from NGOs and circulated these to members in support of written and oral PQs on FGM. Press articles received on this year's first FGM conviction in February 2019 were also circulated to members (e.g. 'Mother guilty of genital

mutilation of daughter', BBC, 1 Feb 2019). There were three other trials involving FGM – two in London and one in Bristol – all of which ended in acquittals.

The APPG on FGM was established last year with Zac Goldsmith MP and Jess Phillips MP as co-chairs and members include Nicky Morgan MP, Tulip Siddiq MP, Baroness Featherstone, Tan Dhesi MP, Helen Whately MP, Peter Aldous MP, David Amess MP, Jeremy Lefroy MP, Julian Lewis MP, James Cleverly MP, Rosena Allin-Khan MP, Hannah Bardell MP, Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Caroline Lucas MP, Nusrat Ghani MP, Stephen Crabb MP and Tim Farron MP, with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) as the secretariat. In July 2018, Baroness Tonge tabled written PQs on potential UK FGM clinic closures and Juliet Albert, NHS trust and FGM clinic worker, received encouraging replies that her FGM clinic will remain open. In August 2018, the APPG on PDRH was contacted by a consultant to provide feedback on FORWARD's website.

The APPG on PDRH has also communicated this year with individuals working on FGM, including Naasu Fofana from Sierra Leone and Nahid Toubia in Sudan. Numerous written PQs have been tabled regarding DFID support to combat FGM in Sudan (available on the APPG on PDRH website).

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 25.

COMMAT

The APPG on PDRH has communicated with COMMAT this year, mainly in connection with CHOGM. Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the COMMAT/UNFPA CHOGM strategy meeting in February 2018 and provided feedback to members at the APPG on PDRH committee meeting thereafter.

Communications also related to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopting an SDG Indicator Framework. Ugandan MPs visited the UK with support from COMMAT and the DFID Select Committee inquiry into UK progress on the SDGs.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 26.

PSN

The APPG on PDRH met David Johnson, ED PSN, and other staff in connection with briefing meetings of joint interest and funding opportunities for PSN. The APPG on PDRH re-established contact with Bill Ryerson, PMC through PSN in May 2018 and a meeting was held in October 2018 to discuss PMC activities and possible collaboration (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information). In January 2019, Baroness Jenny Tonge nominated David Johnson for the Pro Bono Australia Impact award.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 27.

Sussex University

The APPG on PDRH met Maya Unnithan, Director, Centre for Cultures of Reproduction, Technologies and Health, and Ben Kasstan, Research Fellow in Anthropology, both at the University of Sussex, in connection with their research on abortion and sex selection. A policy briefing on this topic has been circulated to members. Ann Mette Kjaerby spoke at the Sussex University event on sex selection at their request.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 28.

Correspondence

The APPG on PDRH communicated with many SRHR/population experts and individuals listed below:

- France Kissling in connection with her request for population cartoons
- Camila Azevedo, FSRH, to forward DFID contact details in support of their overseas activities
- Rachel Arkell, MSc student at Kent University, in need of information on EPF's report 'Restoring the Natural Order' for her dissertation
- The H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols in connection with the EPF report 'Restoring the Natural Order'
- The London-Irish Abortion Rights Campaign in connection with Stella Creasy MP's campaign to repeal sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act (OAPA)
- Janet Hemingway, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, in connection with their forthcoming event on maternal health
- The Wellcome Trust in connection with the Vietnam delegation wanting to meet with members of the APPG on PDRH
- Assemblée nationale in Paris, France in connection with Baroness Tonge's invitation to speak at the G5 Sahel Alliance event on gender on 13th December 2018
- Tom Harris, Reference Data Manager, Dods Information, in connection with their licence for Liz McInnes MP's image

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 29.

Press

The APPG on PDRH continues its press activities to engage new members and inform the public about its activities.

In June 2018, Rebecca Thomas from the Medical Health Journal interviewed Baroness Jenny Tonge on access to contraceptives. In August 2018, Emma Batha from the Thomson Reuters Foundation interviewed Baroness Jenny Tonge on child marriage for a series she was producing on child marriage. Details can be found here: <https://news.trust.org/packages/Child-Marriage/>

In June 2018, Baroness Tonge was quoted in a FORWARD press release in connection with their new research report on child marriage and teenage pregnancy in Tanzania.

In July, Alix Robertson from Schools Week contacted the APPG on PDRH in relation to Baroness Jenny Tonge's written PQs on teenage pregnancies and school attendance. This resulted in her attending the July 2018 World Population Day reception. At the reception she was introduced and spoke to numerous SRHR experts. Please see here for subsequent article:

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/out-of-date-pregnancy-guidance-isnt-helping-schools-say-critics/>

In October 2018, EuroNGO (now Inspire) received summary information on the UK Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill for inclusion in its newsletter.

In November 2018, the French journalist Céline Marchand requested an interview with Baroness Jenny Tonge on the topic of population. At the interview she was referred to Population Matters for their input.

Please find enclosed sample articles in Appendix 30.

Social media

The APPG on PDRH continues to 'tweet' (on social media application 'Twitter') about parliamentary events and activities including parliamentary debates. The tweet straplines and hashtags can be found on the APPG on PDRH front webpage and have included the following topics: Women Deliver on World Immunization Week; EPF report 'Restoring the Natural Order'; India child marriage ruling; bpas on abortion in NI during cases of foetal abnormality; ASTRA on EU court ruling and abortion; Irish Times article on abortion referendum; Baroness Uddin on Lesley Regan meeting in HoL; bpas letter to new SoS for Home Office on buffer zones; IPPF video on sex education; 'Together for Yes' Irish abortion referendum; Global Gag Rule's (GGR) impact in Kenya; solidarity with Polish women on abortion ban; Center for Reproductive Rights on activists doing backstreet abortions; RCOG and health funding cuts on women's health in UK; the 70th birthday of the NHS; BBC article on Roe vs Wade; the 'morning after pill'; New York Times article on USA's opposition to breastfeeding resolution in WHO; World Population Day; Amnesty International's new position on abortion; the Guardian article on Kenyan High Court ruling on botched abortions; Lesley Regan's congratulations to Jeremy Hunt MP and Matt Hancock MP as new SoS; a Huffington Post article on abortion reform in NI; a British Medical Journal (BMJ) opinion article on decriminalising abortion in the UK; Donald Trump's visit to UK and SRHR; EPF press on abortion reform in NI; FSRH new position statement on abortion; the Guardian article on the backlash to a natural family planning application; Argentina and abortion reform; a bpas job advertisement; an abortion pill court ruling in UK; the UK Government allowing home use of misoprostol; the UK Government's commitments to funding family planning in Africa; Women Deliver and Scotland providing tampons for free to students; EPF's Euromapping; PSN press on linking family planning, population and climate change; EPF press on IPCI/ICPD conference Ottawa; article on child marriage in Bangladesh; ICFP, Rwanda and APPG on PDRH Hearing Report on Abortion in the Developing World and the UK.

Parliamentary Statements, Legislation, Debates, EDMs and Parliamentary question

Despite its preoccupation with Brexit and related issues, the UK government remains explicit in its support for international family planning and SRHR. APPG on PDRH members and other members of parliament have held the government accountable to its promises through amendments to Bills, debates, EDMs and PQs. Below you will find relevant statements, legislation, debates, EDMs and PQs (full information and transcripts will be available on the APPG on PDRH's website following the completion of its relaunch).

There was a marked push this year in respect of violence against women in the UK and abortion in NI. Of continued importance have been the APPG on PDRH parliamentary activities in relation to ending sexual violence, defending reproductive health services and abortion rights, and supporting the SDGs. Please note that not all activities below are attributed to the APPG on PDRH members.

House of Commons

Oral Ministerial Statements

Northern Ireland: Supreme Court Ruling, 7th June 2018

Following the judgment of the Supreme Court in the matter of an application by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for Judicial Review (NI), the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Karen Bradley, made an oral statement in response to an urgent question from Stella Creasy MP. While the court made no formal declaration, a majority of the justices stated their view that the laws of abortion in NI are incompatible with Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights on the right to respect for private and family life in cases of fatal foetal abnormality, rape and incest. Despite the ruling, the SoS said that her urgent priority was to continue to engage with the parties in Northern Ireland to re-establish devolved government so that decisions can be taken there.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 31.

G7, 11th June 2018

Prime Minister Theresa May updated the House on the G7 summit in Quebec, which included a special session focused on empowering and supporting women and girls around the world. Recognising that efforts to tackle global poverty are fundamentally undermined as long as millions of girls are not getting the education they deserve, the UK announced £187 million of new funding to support over 400,000 girls in developing countries to get 12 years of quality education. The UK also called for new action to prevent gender-based violence, abuse and harassment online.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 32.

Upskirting, 18th June 2018

Following the demise of a Private Member's Bill on upskirting (the practice of taking unauthorised photographs under a person's skirt or kilt), Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (USS) for Justice Lucy Frazer made a statement in response to an urgent question. She announced that the government would make time to bring legislation before the House to make the practice an offence. The APPG on PDRH member Yasmin Quereshi MP pressed the Minister on the legislation's scope and timescale; member Catherine West MP queried the government's plan for enforcement; member Liz McInnes MP pointed to the need to reform the Private Member's Bill procedures; member Liz Saville Roberts MP argued that the government needs to consider technology-enabled crimes more broadly; and member Alison Thewlis MP argued that the procedures of the House need review.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 33.

Relationships and Sex Education, 19th July 2018

The Secretary of State for Education Damian Hinds read a statement announcing key decisions and launching a consultation on new regulations in respect of relationships and sex education (RSE). For relationships education and RSE, the aim of the new regulations is to put in place the building blocks for positive and safe relationships of all kinds, including online. There would be compulsory health education, including mental health, but parents would still have the option to withdraw their child from sex education until three terms before the student turns 16.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 34.

Government Overseas Aid Commitment: Private Investment, 9th October 2018

In response to an urgent question on whether she planned to use private investment to make up part of the UK Government's commitment to spend 0.7% of GNI on overseas development aid, the Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt, made a statement clarifying that private funds cannot be used to make up the 0.7% of GNI figure. However, the Secretary of State explained that returns from investment on public funds could be used to make up the 0.7% of GNI. The SoS also noted that there was currently a funding gap of \$2.5 trillion to deliver the global goals and that help from the private sector was needed to bridge that gap.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 35.

Ebola Response Update, 20th November 2018

The Minister for Africa, Harriet Baldwin, updated the House on the international response to the Ebola epidemic in DRC. The Minister described very difficult conditions on the ground which were hindering efforts to contain the outbreak. She confirmed that it would take several months longer than originally estimated. However, there were positive developments in respect of rates of detection, monitoring and diagnosis. In terms of support, the UK was the second largest donor to the strategic response plan, as well as having deployed epidemiological experts to support the WHO response on the ground. UK support helped to improve leadership and co-ordination, surveillance, infection prevention control and preparedness measures in DRC and neighbouring countries.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 36.

G20 Summit, 3rd December 2018

The Prime Minister updated the House on the recent G20 Summit in Argentina. Trade matters occupied the majority of proceedings, but the UK called for greater action in the fight against modern slavery and tackling climate change. On climate change, the UK called for a step change in preparing for temperature rises, to cut the cost and impact of climate-related disasters, and to secure food, water and jobs for the future. G20 countries made strong commitments to improving women's economic empowerment, alongside which the UK called on G20 leaders to take practical action to ensure that by 2030 all girls, not just in G20 countries but around the world, get 12 years of quality education.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 37.

Draft Domestic Abuse Bill: Territorial Extent, 30th January 2019

In response to an urgent question on the territorial extent of the proposed Domestic Abuse Bill, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department Victoria Atkins made a statement confirming that the draft Bill extends to England and Wales only. The draft Domestic Abuse Bill would help transform the response to domestic abuse by supporting victims and their families and pursuing offenders to stop the cycle of violence. The Bill would cement a statutory definition of domestic abuse that extends beyond physical violence to include emotional, psychological and economic abuse. Members of the House of Commons raised concerns about the position of women in Northern Ireland and APPG member Alison Thewliss MP raised concerns about women in the immigration system and the need for training of Department of Work and Pensions staff.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 38.

Relationships and Sex Education, 25th February 2019

Secretary of State for Education Damian Hinds updated the House on his department's plans to overhaul RSE following the public consultation process. The plans would remain largely unchanged from those put forward on 19th July 2018 (see above), save for a small number of changes to further strengthen the intent of the guidance. For example, changes to the content on puberty to reflect the need for menstruation and menstrual wellbeing to be taught in all primary and secondary schools.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 39.

Written Ministerial Statements

Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment: Aid Sector, 17th May 2018

The Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt, provided a written update on the steps being taken by the Department for International Development (DFID) to protect recipients of UK aid and those working in the sector from harm. The Secretary of State underscored the importance of safeguarding and highlighted DFID's focus on preventing and responding to sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment. So far she had held discussions with multilateral organisations (e.g. the UN), programme partners, suppliers and research partners to reaffirm a zero tolerance approach to abuse and sexual exploitation; convened a NGO working group to develop concrete ideas to implement safeguarding procedures; rolled out safeguarding due diligence standards across all UK departments that spend Official Development Assistance (ODA) funds; and pressed donors to drive up the safeguarding standards of implementing partners.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 40.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Ebola, 23rd May 2018

Following the declaration of an Ebola outbreak in DRC on 8th May 2018, the Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt, provided a written statement on what the British Government was doing to support the response. She announced that the Department for International Development (DFID) would be providing £5 million in funding to the World Health Organisation's response plan to support the delivery of a range of WHO activities, including: surveillance, case management, laboratories, co-ordination, logistics, and operational readiness in neighbouring areas.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 41.

Conflict, Stability and Security Fund, 18th July 2018

Upon publication of its annual report, Minister for the Cabinet Office David Lidington updated the House on the progress of the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) for the financial year 2017-18 and announced the initial regional and thematic allocations for 2018-19 financial year. The CSSF is a cross-government fund which uses both official development assistance (ODA) and non-ODA resources to deliver against both national security and UK aid objectives, through security, defence, peacekeeping, peace-building and stability activity. In 2017-18, the CSSF spent £1,182 million against a cross-government allocation of £1,188

million (99.5%). The initial allocated budget for the fund would be £1,279 million for FY 2018-19.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 42.

Ebola: Democratic Republic of the Congo, 13th September 2018

In response to the Ebola outbreak in the North Kivu region of DRC beginning on 1st August 2018, the Secretary of State for International Development Penny Mordaunt provided an update on steps taken by the UK Government to support the immediate response, to support neighbouring countries prepare for the possible spread of the outbreak, and to help countries to improve public health systems and strengthen their resilience to deadly diseases like Ebola. In addition to its immediate efforts, the Secretary of State noted that DFID is investing £40 million over four years through the tackling deadly diseases in Africa programme (TDDAP) to support preparedness, detection and response work in the countries most at risk.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 43.

Abortion Clinic Protest Review, 13th September 2018

The Secretary of State for the Home Office Sajid Javid made a statement following his department's review of the scale and nature of anti-abortion protests in England and Wales. The review found that in 2017, anti-abortion demonstrations had occurred at 36 of 363 of hospitals and clinics which carry out abortions in England and Wales. The main activities reported during protests included praying, displaying banners and handing out leaflets, although aggressive activities, including assault, had occurred during some anti-abortion demonstrations. The Secretary of State recognised that all anti-abortion activities can have an adverse effect, but declined to introduce national buffer zones.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 44.

Ebola Outbreak in the DRC, 10th October 2018

The Secretary of State for International Development Penny Mordaunt updated the House on the Ebola outbreak in DRC and the UK's continuing response. The Secretary of State confirmed that the number of cases had continued to rise and that the situation was complicated by attacks by armed groups in the affected area. These attacks have disrupted the response and remain a major risk to security. They have also contributed to an increased flow of people in and out of the area. In view of these developments, DFID increased its financial support, through WHO, for the response and preparedness activities in DRC and neighbouring countries. This funding supported a range of activities including surveillance, vaccinations, infection prevention and control, community engagement and safe and dignified burials.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 45.

Sexual Exploitation in the Aid Sector, 25th October 2018

Following her written ministerial statement of 17th May, the Secretary of State for International Development Penny Mordaunt updated the House on the outcomes of the international summit she hosted in London on 18th October, 'Putting People First: Tackling Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment in the Aid Sector'. Participants agreed to the

following fundamental shifts: to ensure support for survivors, victims and whistle-blowers; to enhance accountability and transparency; strengthen reporting; tackle impunity; incentivise cultural change through strong leadership, organisational accountability and better human resource processes; adopt global standards and ensure they are met or exceeded; and strengthen organisational capacity and capability across the international aid sector to meet these standards. Participants also outlined specific initiatives to deliver those changes, with a follow up meeting to take place no later than October 2019 to assess progress.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 46.

Prosperity Fund: Annual Report, 15th November 2018

Minister for the Cabinet Office David Lidington updated the House on the progress of the cross-Government Prosperity Fund (PF) for the financial year 2017-18. Created at the end of 2015, the £1.2 billion prosperity fund runs over seven years from 2016 to 2023 and forms part of the UK's aid strategy and official development assistance commitment of 0.7% of GNI. The Prosperity Fund was set up to reduce poverty and create overseas business opportunities for the UK, particularly in countries such as China, India, Mexico, Indonesia and Brazil. The Minister announced that the Fund was now under the oversight of a sub-committee of the National Security Council, that the Fund had established 26 multi-year programmes operating until 2023, and that the total spend for the fund in 2017-18 was £63 million, of which £7 million was for non-ODA activities.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 47.

Disability Inclusion, 4th December 2018

Following a global disability summit in July 2018, co-hosted with the Government of Kenya and the International Disability Alliance, the Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt MP, updated the House on steps DFID is taking to make sustained and concerted efforts on disability inclusion. The summit mobilised commitments from more than 170 organisations, and more than 320 governments and organisations signed the summit's "Charter for Change". To ensure the long-lasting impact of these commitments, DFID is working with partners on a monitoring process. To support the ambition of making disability inclusion a reality in developing countries, the Secretary of State committed to ensuring DFID places disability inclusion at the heart of everything it does. She stated that "Our vision is for a world where all disabled people are engaged, empowered and able to exercise and enjoy rights on an equal basis with others, contributing to poverty reduction".

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 48.

World AIDS Day, 5th December 2018

On the occasion of World AIDS Day, the Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt MP, made a statement on the progress made in respect of HIV and AIDS treatment worldwide and the efforts undertaken by the UK to combat the epidemic, including the integration of HIV with TB services. The Secretary of State noted that HIV and AIDS disproportionately affect women and adolescent girls, that AIDS remains the biggest killer of women of reproductive age around the world, and that every week around 7,000 young women are infected with HIV. She argued that to bring down HIV infections, we must continue to fight for gender equality, stop violence against women and girls, and advance sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 49.

Future Leadership of UNAIDS, 20th December 2018

Following the allegations of harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power within the organisation made against the UNAIDS Secretariat, the Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt MP, announced that the UK expected the current executive director to step down. She reiterated that the UK expects all the organisations it works with to operate to the highest standards on the issue of harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 50.

Domestic Abuse, 21st January 2019

The Secretary of State for the Home Office, Sajid Javid MP, made a statement announcing the publication of the draft Domestic Abuse Bill and the consultation response on transforming the response to domestic abuse. The Government aimed to transform the response to domestic abuse and change the social attitudes that keep it hidden. The consultation response recognised that change needs to occur across all statutory agencies, including in courts, police, schools, social care, housing, welfare and healthcare settings, while the draft Bill sets out specific measures to protect and support victims and children.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 51.

Report under section 4 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, 30th January 2019

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Karen Bradley MP, issued a statement in accordance with section 4 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, which requires her to report on how she plans to address the impact of the absence of Northern Ireland Ministers on human rights obligations every quarter. In consultation with the Northern Ireland Civil Service, guidance under section 4 was published on 17th December 2018. The guidance notes that it does not, and cannot be used to, change the current law on abortion in Northern Ireland as the issue remains devolved.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 52.

DFID's Work on Safeguarding, 4th February 2019

Following up on her ministerial statement of 25th October 2018, the Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt MP, updated the House on DFID's efforts to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the aid sector. Steps taken included: getting the five-year safeguarding project with Interpol underway; signing up NGOs to the disclosure of misconduct scheme to prevent perpetrators moving around the aid sector; supporting work to verify that DFID's partners meet global standards; building a resource and support hub for staff training that was expected to launch in August 2019; drafting a statement of victims' rights; incorporating safeguarding commitments into the Bond charter; and working on establishing an ombudsman. Further steps were planned to ensure that the momentum on change in this area continues.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 53.

Ebola Response, 14th February 2019

The Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt MP, updated the House on the Ebola outbreak in DRC and the UK's response. The number of cases had continued to rise and containment efforts had been hindered by the disruption caused by the election and inauguration of a new president. The Government of the DRC had just released their third strategic response plan, which set out plans for the next six months, but the Secretary of State believed it was possible it would take longer to contain the outbreak. The UK was supporting the response through both funding and expertise, but did not release specific funding figures to avoid putting first-line responders at further risk of attack. The Secretary of State reiterated that it is in the UK's national interest to find ways of building resilience to deadly diseases, preventing their international spread and saving lives. The UK had supported the response since the very start and would continue to do so for as long as it takes to curb the outbreak.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 54.

Contingency Liability: Financial Assurance, 27th March 2019

The Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt MP, updated the House on the position with respect to European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) funding in the event of a no-deal Brexit. On 23rd August 2018, DFID committed to funding the post-March outputs of ECHO programmes contracted to UK organisations, if ECHO terminates funding in the event of a no-deal Brexit. The UK Government's commitment enabled UK organisations to demonstrate in their applications to ECHO that programmes would be funded in a no-deal scenario. UK aid spending in this case would prevent both loss of funding to UK organisations and severe disruption to humanitarian programmes. In March 2019, the Secretary of State agreed to extend the financial assurance to cover any direct bid to ECHO, to the European Development Fund, to the Development Co-operation Instrument and to EU Aid Volunteers ODA funding to UK organisations where that funding would be cut by the EU in the event of no deal. The size of the UK's potential liability in the event of a no-deal Brexit was unknown and subject to change, though DFID's current estimate was approximately £90 million. The likelihood that the liability would be called is directly proportional to the likelihood of a no-deal Brexit.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 55.

Legislation

International Development (Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups), 4th July 2018

Following reports about the abuse of sexual exploitation perpetrated by Oxfam staff after the 2011 Haiti earthquake, Stephen Twigg MP introduced this Bill under the Ten Minute Rule to make provision in connection with the protection of children and vulnerable adults in receipt of ODA and disaster relief. The Bill would ensure that all UK aid is provided in a way that is likely to contribute to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults from sexual exploitation and abuse, regulate all workers in the aid sector in line with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, make provision for the Secretary of State to bring the UK into line with any future international regulations, and require the Secretary of State for International Development to produce an annual report on safeguarding within UK aid. The

Bill was also presented by the APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham MP, and members Sarah Champion MP, Caroline Lucas MP and Virendra Sharma MP.

The Bill has not progressed to a second reading.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 56.

Voyeurism (Offences) (No. 2) Bill, 2nd July 2018, 10th July 2018, 12th July 2018 and 5th September 2018

Following the demise of the Private Member's Bill on upskirting (the practice of taking unauthorised photographs under a person's skirt or kilt), the Government brought legislation to make the practice a specific criminal offence. Under the Bill, perpetrators would face up to two years in prison and be placed on the sex offenders register. In the House of Commons, the APPG on PDRH members Yasmin Qureshi MP and Liz Saville Roberts MP sat on the Public Bill Committee and were instrumental in getting the legislation through. Among other contributions to the process, Yasmin Qureshi MP challenged the Government over practical considerations around the charging of the offence and Liz Saville Roberts MP pointed out the need for clarification regarding the intentions of perpetrators, the sexual offenders register and the distribution of upskirting images.

The Bill received Royal Assent on 12th February 2019.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 57.

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age), 5th September 2018

APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Pauline Latham MP introduced this Bill under the Ten Minute Rule. The purpose of the Bill was to raise the minimum age of consent to marriage or civil partnership to 18 in order to set an objective standard of maturity, safeguard children from being married when they are not physically, mentally or emotionally ready, and to bring the UK into line with international human rights conventions. The Bill was also presented by the APPG on PDRH members Sarah Champion MP and Virendra Sharma MP.

The Bill has not progressed to a second reading.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 58.

Abortion, 23rd October 2018

APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson MP introduced the Bill under the Ten Minute Rule. The Bill would amend the law relating to abortion in England and Wales, and Northern Ireland as follows: remove criminal liability in respect of abortion performed with the consent of the pregnant woman up to the twenty-fourth week of pregnancy; repeal sections 59 and 60 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861; create offences of termination of a pregnancy after its twenty-fourth week and non-consensual termination of a pregnancy; and amend the law relating to conscientious objection to participation in abortion treatment. The APPG on PDRH members Liz Saville Roberts MP, Norman Lamb MP and Caroline Lucas MP also presented the Bill.

The Bill has not progressed to a second reading.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 59.

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Bill, 24th October 2018

The purpose of the Bill was to ensure that administrative functions should continue working in Northern Ireland in the absence of an Executive there. A new Clause 7 'Equal rights for people of Northern Ireland (No. 2)' was introduced for the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State and senior officers of Northern Ireland departments to issue guidance on the matters of abortion and same sex marriage, thereby requiring them to address incompatibilities between legislation applied in Northern Ireland and UK human rights obligations. The APPG on PDRH member Gareth Thomas MP spoke in favour of Clause 7.

Clause 7 was added to the Bill, which moved to the House of Lords (where the Clause became Clause 4) (see below).

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 60.

Draft Domestic Abuse Bill, 30th January 2019

The Government introduced a draft Bill to update the UK's laws relating to domestic abuse. On 30 January 2019, Stella Creasy MP asked the Home Secretary to make a statement on the territorial extent of the draft Domestic Abuse Bill and the consequences of this for victims of violence across the UK. In particular, the Bill as drafted would not apply to Northern Ireland, where the matter is devolved. Stella Creasy MP and others raised the fact that women in Northern Ireland would not be able to obtain an abortion for unwanted pregnancies resulting from domestic abuse or otherwise.

The draft Bill is still in the pre-legislative scrutiny phase and has not yet been formally in the House of Commons or the House of Lords.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 61.

Northern Ireland Budget (Anticipation and Adjustments) (No. 2) Bill, 5th March 2019

The purpose of the Bill was to authorise departmental expenditure to allow the continued delivery of public services in Northern Ireland in the absence of an Executive. Stella Creasy MP and others introduced Amendment 2 to the Bill to decriminalise abortion in Northern Ireland. After debate, the amendment was withdrawn.

The Bill (without the abortion amendment) received Royal Assent on 15th March 2019.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 62.

Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill [Lords], 25th February, 5th March and 11th March 2019

In the House of Commons, the Bill was sponsored by Zac Goldsmith MP to amend the Children Act 1989 to make female genital mutilation protection orders available, thereby enabling courts to make interim care orders in favour of local authorities where a girl is at risk of FGM. The Bill was widely supported, including by the APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham MP, who also spoke about the need for additional training to help teachers and healthcare professionals recognise the signs and risks of FGM.

The Bill received Royal Assent on 15th March 2019.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 63.

Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration Etc.) Bill, 15th March 2019

Tim Loughton MP introduced this Bill to provide that opposite sex couples may enter into a civil partnership, to make provision about the registration of the names of the mother of each party to a marriage or civil partnership (mother's names have been absent from wedding certificates since 1837), to make provision about the registration of stillborn deaths, and to give coroners the power to investigate stillborn deaths.

The Bill received Royal Assent on 26th March 2019.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 64.

Debates

Protecting Children in Conflict Areas, 25th April 2018

Chris Law MP introduced a debate on protecting children in conflict areas. New, non-traditional modes of warfare, including the targeting of schools and the use of indiscriminate weapons, meant that children were increasingly targets of war. The themes of the debate were the UK's provision of education to children in crises; the UK's work to reform the humanitarian system; and the protection of children from violence, abuse and exploitation, including modern slavery. Examples from Myanmar (Rohingya), Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen, South Sudan and Ukraine were cited. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham MP, argued that an entire generation of children in some conflict-afflicted countries, like Syria, were missing out on an education, with far-reaching consequences. Pauline Latham also expressed concern about nutrition and the sexual exploitation and abuse of children by UK/UN peacekeepers. APPG member Dan Carden MP expressed concern that children were being abducted to fight in wars and argued that protecting education and schools needed to be one of the main priorities for the UK and all global institutions. The Minister of State for International Development, Harriett Baldwin MP, confirmed the UK's aid strategy committed 50% of its aid budget to fragile states and regions and that the protection of children in conflict zones and crises remained a top priority for the UK, on which it would continue to show global leadership. The UK would continue to be flexible enough to respond to emerging threats and would go beyond delivering humanitarian assistance by building better systems and societies for children of the future.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 65.

Internally Displaced People, 25th April 2018

APPG on PDRH member Dame Caroline Spelman MP introduced a debate on a strategy for internally displaced people (IDPs). She pointed out that IDPs do not have the same rights as refugees, the difficulties of accounting for and assisting IDPs in conflict- and disaster-afflicted countries, and highlighted the plight of women and girls as IDPs. Female IDPs are at greater risk from sexual violence and trafficking; girls suffer higher levels of early marriage; and women often have weaker property rights than men, or no property rights, meaning they often have no recourse to compensation for land losses. The Minister of State for International Development, Alistair Burt MP, recognised the specific vulnerabilities of women and girls and explained that the Government were exploring new options with the UN, including the idea of launching a UN high-level panel on IDPs to help galvanise political and

operational action by bringing together a wide range of experts to make recommendations that cut across humanitarian, peace and security, development and human rights issues.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 66.

HPV Vaccination for Boys, 2nd May 2018

Sir Roger Gale MP introduced a debate on the case for HPV vaccination for boys, discussing its prevalence, the deleterious effects of HPV and the estimated annual cost of vaccinating boys. APPG on PDRH member Sir Peter Bottomley MP argued that vaccinating boys would achieve herd immunity for everyone far faster and that in medical terms, public terms and cost terms, the sooner that happened, the better. The Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Steve Brine MP, noted that the expert group, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), was considering the matter and would soon issue advice. Its interim advice had been that vaccinating boys was 'highly unlikely' to be cost-effective in the UK where uptake in adolescent girls was consistently high. However, in considering the issue, the JCVI would be taking into account: the projected future number of HPV cancers resulting from the current incidence of HPV infection; the potential savings as a result of preventing future cancers; the potential savings from preventing genital warts; and the long-term impact of HPV infection up to 100 years into the future.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 67.

Rohingya: Monsoon Season, 8th May 2018

Jo Stevens MP introduced a debate on the effect of the monsoon season on the Rohingya. Jo Stevens described the plight of the 1 million Rohingya in refugee camps, the squalid conditions therein and the risks posed by the monsoon. Jo Stevens and others pressed the Government to commit further resources to the looming humanitarian crisis. The Minister for the Middle East, Alistair Burt MP, outlined the steps the UK had taken in conjunction with UN and aid agencies to prepare for the upcoming monsoon and other steps taken to improve the lives of the Rohingya refugees, including those women and girls who had experienced sexual violence and pregnancy.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 68.

Reproductive Rights, 16th May 2018

Stella Creasy MP introduced a debate on access to reproductive rights around the world, with a particular focus on abortion rights and access. She described the reproductive rights of women in various countries and the threats against women's access to abortion. APPG on PDRH member Gareth Thomas MP asked if the UK Government should now support the SheDecides movement in opposition to the global gag rule. The Minister of State for the Department for International Development, Alistair Burt MP, confirmed that the Government's abortion policy both in the UK and abroad is clear: it is fully in favour of access to vital services and has committed to spending an average of £225 million a year on family planning over the next five years. The Minister declined to commit to support SheDecides.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 69.

Fortified Flour, 16th May 2018

Owen Smith MP introduced a debate on the mandatory fortification of flour with folic acid to prevent spina bifida and anencephaly, describing the health benefits of folic acid and exploring the scientific evidence on fortification. The Government's position was to recommend that women take folic acid supplements before and during early pregnancy, but this meant the 40% of women who have unplanned pregnancies, those from socioeconomically deprived sectors of society, black and minority ethnic communities, and those under 20 years old, were disproportionately affected by pregnancies with neural tube defects (NTDs). The Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Steve Brine MP, stated that the Government and its expert independent advisors were looking closely at the issue.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 70.

Offences Against the Person Act 1861, 5th June 2018

Stella Creasy MP introduced an emergency debate on the role of the UK Parliament in repealing sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 (OAPA), which make it a crime for a woman to undergo an abortion or for a person to procure an abortion for a woman. Repeal of sections 58 and 59 OAPA 1861 would decriminalise abortion before 24 weeks of pregnancy only. Stella Creasy argued that repealing the sections would respect devolution in Northern Ireland because it would end the requirement of authorities in Northern Ireland to prosecute abortions before 24 weeks gestation and require them to issue their own regulations on the issue. APPG on PDRH Officer Liz McInnes MP pointed out that restrictive abortion laws do not prevent women from seeking abortion, they only endanger women's health and lives as they seek unsafe abortions. APPG member Catherine West MP raised the judgment of CEDAW that UK citizens in Northern Ireland 'faced grave and systematic violations of their rights' because of the criminalisation of abortion and asked that the decriminalisation of abortion be considered as part of the Domestic Abuse Bill. APPG member Diana Johnson MP announced that she had drafted a new abortion act for England and Wales which would decriminalise abortion up to 24 weeks and would create new crimes of coercing a woman into having an abortion and causing an abortion through the use of force of violence or the non-consensual administration of abortion tablets. APPG member Liz Saville Roberts MP described the ways in which the 'outdated' law affected her constituents in rural Wales. APPG member Alison Thewliss spoke about the impact of women not having the right to choose and what happens when their options are restricted, in particular the effect of the two-child policy. APPG member Sir Peter Bottomley advocated for changing the law to allow for terminations as soon as possible in a pregnancy.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 71.

Tuberculosis, 7th June 2018

Nick Herbert MP introduced a debate on tuberculosis, the motion of which stood also in the name of APPG on PDRH Officer Virendra Sharma MP. Nick Herbert described the effects, prevalence and costs of TB. APPG member Victoria Prentis MP spoke on rates of TB in the UK and countries in which DFID is no longer active and, in particular, the disease's devastating effect on children. The Minister of State for the Department for International Development, Harriett Baldwin MP, described the three ways in which DFID tackles TB: by funding increased access to care; strengthening health systems in a number of countries, particularly low-income countries; and funding research into developing new products to combat TB.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 72.

Vaccinations: Developing Countries, 13th June 2018

Stephen Crabb MP introduced a debate on the economic effect of vaccinations in developing countries. He described the devastating effects of infectious diseases on the economies of developing countries and the positive effects of vaccines on the health and wellbeing of people in affected areas. He called for more research and data to tell the full story of how and why investing in vaccinations helps to alleviate poverty and create stronger foundations for economic success. APPG on PDRH member Dr Dan Poulter MP noted the challenge that vaccines for many infectious diseases are not profitable for private pharmaceutical companies and the need to look at the wider economic and long-term healthcare benefits. The Minister of State for the Department of International Development, Alistair Burt MP, acknowledged that vaccinating against childhood diseases is one of the most cost-effective health interventions, is a key driver towards reducing childhood mortality, and has wide direct and indirect economic benefits, including increased education and reduced fertility rates.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 73.

Universal Health Coverage, 5th July 2018

Jim Shannon MP introduced a debate on the role of universal health coverage (UHC) in tackling preventable and treatable diseases, particularly pneumonia, in developing countries. The Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Steve Brine MP, agreed that poorer, marginalised populations must achieve better access to good-quality essential services without the risk of financial hardship, but argued that it was for each country to find its own path to UHC. The UK supported UHC abroad by funding the World Health Organisation, through a number of DFID programmes, through direct funding to countries, and as a priority at the G20, G7 and UNGA.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 74.

Perinatal Mental Illness, 19th July 2018

Dr Paul Williams MP introduced a debate on perinatal mental illness. He described the effects of poor mental health on mothers and children in the perinatal period and spoke about ways in which the Government could act to improve the lives of mothers in England who do not receive adequate support for perinatal mental health problems. APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewliss MP questioned the efficacy of using tick-box forms to self-assess mental health problems, raised socioeconomic factors as an overlooked issue in seeking help, and praised the development of a national managed clinical network on perinatal mental health in Scotland. The Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Jackie Doyle-Price MP, affirmed the importance of the first 1,000 days, the idea of 'spend to save' on mental health interventions, a broader and more holistic health strategy for women, and the need to work toward universal provision.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 75.

Leaving the EU: Women's Rights, 4th September 2018

Dr Rupa Huq MP introduced a debate on women's rights after Brexit. Rupa Huq described predictions that women would be the hardest hit of all by Brexit, including damaging women's

rights at work and adversely impacting them as consumers or undermining the quality of public service standards. The Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department, Victoria Atkins MP, confirmed that the Government had acted on its assurances that every measure would be gender audited and that every piece of EU exit law would include an equalities impact statement. She also stated that workers' rights in the UK exceeded EU minimum standards in a number of areas.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 76.

Burma: Humanitarian Situation, 13th September 2018

APPG on PDRH member Catherine West MP introduced an adjournment debate on the Rohingya humanitarian situation. She described the dire circumstances and pressed the Government to take action against Burma, including lobbying the UN Security Council to widen the scope of action to end the crisis and hold Burma accountable. The Minister for the Middle East, Alistair Burt MP, described the background and the way the UK Government and DFID had altered their approach in Burma and Bangladesh, including the aid that had been provided. The Minister had spoken with a UN permanent representative and it was unlikely that a resolution would be passed, but he reassured MPs that other meaningful work was happening.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 77.

Baby Loss Awareness Week, 9th October 2018

Antoinette Sandbach MP introduced a debate to consider baby loss awareness week. She highlighted some recent progress around parental bereavement and described areas in which improvement still needs to be made. APPG on PDRH member Victoria Prentis MP mentioned a Private Member's Bill on the issue, the bereavement care pathway, the need for better training and adequate numbers of midwives, and perinatal mental health. The Minister for Health, Stephen Barclay MP, spoke on the Government's aims to decrease the number of baby deaths, improve care for those experiencing baby loss, and the progress it had already achieved.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 78.

World Menopause Day, 18th October 2018

Martin Whitfield MP introduced a debate on World Menopause Day, describing the physical and mental effects of menopause, its prevalence in society, and the need for gender equality and better accommodations in employment. The Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury, Nigel Adams MP, focused on the need for openness about the menopause, the positive things that employers and the health system are already doing to support women suffering symptoms, and improvements that employers and the health system could address.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 79.

Breast Cancer, 18th October 2018

Laura Smith MP introduced a debate on the future of breast cancer. She discussed the physical effects of the disease and ways to ameliorate them, and geographical inequality in treatment and services, including the need for multi-year budgets. The Under-Secretary of

State for Health and Social Care, Steve Brine MP, described the Government's commitment to fighting cancer, including investments in care and research, and plans for the long run, including issues around screening, prevention and drug costs.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 80.

Universal Credit and Child Tax Credit: Two-child Limit, 27th November 2018

APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewliss MP introduced a debate on the two child limit in universal credit and child tax credits, outlining in detail its devastating effects on women and families with more than two children and the ways in which it is discriminatory. The Minister for Employment, Alok Sharma MP, responded for the Government, describing the need to rationalise the benefits system and the need for a sustainable welfare system, and defending the policy by stating that the 'fundamental aim of our policy is to strike the appropriate balance between support for claimants with children and fairness to taxpayers and families with children who support themselves solely through work'.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 81.

HIV and World AIDS Day, 29th November 2018

Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP introduced a debate on HIV and World AIDS Day, during which he announced that he was HIV-positive, celebrated progress on HIV and AIDS, denounced continued stigma around the disease, and pushed for increased access to PrEP. The Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Steve Brine MP, celebrated the progress that had been made since the first World AIDS Day 30 years ago and the fact the UK had met the UNAIDS 90-90-90 target and was currently at 92% diagnosed, 98% on treatment, and 97% unable to transmit the disease. He called for further prevention and praised various charities and initiatives in the UK and abroad. However, he was not in a position to make any promises in relation to the availability of PrEP, but extolled the availability and accessibility of HIV testing in the UK.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 82.

Children with Life-limiting Conditions, 29th January 2019

Jim Shannon MP introduced a debate on support for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and their families, during which Fiona Bruce MP discussed the position of pregnant women whose foetuses are diagnosed with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions. She described anecdotal evidence that some women had been pressured to have abortions and the medical establishment had largely failed to provide parents with sufficient information to make an informed choice. She called on the Government to ensure that guidelines and standards needed to be set in place so that all hospitals and doctors could meet a certain standard.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 83.

Relationships and Sex Education, 25th February 2019

Helen Jones MP introduced a debate considering an e-petition relating to relationship and sex education (RSE). The e-petition appeared to misinterpret the Government's proposals and object to 'certain sexual and relational concepts' (i.e. LGBT issues). Helen Jones decried

erroneous propaganda about RSE in schools and argued that young people who received good relationships and sex education were less likely to form early sexual relationships, less likely to have an unwanted pregnancy, less likely to get pregnant early and less likely to get a sexually transmitted disease. However, as a compromise, the law would allow for parents to opt out of RSE lessons until three terms before their children turn 16. APPG on PDRH member Caroline Lucas MP raised concerns about the opt-out and argued that use of the opt-out in a blanket fashion risked important information about FGM and other issues not being passed on. Various MPs raised concerns about the content of the new RSE curriculum, the opt-out, and about a perceived lack of consultation. The Minister for School Standards, Nick Gibb MP, acknowledged the controversial nature of the subject and the legal obligation imposed by the Children and Social Work Act 2017 to make RSE compulsory in all state schools, but argued that the Government had sought to do so in a way designed to complement and reinforce the role of parents by building on what children learn at home.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 84.

Global Education for the Most Marginalised, 26th February 2019

David Linden MP introduced a debate on global education for the most marginalised. He described several factors of marginalisation, such as gender, conflict and poverty, the statistics in relation to children worldwide who are unable to access education as a result of one or more of those factors, and the consequences of inadequate education. He pressed the Government to make an education pledge and lead its implementation, including increasing funding and developing measures for evaluating the impact and effectiveness of programmes. The Minister of State for the Department of International Development, Harriett Baldwin MP, highlighted the work the Government were already doing to promote education for the marginalised. In fighting marginalisation, the Minister said the Government's first priority was tackling the gender gap. There was a general consensus on the issues, save for the issue of private investment/involvement.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 85.

Future of DFID, 27th February 2019

Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi MP introduced a debate on the future of the Department for International Development and its funding. He described the work done by DFID and sought cast-iron assurances from the Minister that the UK would continue making its full contribution of 0.7% of gross national income to the world's poorest communities. MPs agreed on the need to maintain the 0.7% contribution and to adhere to a rules-based system in which development assistance is spent on the elimination and alleviation of poverty. APPG on PDRH member Gareth Thomas MP outlined three arguments in favour of sticking to the 0.7% level of funding for international development assistance – moral, security and soft power – and debunked arguments against spending 0.7%. The Minister of State for the Department of International Development, Harriett Baldwin MP, defended the fact some other departments spend overseas development assistance and changes to the rules pushed through by the Government, but reassured Members that it was the Government's policy to continue with a standalone DFID and that there would be no downgrading of the UK's legal commitments following Brexit.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 86.

International Women's Day, 7th March 2019

Maria Miller MP, Minister for Women and Equalities, introduced the debate to mark International Women's Day, the year's theme of which was 'balance for better'. Mrs Miller reviewed the UK's achievements and highlighted areas where progress still needed to be made. Numerous MPs spoke on structural inequalities, discrimination and other issues affecting women – especially BME, LGBT and disabled women – in the UK and abroad. APPG on PDRH member Liz Saville Roberts MP spoke about female representation in Parliament and violence against women. APPG Officer Liz McInnes MP raised the issue of FGM and its deleterious effects on women, girls and gender equality in society. The Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department, Victoria Atkins MP, responded for the Government, highlighting the Government's launch of an updated version of the violence against women and girls strategy and its work on female employment rights.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 87.

The Modern Commonwealth: Opportunities and Challenges, 7th March 2019

James Duddridge MP introduced a debate on the opportunities and challenges facing the modern Commonwealth, mentioning its role in international health and education. MPs discussed the goals adopted at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in 2018, which had included the commitment to ratify and implement the convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and commitments on climate change. APPG on PDRH Officer Liz McInnes MP spoke on the benefits of increased trade with the Commonwealth, the need to address anti-LGBT discrimination and to build on the goals agreed at CHOGM 2018. The Minister for Africa, Harriett Baldwin MP, summarised the UK's objectives while serving as Commonwealth chair-in-office as: delivery, voice, solidarity and reform, which included commitments to climate change and opportunities for women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 88.

Application of the Family Test, 13th March 2019

Steve Double MP introduced a debate on the application of the family test, by which departments must consider whether all new domestic laws and Government policies support strong and stable families. Everyone recognised the importance of strengthening families, but many agreed that the policy is ill-defined and poorly applied. APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewliss MP argued that the application of the policy is non-existent and pointed to the Government's two-child policy as evidence. The Under-Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Justin Tomlinson MP, defended the family test and stated that the Government want potential impacts on families to be considered early so that they can shape proposals, rather than at the end of the process when they are preparing to announce and implement changes.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 89.

World TB Day, 27th March 2019

Nick Herbert MP introduced a debate on World TB Day and the efforts to end tuberculosis globally. He described the appalling effects of TB and argued that there are three key reasons why the UK needs to take more action: humanitarian reasons, economic reasons

and reasons of global public health (drug resistance). APPG on PDRH member Dr Dan Poulter MP argued that there needed to be greater urgency taken by the international community in dealing with this issue and more accountability on the part of the pharmaceutical industry. The Minister of State for the Department of International Development, Harriett Baldwin, outlined that progress that had been made, highlighted the UK's contributions, and acknowledged some of the remaining challenges.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 90.

Oral Parliamentary Questions

CHOGM: Sustainable Development Goals, 18th April 2018

Sarah Jones MP asked the Secretary of State for International Development what steps the Government are taking to ensure that the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) promotes the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Penny Mordaunt MP answered that the UK would be working with its Commonwealth partners to ensure that the global goals are discussed and commitments are made across all the goals, but particularly on prosperity, education and global health. Bob Blackman MP sought reassurance that the Secretary of State would rededicate herself to the elimination of malaria, polio and other diseases across the Commonwealth, to which Penny Mordaunt replied that health programmes are one of the best uses of UK aid and that the UK had made commitments on malaria at CHOGM. Patrick Grady MP raised the issue of climate change and asked the Secretary of State what leadership the UK Government are showing to achieve the Paris Agreement goal of keeping climate change emissions below 1.5° C. Penny Mordaunt responded that the UK had been working with its Commonwealth partners to develop concrete proposals and commitments, that it had had many meetings during CHOGM, including one particularly focused on small island states.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 91.

Rohingya Refugees, 23rd May 2018

Carol Monaghan MP, Afzal Khan MP and Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP asked what steps the Department for International Development was taking to support and protect Rohingya refugees from the effects of monsoon season. The Minister of State, Alistair Burt MP, replied that the UK was working with the Bangladesh Government and humanitarian partners to prepare, including improving shelters, sanitation, vaccination campaigns and pre-positioning of emergency supplies to protect the 200,000 Rohingya in areas at risk of flooding. Carol Monaghan asked what support the UK Government were providing to the young Rohingya women who in August 2017 had been subjected to systematic rape and were now giving birth. Alistair Burt estimated that approximately 16,000 women had been affected. The UK had deployed a specialist maternity worker to the area and was working with partners to support Rohingya women who were raped and were pregnant by deploying and training medical specialists, psycho-social support, clinical management, and emergency obstetric care.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 92.

UK Small Charities: Funding, 23rd May 2018

Henry Smith MP asked what steps DFID was taking to help small UK charities access funding from the Department. Secretary of State for the Department for International Development, Penny Mordaunt MP, replied that DFID had launched the small charities challenge fund to support small UK-based charities working in international development, to which it would shortly be making its first round of grants.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 93.

Global Disability Summit, 23rd May 2018

Edward Argar MP asked the Secretary of State for International Development what steps her Department planned to take at the forthcoming global disability summit to promote disability inclusion and reduce stigma in international development. Penny Mordaunt MP explained that the UK's global disability summit in July would increase action and investment, share best practice and deliver lasting change. It would also tackle the stigma faced by people with disabilities and provide educational, learning and economic opportunities and the means to access them through more available assistive devices.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 94.

Period Poverty, 28th June 2018

Grahame Morris MP and Danielle Rowley MP asked the Minister for Women what progress the Government were making to end period poverty. Victoria Atkins MP responded that the Government had announced a £1.5 million grant to Brook Young People for its "Let's Talk. Period" campaign to educate young women and girls on how to manage their menstruation and provide free sanitary products if required, and that, following Brexit, the Government would be reducing VAT on sanitary products to zero.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 95.

Menopause Training and Information in the Workplace, 28th June 2018

APPG on PDRH Officer Liz McInnes MP asked the Minister for Women what the Government were doing to ensure training and information on menopause was provided to managers and employees in the workplace. Victoria Atkins answered that the Women's Business Council had developed a toolkit for employers, which enabled employers to make adaptations to the workplace, support flexible working and raise awareness to help tackle the issue.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 96.

Access to Abortion Services, 13th September 2018

Stella Creasy MP asked what steps the Government were taking to ensure access to abortion services for women that travel to England from Northern Ireland. The Minister for Women, Victoria Atkins MP, answered that women from Northern Ireland have been able to access abortion services in England free of charge since June 2017 and could now make use of a central booking system and get support for travel costs where appropriate. Stella Creasy followed up by asking whether Northern Irish women should also be able to access medical abortion pills at home, to which Victoria Atkins replied that the Government were working with RCOG to develop a protocol to determine which places should be covered by the term 'home' and would learn from the medical abortion experience in Scotland and Wales.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 97.

Rohingya Women, 10th October 2018

Vicky Foxcroft MP, Sandy Martin MP and Rosie Duffield MP asked the Secretary of State for International Development what additional funding DFID would provide to support and protect Rohingya women living in refugee camps. Alistair Burt MP answered that DFID supported organisations that help Rohingya women and that one third of its recent £70m allocation was being spent on protection services, including women's centres, emergency nutrition and midwifery care and support for survivors of gender-based violence.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 98.

Rohingya, 21st November 2018

Mohammad Yasin MP asked the Secretary of State for International Development what steps the Government were taking to tackle gender-based violence against Rohingya women and girls. Alistair Burt MP responded that the UK had prioritised protecting and safeguarding women and girls and that its latest funding would reach over 250,000 people affected by sexual and gender-based violence with targeted training, psychosocial support, and sexual and reproductive health treatment.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 99.

Sexual Health Services, 27th November 2018

Nick Smith MP asked the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care what recent assessment had been made of trends in the level of demand for sexual health services. Jackie Doyle-Price MP responded that since responsibility for sexual health services had been taken over by local authorities, attendance had increased from 2.9 million to 3.3 million and that tests for STIs and access to long-acting contraception had both increased. Nick Smith asked what the Government were going to do about the fact syphilis and gonorrhoea diagnoses had gone up 20% since 2016. Jackie Doyle-Price answered that she would look into it and keep the issue under review.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 100.

Local Authority Public Health Budgets: Prevention Vision, 15th January 2019

APPG on PDRH member Norman Lamb MP asked what assessment the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care had made of the effect of changes to local authority health budgets in 2019-20 on its ability to achieve its 'Prevention is better than cure' vision. Steve Brine MP answered that local authorities would receive £3 billion in 2019-20 ring-fenced for public health and that a proposed Green Paper would build on the 'Prevention is better than cure' vision. Norman Lamb followed up by pointing out that the number of people attending sexual health clinics was up 13% over four years and the number with syphilis and gonorrhoea was up 20% since last year, but that funding for sexual health was down 25%. Steve Brine assured him that the commissioning and funding flow for sexual health services would be considered as part of the long-term plan.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 101.

Topical Questions, 7th February 2019

Helen Whately MP asked the Minister for Women and Equalities what steps the Government were taking to end FGM in the UK and around the world. Penny Mordaunt MP responded that the Government were fully committed to ending the practice globally by 2030 and that it was working cross-Governmentally both to assist thousands of girls in the UK and to support the Africa-led movement to end FGM.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 102.

Urgent Question: Restoring Devolution in Northern Ireland, 13th February 2019

APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson MP asked the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland what progress had been made in dealing with the breach of women's human rights in Northern Ireland with respect to the law that criminalises women seeking reproductive health care. Karen Bradley MP responded that she continued to monitor the situation.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 103.

Female Genital Mutilation, 13th February 2019

Rachel Maclean MP asked the Secretary of State for International Development what steps she was taking to help eradicate FGM in developing countries. Harriett Baldwin MP responded that the UK supports the Africa-led movement to end FGM, including a further £50 million aid package to tackle the issue in the most affected countries in Africa. APPG on PDRH member Ann Clwyd MP asked what is being done about FGM in Kurdistan. Harriett Baldwin answered that DFID funding is focussed specifically on 17 African countries where the practice is most widespread. APPG Co-Chair Pauline Latham MP asked what more the UK could do to prevent families taking girls abroad for the purposes of FGM. Harriett Baldwin said that the UK had done a lot, e.g. imposing reporting requirements on parts of the NHS.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 104.

Engagements, 13th February 2019

Helen Whately MP asked the Prime Minister if the Government would make time to progress the FGM bill proposed by Zac Goldsmith MP to protect more girls from FGM. The Prime Minister responded that the Government would.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 105.

Online Platforms: Extremist Content, 25th February 2019

Maggie Throup MP asked the Home Secretary if the Government's online harms White Paper included measures to prevent young girls from being targeted and coerced into undergoing FGM through online platforms. The Home Secretary confirmed that FGM is one of the harms being looked at in the White Paper.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 106.

UN Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 6th March 2019

APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewlis MP asked the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland what steps she was taking in response to the concerns raised by Northern Ireland's women's sector representatives at the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, including the lack of a gender equality strategy and a violence against women strategy, on a gendered approach to post-conflict transition not being applied and on the disproportionate impact of UK Government policies such as the two-child policy and the rape clause. Karen Bradley responded that the Government were determined to fulfil their human rights obligations and were seeking to restore devolved government in Northern Ireland so these issues could be addressed.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 107.

Female Genital Mutilation: Prosecution, 12th March 2019

Helen Whately MP asked the Secretary of State for Justice what discussions he had had with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) on improving prosecution rates for people responsible for FGM. Lucy Frazer MP responded that the House of Commons had, the previous day, passed new legislation to further protect women and girls from FGM, and that each CPS area now had a lead FGM prosecutor who would be working with his/her local police forces on arrangements for the investigation and prosecution of FGM offences.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 108.

Cyclone Idai, 20th March 2019

Andrew Mitchell MP asked if the Secretary of State for International Development would make a statement on Britain's help for those caught up in the cyclone disaster afflicting southern Africa. The Minister of State for DFID, Harriett Baldwin MP, confirmed that supplies had been pre-positioned in Mozambique, that the UK had so far committed £6 million to respond to immediate needs, that more supplies had now landed in the Mozambique, and that humanitarian and relief experts were on the ground in the three countries affected. In addition to the devastation caused, many MPs discussed the need to stronger action on climate change, which they argued played a role in the disaster. APPG on PDRH member Harriet Harman MP implored the Minister to engage with and assist the diaspora communities in the UK.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 109.

Relationship and Sex Education, 26th March 2019

Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP asked the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care what recent discussions he had had with the Secretary of State for Education on ensuring that lessons on HIV and sexual health form a core part of the relationships and sex education (RSE) curriculum. He inquired further as to whether £6 million for RSE was sufficient and pointed out that £3.2 billion had been cut from public health spending, meaning that many young people could not access STI testing, despite a boom in STIs among young people. Jackie Doyle-Price MP responded that the new RSE proposals had been widely welcomed across the House and that they would improve children's ability to look after themselves and have healthy sexual relationships.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 110.

Written Parliamentary Questions

Members of Parliament tabled a wide variety of SRHR/FP/population written parliamentary questions this year on the following subjects, which will soon be available on the APPG on PDRH's website:

- Abortion
- Abortion: Gender Selection
- Abortion; Foreign Nationals
- Abortion: Misoprostol
- Abortion: Northern Ireland
- Africa: EU Aid
- Africa: Female Genital Mutilation
- Africa: Poverty
- Africa and Asia: Food
- Alan Guttmacher Institute
- Alcoholic Drinks: Misuse
- Armed Conflict: Sexual Offences
- Babies: Death
- Bangladesh: Rohingya
- Bangladesh: Sexual Offences
- Breastfeeding
- Breastfeeding and Diabetes
- British Nationals Abroad: Forced Marriage
- Burma: Ethnic Groups
- Burma: Rohingya
- Burma: Sexual Offences
- Burundi: Visits Abroad
- Cameroon: Humanitarian Aid
- Cervical Cancer: Screening
- Charities: Sexual Offences
- Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill
- Commonwealth: Overseas Aid
- Contraceptives
- Contraceptives: Clinics
- Health Services: Developing Countries
- Healthy Start Scheme
- HIV Infection
- HIV Infection: Drugs
- HIV Infection: Ethnic Groups
- HIV Infection: Screening
- Home Office and UK Border Force: Training
- Human Papillomavirus: Vaccination
- Humanitarian Aid
- Incontinence: Surgical Mesh Implants
- Kenya: Abortion
- Kenya: Malaria
- Kenya: Marie Stopes International
- Marie Stopes International
- Maternal Mortality
- Maternity Services: Closures
- Maternity Services: Fees and Charges
- Maternity Services: Foreign Nationals
- Menorrhagia
- Menstrual Hygiene Day
- Midwives
- Migrant Camps
- Multiple Births
- National FGM Centre
- National FGM Centre: Finance
- Neonatal Critical Care Transformation Programme Review
- Niger: Marie Stopes International
- Nigeria: Global Financing Facility
- Nigeria: Marie Stopes International

- Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- Crimes of Violence: Overseas Aid
- Department for International Development: Brexit
- Department for International Development: Menstrual Hygiene Day
- Department for International Development: Overseas Aid
- Department for International Trade: Overseas Aid
- Developing Countries: Abortion
- Developing Countries: Charities
- Developing Countries: Crimes of Violence
- Developing Countries: Education
- Developing Countries: Family Planning
- Developing Countries: Females
- Developing Countries: Genito-urinary Medicine
- Developing Countries: Health Services
- Developing Countries: HIV Infection
- Developing Countries: Life Expectancy
- Developing Countries: Maternity Services
- Developing Countries: Poverty
- Developing Countries: Sexual Offences
- Developing Countries: Sustainable Development
- Developing Countries: Young People
- Development Aid
- Domestic Violence
- Down's Syndrome
- Down's Syndrome: Abortion
- East Africa: Refugees
- Ethiopia: Overseas Aid
- EU Aid
- Overseas Aid
- Oxfam and Save the Children Fund: Finance
- Postnatal Care
- Pregnancy: Drugs
- Pregnancy: Infectious Diseases
- Pregnancy: Mental Health Services
- Pregnancy: Sodium Valproate
- Primary Health Care
- Primary Health Care: Females
- Public Health: Finance
- Pupils: Contraception
- Pupils: Contraceptives
- Pupils: Family Planning
- Refugees: Children
- Reproduction: Health Services
- Rohingya: Sexual Offences
- Sanitary Protection
- Sanitary Protection: Costs
- Sanitary Protection: Low Incomes
- Save the Children Fund
- Schools: Health Education
- Sex and Relationship Education
- Sex and Relationship Education: Human Papillomavirus
- Sexual Offences: Armed Conflict
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Sexually Transmitted Infections: Screening
- Sierra Leone: Politics and Government
- Somalia: Marriage
- South Sudan: Females
- South Sudan: Human Rights
- South Sudan: Overseas Aid
- South Sudan: Refugees
- South Sudan: Sexual Offences

- Family Planning
- Family Planning: Clinics
- Family Planning: Northern Ireland
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Female Genital Mutilation: Convictions
- Female Genital Mutilation: Crime Prevention
- Female Genital Mutilation: Victims
- Females: Equality
- Females: Northern Ireland
- Flour: Folic Acid
- Foetuses: Analgesics
- Gambia: Politics and Government
- General Practitioners: Postnatal Care
- Genito-urinary Medicine
- Genito-urinary Medicine: Finance
- Genito-urinary Medicine: Lambeth
- Global Britain Fund: Overseas Aid
- Global Financing Facility
- Government Equalities Office: Menstrual Hygiene Day
- Health: Females
- Students: Sexual Harassment
- Surgical Mesh Implants
- Syphilis
- Syphilis: Neonatal Mortality
- Tanzania: Genito-urinary Medicine
- Tuberculosis: Drug Resistance
- Turkey: Overseas Aid
- Uganda: Female Genital Mutilation
- UK Border Force: Staff
- UK Border Force and UK Visas and Immigration: Training
- UN Commission on the Status of Women: New York
- UN Population Fund
- UN Population Fund: USA
- Women's Rights: Northern Ireland
- Yemen: Armed Conflict
- Yemen: Crimes of Violence
- Yemen: Migrant Camps
- Yemen: Overseas Aid

Early Day Motions

EDM 1244 - Abortion Clinic Buffer Zones, 8th May 2018

Caroline Lucas MP, 60 signatures

That this House notes with concern the persistent harassment, intimidation and targeting of people accessing and providing healthcare services at abortion clinics and pregnancy advisory bureaux; further notes repeated instances of women and staff being approached, recorded without their consent, followed and given false information about medical procedures; endorses the then Home Secretary's statement of 17 January 2018 that it is completely unacceptable for women to face harassment or intimidation for exercising their legal right to healthcare advice and treatment; welcomes the decision of Ealing Council to implement a buffer zone around a clinic on Mattock Lane that has been subject to long-standing, intimidatory and invasive activity and the work of other local authorities to find solutions to clinic protests in their areas; recognises that this harassment and intimidation is not limited to one borough but has taken place at 42 clinics across the UK in the last year alone; supports the British Pregnancy Advisory Service's 'Back Off' campaign to introduce buffer zones outside reproductive health clinics as a means of ensuring that

women are not harassed or obstructed from accessing confidential advice and treatment; looks forward to the conclusion of the Home Office's ongoing review into abortion clinic protests and the impact they have on women in England and Wales; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to protect the right of women to access lawful healthcare by introducing and implementing buffer zones around abortion clinics and pregnancy advisory bureaux.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 111.

EDM 1360 - Paris Humanitarian Conference on Yemen, 7th June 2018

Keith Vaz MP, 23 signatures

That this House welcomes the decision made by the French President Emmanuel Macron to call for a Humanitarian Conference on Yemen, in Paris on 27 June 2018; notes that 22 million Yemenis are currently in need of urgent humanitarian assistance; further notes the joint non-governmental letter of 4 June 2018 to President Macron outlining the conditions necessary for a joint conference with Saudi Arabia to be effective and fully endorses those conditions; and calls on the Government to support the efforts of the French President at the humanitarian conference to provide much needed assistance to the people of Yemen.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 112.

EDM 1448 - Mandatory Fortification of Flour with Folic Acid, 25th June 2018

Stuart McDonald MP, 36 signatures

That this House notes the intake of folic acid has been proven to reduce the number of pregnancies affected by neural tube defects, of which spina bifida is the most common; recognises that at least 81 countries fortify flour with folic acid, including the US, Canada and Australia, and not one of these countries has reversed this policy; notes that 91 per cent of UK women of childbearing age have a red blood cell folate concentration below the threshold indicating elevated risk of neural tube defects; further notes that the Food Standards Agency, Public Health England, the British Medical Association, the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition, the Scottish and Welsh Governments and the Northern Ireland Department of Health, believe that this step should be taken; further recognises that new research, published in Public Health Reviews by scientists at the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine, Queen Mary University of London and the School of Advanced Study, University of London, shows there is no need for a folate upper limit and with the upper limit removed there is no scientific or medical reason for delaying the introduction of mandatory folic acid fortification in the UK; commends the work of charities such as Shine and SBH Scotland who work across the UK to provide information, support and projects to all those affected by spina bifida and allied conditions, and who are also strong champions of the mandatory fortification of flour with folic acid; and calls on the Government to take the steps required to make this policy.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 113.

EDM 304 - Effects of the HPV Vaccine, 12th September 2018

John Mann MP, eight signatures

That this House notes that while the HPV vaccination is expected to help to reduce the incidence of cervical cancer in the future, and that the majority of girls have been

vaccinated without any apparent adverse reactions, all medicines and medical interventions carry some elements of risk; further notes a number of girls have reported seriously disabling illness with strong temporal relationship to the HPV vaccination that includes symptoms listed on the Patient Information Leaflet which have proved to be long-lasting; and calls on the Government to support such girls in receiving timely medical investigation and treatment and with access to education.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 114.

EDM 1872 - Reprisals of Female Political Prisoners and Victims of Torture and Sexual Abuse in Bahrain, 22nd November 2018

Chris Law MP, 46 signatures

That this House condemns the Bahraini authorities' torture, sexual assault, ill-treatment and unfair trials of women targeted for politically-motivated charges; deplores the assault of Hajer Mansoor, Medina Ali and Najah Yusuf in September 2018, led by the head of Bahrain's Isa Town Women's Detention Centre, Major Mariam Albardoli; highlights that the incident occurred soon after the cases of the three women were raised by this Parliament and the UN; voices discontent for their repeated denial of religious participation; condemns the increasing restrictions on family visits, telephone calls and allocated time outside the cell imposed on all inmates since the assault, which are in contravention of the UN standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners; expresses serious concern for the pattern of reprisals adopted by the prison authorities to retaliate against political prisoners who expose their abuse; further expresses dismay that Ms Mansoor, Ms Ali and Ms Yusuf felt compelled to launch a hunger strike, which they ended due to a critical deterioration in their health; asserts that reprisals against Ms Mansoor also occurred in July 2018 following international criticism over her case; emphasises the UN Secretary-General's concerns for the ongoing trend of harassment and intimidation of Bahrain's civil society who cooperate with the UN; condemns the Bahraini oversight bodies that have received UK-funded training for their systematic cover-up of abuses occurring in Isa Town Prison; urges the Government to sanction those responsible, including Major Albardoli; and calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 115.

EDM 1873 - Access to HIV Treatment for Children in Low- and Middle-Income Countries, 22nd November 2018

Stephen Doughty MP, 24 signatures

That this House notes with deep concern the current challenges children in low and middle income countries have in accessing HIV treatment; further notes that the second Paediatric HIV Rome Conference will take place in December 2018 presenting a critical opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the accelerated development and introduction of priority paediatric formulations of antiretroviral drugs; acknowledges that only 52 per cent of all children living with HIV are on treatment, an unacceptably low number, and that without treatment half of all children living with HIV will die before their second birthday; calls on pharmaceutical companies to fulfil their commitments to completing the research and development process for new HIV drugs for children and ensuring these drugs are affordable and accessible to all who need them; and further calls on the Government to support the creation of new product development partnerships to produce fixed dose combinations of the antiretrovirals we are missing for children and particularly infants.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 116.

EDM 2068 - Detention of Women's Rights Activists in Saudi Arabia, 12th February 2019

Ann Clwyd MP, 40 signatures

That this House is very concerned about the continuing detention of Saudi women's rights activists, including Loujain al-Hathloul, Aziza al-Yousef, Eman al-Nafjan and Samar Badawi, many months after their arrests in 2018; is extremely alarmed by allegations that some activists have been subjected to sexual harassment, torture and ill-treatment, including electric shocks, floggings and beatings on the feet, during pre-trial detention, as reported by human rights organisations Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and ALQST (Justice), and which may be on-going; notes the recent creation of the cross-party Detention Review Panel which seeks to review the activists' detention conditions, and Saudi Arabia's failure to allow that body access to the detainees; recognises the vital role of civil society and human rights defenders in that country and the need for their protection; urges the Saudi Government to release the women activists immediately and unconditionally, along with all those detained for the peaceful expression of their opinions or their human rights work, and to allow prompt and impartial investigation into allegations of torture and ill-treatment to ensure those responsible are held to account; and calls on the Government to make a public statement immediately calling for the release of the detained women activists by the Saudi Government.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 117.

EDM 2140 - New Model for Maternity and Neonatal Care Tested in Scotland, 4th March 2019

David Linden MP, 10 signatures

That this House welcomes the recent £12 million investment made by the Scottish Government in a package of measures to transform maternity and neonatal services across Scotland; notes that this investment will be tested at NHS Ayrshire and Arran's Crosshouse Hospital, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Royal Hospital for Children, NHS Lothian's Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and NHS Fife's Victoria Hospital; recognises that this trial aims to ensure that babies in need of the most specialist care get the best start possible; further recognises that the trial brings forward a range of other initiatives to give mothers and other family members additional support; notes that these measures are being taken to implement the Best Start: The 5 Year Forward Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Care in Scotland, a report which contains 76 recommendations focused on putting families at the centre of care so that all women, babies and their families get the highest quality of care according to their needs; and congratulates the efforts of the Scottish Government and all of the healthcare professionals involved in the trial on their continued efforts to ensure the highest quality of care.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 118.

EDM 2177 - UK-Wide Climate Emergency, 13th March 2019

Caroline Lucas MP, 107 signatures

That this House notes the stark warning from the world's scientific community that there are just 12 years left to prevent 1.5 degrees warming; further notes that warming beyond

1.5 degrees represents a threat to the future of humanity, and that even warming limited to that level will wreak havoc upon the livelihoods of countless people across the world; acknowledges that the world is now experiencing a climate emergency and that an urgent and rapid global response is now necessary; welcomes the fact that solutions to the climate crisis are widely available including renewable technology, sustainable transport options and zero-carbon buildings; supports the decisions by more than 40 local authorities to pass motions declaring a climate emergency and setting net zero carbon emissions targets for their local areas; and calls on the Government to declare a climate emergency and to release the necessary funding, including to local authorities, to enact a green new deal that would rapidly decarbonise the entire UK economy.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 119.

EDM 2200 - Empower Women for Change, 19th March 2019

Alison Thewliss MP, 10 signatures

That this House congratulates Empower Women for Change on the award of a £9,700 National Lottery Awards for All Scotland grant from The National Lottery Awards for All Scotland grant from The National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the group will use the funding to deliver a series of workshops and weekly drop-ins to disadvantaged and disengaged BME women living in Glasgow; appreciates that the organisation aims to build the capacity of women to enable them to actively build sustainable livelihoods, tackle poverty and climate change, and improve health and wellbeing outcomes; and wishes them every success for the future.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 120.

EDM 2224 – Period Poverty, 25th March 2019

Layla Moran MP, 23 signatures

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to roll out free sanitary products across NHS hospitals and secondary schools in England; notes however that periods may start as early as 8 years old; is appalled that pupils in England are missing time in school, college and university because of a lack of access to sanitary products; is alarmed at reports that 40 per cent of girls in the UK have used toilet roll because they couldn't afford menstrual products; and calls on the Government to expand its commitment to include primary schools, colleges, universities and NHS GP surgeries in England.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed in Appendix 121.

House of Lords

Oral Ministerial statements

Northern Ireland: Supreme Court Ruling, 7th June 2018

Following the judgment of the Supreme Court in the matter of an application by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for Judicial Review (Northern Ireland), Lord Duncan of Springbank read the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland's oral statement in response to

an urgent question from Stella Creasy MP. While the court made no formal declaration, a majority of the justices stated their view that the laws of abortion in Northern Ireland are incompatible with Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights on the right to respect for private and family life in cases of fatal foetal abnormality, rape and incest. Despite the ruling, the Secretary of State said that her urgent priority was to continue to engage with the parties in Northern Ireland to re-establish devolved government so that decisions can be taken there. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair Baroness Tonge pointed out that the current situation on abortion in Northern Ireland is considered to be gender-based violence by UN CEDAW and asked whether, while Parliament has de facto direct rule in Northern Ireland, it could at least insist that a referendum is held on this issue in Northern Ireland.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 122.

Upskirting, 19th June 2018

Following the demise of a Private Member's Bill on upskirting (the practice of taking unauthorised photographs under a person's skirt or kilt), Baroness Vere read a statement by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice Lucy Frazer MP, who announced that the Government would bring legislation before the House to make the practice an offence. The APPG on PDRH Officer Baroness Barker pressed Baroness Vere to ensure the legislation's speedy passage.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 123.

Relationships and Sex Education, 19th July 2018

Lord Agnew of Oulton, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Education, read a statement by the Secretary of State for Education announcing the key decisions and launching a consultation on new regulations in respect of relationships and sex education (RSE). For relationships education and RSE, the aim of the new regulations is to put in place the building blocks for positive and safe relationships of all kinds, including online. There would be compulsory health education, including mental health, but parents would still have the option to withdraw their child from sex education until three terms before the student turns 16. APPG on PDRH Officer Baroness Barker picked up on the need to include students with special educational needs or disabilities and praised the inclusion of LGBT issues.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 124.

Overseas Development Aid, 9th October 2018

The Minister of State for the Department for International Development, Lord Bates, repeated the Secretary of State for International Development's statement in response to an urgent question on whether she planned to use private investment to make up part of the UK Government's commitment to spend 0.7% of GNI on overseas development aid. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked the Minister to give an assurance that the UK would not take unilateral action to change the definition of ODA, and that we would continue to work with our partners in the DAC to maintain a consensus. APPG on PDRH Treasurer Baroness Sheehan pressed the Minister on the Secretary of State's position on using profits from UK development finance instruments to count towards the 0.7% of GNI, which is not allowed under current ODA rules.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 125.

G20 Summit, 3rd December 2018

The Lord Privy Seal, Baroness Evans, repeated the Prime Minister's statement on the G20 Summit. Trade matters occupied the majority of proceedings, but the UK called for greater action in the fight against modern slavery and climate change. On climate change, the UK called for a step change in preparing for temperature rises, to cut the cost and impact of climate-related disasters, and to secure food, water and jobs for the future. Attending countries made strong commitments to improving women's economic empowerment, alongside which the UK called on G20 leaders to take practical action to ensure that by 2030 all girls, not just in G20 countries but around the world, get 12 years of quality education.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 126.

Domestic Abuse Bill, 31st January 2019

The Minister of State for the Home Office, Baroness Williams, repeated the statement given by Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department Victoria Atkins confirming that the draft Bill extends to England and Wales only. APPG on PDRH Officer Baroness Barker pressed the Minister on the lack of abortion rights in Northern Ireland, the fact that women in Northern Ireland do not have the same human rights as those in the rest of the UK, and the possible connection to the Government's relationship with the DUP.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 127.

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education, 25th February 2019

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department for Education, Lord Agnew of Oulton, repeated the statement given by Damian Hinds MP in the House of Commons (see above). APPG on PDRH Officer Baroness Massey questioned the availability of funding for the RSE reforms and advocated for the involvement of professionals, such as school nurses, in the curriculum; APPG Officer Baroness Barker sought reassurance from the Minister on the tools and materials that will be used by schools; and APPG member Baroness Watkins noted her concern that private schools will not be subject to the new regulations.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 128.

Legislation

Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2018, 25th June 2018

This piece of secondary legislation was introduced by the Government to amend the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 to provide the Nursing and Midwifery Council with the necessary legal powers to regulate the nursing associate profession. The Order was supported by APPG on PDRH members Baroness Thornton, who spoke on the need to build capacity in the healthcare system, and Baroness Watkins, who applauded the creation of nursing associates as a way of opening up the profession.

The Order was made on 11th July 2018.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 129.

Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill [Lords], 20th July 2018

This Private Members Bill sought to amend the Children Act 1989 to make female genital mutilation protection orders available whereby courts can make interim care orders in favour of local authorities where a girl is at risk of FGM. The Bill had its First Reading in July 2017. Its Second Reading was in July 2018, at which it was supported by APPG on PDRH Officers Baroness Flather and Baroness Massey, who both spoke to the horrors of the practice.

The Bill received Royal Assent on 15th March 2019.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 130.

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Bill, 25th and 30th October 2018

The purpose of the Bill was to ensure that administrative functions should continue working in Northern Ireland in the absence of an Executive there. The new clause 7 which was added in the House of Commons (see above), became Clause 4 of the Bill. Lord Adonis moved to add an amendment, Amendment 10, which would have directed departments in Northern Ireland to decriminalise abortion in NI by 1 May 2019, but this was withdrawn after debate. APPG on PDRH Officer Baroness Barker, spoke in favour of Clause 4, which was retained.

The Bill received Royal Assent on 1st November 2018.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 131.

Voyeurism (Offences) (No. 2) Bill, 23rd October 2018, 26th November 2018 and 18th December 2018

Following the demise of the Private Member's Bill on upskirting (the practice of taking unauthorised photographs under a person's skirt or kilt), the Government brought legislation to make the practice a specific criminal offence. Under the Bill, perpetrators would face up to two years in prison and be placed on the sex offenders register. In the House of Lords, APPG on PDRH Officer Baroness Barker advocated in support of the legislation, highlighting the need for a sufficiently robust definition of the offence and the need to consider the Bill in light of the fact technology changes very quickly.

The Bill received Royal Assent on 12th February 2019.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 132.

Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration Etc.) Bill, 18th January 2019

APPG on PDRH member Baroness Hodgson introduced this Private Member's Bill in order that: opposite sex couples may enter into a civil partnership; the names of the mother of each party to a marriage or civil partnership may be included in the registration (mother's names have been absent from wedding certificates since 1837); stillborn deaths are registered; and coroners have the power to investigate stillborn deaths. Other APPG on PDRH members who spoke on aspects of the Bill included Lord Collins, Baroness Barker, Baroness Anelay and Baroness Thornton.

The Bill received Royal Assent on 26th March 2019.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 133.

Debates

Nursing, 14th May

Lord Crisp introduced a debate on the priority given by the Government to nursing globally. Lord Crisp discussed the reasons why strengthening nursing globally is one of the most important things the UK can do to improve health globally, argued that nursing should be given a higher priority and increased investment, and pressed the Government to promote nursing in developing countries and to ensure nursing is at the forefront of global strategies to promote universal health coverage (UHC). Other Peers built on Lord Crisp's arguments and discussed the gender-based aspects of nursing. APPG member Baroness Watkins argued that investing in nursing made economic sense because it improved health outcomes for populations, improved global health security, particularly through the reduction of transmittable diseases, and improved economic growth through job creation. APPG Officer Lord Collins spoke about the need for the Government to work with nurses in promoting UHC and to work more holistically on international development strategies.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 134.

South Sudan, 4th July 2018

Lord Curry introduced a debate on the steps the Government were taking to address the humanitarian crisis in South Sudan and to support the delivery of a lasting peace settlement and longer term economic and social development. Lord Curry described the dire situation in South Sudan and called on the Government to intensify their efforts to enforce a ceasefire, and to look ahead to investments in infrastructure and the South Sudanese people. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay mentioned gender-based violence and pressed the Government to do more to secure peace in South Sudan. APPG Treasurer Baroness Sheehan mentioned the scale of health issues facing children in South Sudan, the need for financial transparency, and pressed the Government to hold to account those responsible for human rights abuses. APPG member Lord Collins noted that the key issue for the UK and international community was how to maintain the pressure to keep the South Sudanese leaders engaged in the peace process.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 135.

Neglected Tropical Diseases, 11th July 2018

Lord Trees introduced a debate asking the Government what assessment they had made of progress on combating neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) following publication of the Fifth Progress Report on the London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases. Lord Trees argued that NTDs are both a result and cause of poverty and placed the debate in the context of the SDGs. APPG on PDRH Treasurer Baroness Sheehan noted that progress in this area was a result of collaboration and pointed to the importance of data and diagnostics. APPG member Lord Collins argued that investing in health systems and public health was one of the most effective ways of lifting people out of poverty. The Minister for the Department of International Development, Lord Bates, provided an update on progress made over the past year but acknowledged there was still work to do.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 136.

In Vitro Fertilisation: 40th Anniversary, 13th September 2018

Baroness Deech introduced a debate taking note of the 40th anniversary of the first baby born using in-vitro fertilisation, celebrating the role of the HFEA and lamenting the current postcode lottery and high cost of private IVF. APPG Officer Baroness Barker discussed the benefits for women of being able to make a choice about conception and the issue of surrogacy. APPG member Baroness Thornton argued that the 10-year statutory storage limit for non-medical egg freezing was arbitrary and should be increased. Under-Secretary of State for the Department of Health and Social Care, Lord O'Shaughnessy, celebrated the advent of IVF, innovations and improved success rates.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 137.

Universal Sustainable Developments Goals, 22nd November 2018

Baroness Suttie introduced a motion to take note of the progress made across government departments in integrating the Universal SDGs into domestic policy in preparation for the UK's Voluntary National Review (VNR) presentation at the UN in September 2019, but also describing areas where further action was needed. APPG on PDRH Treasurer Baroness Sheehan emphasised that the debate was about the Government's progress on embedding the SDGs into departmental practices in a holistic and integrated way and questioned whether DFID was capable of spearheading the effort. She argued that responsibility for integrating the SDGs had to come from the top and that the UK was demonstrably failing on some of the goals. APPG member Lord Collins also questioned the ability of DFID to organise integration of the SDGs in all Government departments and emphasised that there should be a stakeholder engagement plan identifying key stakeholders and methods of engagement, not just online, to ensure that all stakeholders contribute and that their contributions are properly gathered for the VNR. The Minister of State for the Department of International Development, Lord Bates, outlined the process undertaken by individual departments and acknowledged that the SDGs were a long-term endeavour.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 138.

Displaced Children, 22nd November 2018

Lord McConnell introduced a motion to take note of the numbers of children displaced from their homes internationally and the actions undertaken by the Government, the EU and the UN to support them. Lord McConnell described the scale of the problem and the conditions they face, argued that migration routes must be made safe, and sought assurances that the UK would be represented at the ministerial level at the upcoming inter-governmental conference in Morocco on the global compact for migration 10th – 11th December 2018. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay focussed on the plight of street children and argued that the work of DFID and the FCO can and should play a strong leadership role in promoting children's rights around the world. APPG Treasurer Baroness Sheehan argued that the UK needed to do more to settle refugee children. Baroness Stedman-Scott responded for the Government, giving figures and projections on the number of displaced children resettled in the UK and outlining support abroad, especially for education.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 139.

Disability-inclusive Development, 13th December 2018

APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay introduced a debate asking what assessment the Government had made of their strategy for Disability Inclusive Development towards meeting the UK's commitments given at the Global Disability Summit in July 2018. At the summit, The Secretary of State for International Development, Penny Mordaunt MP, had recognised that the UK had made too little progress in tackling the root causes of stigma, discrimination and abuse that hold back those who live with disabilities. Baroness Anelay pressed DFID and the Government for specifics on implementing its long-term strategy on disability-inclusive development. APPG Treasurer Baroness Jenkin praised DFID's commitment to disability-inclusive development, with particular regard to education and democratic participation. APPG member Lord Collins contextualised disability within the SDGs, described the scale of the issue, and called on DFID to outline how it plans to implement its strategy long-term, with timeframes. The Minister for the Department of International Development, Lord Bates, outlined the four thematic areas where DFID planned to focus its work: education; social protection systems; access to economic opportunities; and a fully inclusive response to humanitarian response in conflict situations. Three cross-cutting themes in that work were: tackling stigma; empowering women and girls; and enabling access to life-changing technology.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 140.

Conflict-afflicted Countries: Adolescent Girls, 8th January 2019

Baroness Hodgson introduced a debate asking the Government what steps they were taking to support adolescent girls in fragile and conflict-affected countries. She described the significance of adolescence, the scale of the problem, the prevalence of sexual and gender-based violence, the paucity of education, the risk of early marriage, and the need for sexual and reproductive health services. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay spoke about the situation of girls in South Sudan. APPG Officer Baroness Massey talked about the devastating effects on adolescent development and called for strengthening partnerships and enforcing obligations under international law. APPG Co-Chair Baroness Tonge focused on the need for safe abortion, particularly after rape. APPG Treasurer Baroness Sheehan noted that the participation of women is essential in conflict prevention and peacebuilding, sought assurances on the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund in line with ICAI recommendations, emphasised the importance of education, and challenged 'short-termism'. APPG member Lord Collins called for a comprehensive approach to tackling underlying gendered norms and behaviours that cause and perpetuate sexual violence, the lack of empowerment, education and inclusion. The Earl of Courtown responded for the Government, describing its work with international partners and nations to develop and implement plans to address the needs of adolescent girls, including FGM and early marriage.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 141.

Climate Change, 24th January 2019

Lord Teverson introduced a motion to take note of the threats presented by climate change, describing the threats and their effects around the world and asking the Minister about carbon budgets, regulation and enforcement. APPG on PDRH Treasurer Baroness Sheehan questioned UK financial support for fossil fuel projects and called for a change in the industries supported by the UK. The Under-Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Lord Henley, acknowledged the threats posed by climate change, stressed the UK's commitment to deal with climate change and show global leadership, and discussed the Government's plans on adaptation and mitigation.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 142.

Overseas Aid, 30th January 2019

APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins introduced a debate asking the Government what plans they had to meet their statutory obligation to spend 0.7% of the UK's GDP on overseas aid. The Minister of State for the Department of International Development, Lord Bates, affirmed the UK's commitment to spend 0.7% of GNI on aid and confirmed that the aid budget was fully funded and there were plans in place to continue meeting the 0.7% commitment. APPG member Baroness Northover asked the Minister to confirm that the SDGs are vital for global stability and that aid helps the economic and human development of people in poverty, which he confirmed.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 143.

International Women's Day, 7th March 2019

Baroness Williams opened the debate with a brief review of social progress on women's rights before speaking on some of the issues, particularly violence against women, on which further progress must be made. Around 30 parliamentarians took part in the wide-ranging debate, including eight members of the APPG on PDRH. Baroness Hussein-Ece spoke about BME women, particularly Muslim women, and the stereotypes and discrimination they face in British culture. Baroness Anelay highlighted the issues affecting women in Ethiopia, particularly FGM, on which she pressured the Minister to explain why DFID's work on the issue had apparently ceased. Baroness Jenkin spoke about women in Parliament and the need for more women to stand for public office. Lord Hussain spoke about the plight of Kashmiri women and called for the Government to intercede on their behalf. Baroness Hodgson spoke about the efforts of international organisations to improve gender equality and urged the UK to take a more active role. Baroness Blackstone spoke about the need for the UK to secure the provision of sexual and reproductive healthcare and rights to women and girls in developing countries, particularly in those afflicted by conflict. Baroness Flather described the often deplorable conditions of women living in India. Baroness Thornton discussed the EHRC's recommendations following its review of women's rights and gender equality in the UK.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 144.

Commonwealth, 28th March 2019

Baroness Goldie introduced a motion to take note of the continuing and evolving role of the Commonwealth and the UK's relationship with it. Baroness Goldie described the breadth and variety of Commonwealth countries, its continuing relevance as a global organisation, and its approach to building a world that is more prosperous, more fair, more secure and more sustainable. APPG on PDRH Officer Baroness Northover called attention to uneven progress on important issues, particularly LGBT and women's rights, across Commonwealth countries and pressed the Government on ensuring that commitments on climate change would be collective. APPG member Lord Collins spoke on the need to nurture and develop civil society across the Commonwealth in order to deliver on its goals, including LGBT rights.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 145.

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Forced Marriage, 24th May 2018

Baroness Berridge asked the Minister of State for International Development what steps the Government were taking to eradicate forced marriage and to assess its inter-relationship with forced conversion. Lord Bates answered that the UK was instrumental in ensuring the inclusion of the child, early and forced marriage provisions in the Commonwealth communique and that the UK delivered its commitments through the Forced Marriage Unit and through DFID's work to end child marriage in developing countries. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair Baroness Hussein-Ece asked what progress had been made to eliminate child marriage and what had the Government done to promote the Kigali Declaration at CHOGM. Lord Bates answered that the Government have a major programme to accelerate action against child and early forced marriage and that the UK needs to hold countries to their commitment to Article 16.2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as to consent between spouses. APPG member Lord Collins asked what the Government were doing to ensure that the Commonwealth Secretariat received support to translate the commitments in the communique into legislation. Lord Bates responded that it was up to member states to implement commitments but the UK would continue to support the effort through its existing programmes and initiatives. APPG member Lord Suri asked whether, given the success of the Forced Marriage Unit, the Government would commit to sharing the model with other Commonwealth countries. Lord Bates replied that the UK needed to show humility in this. APPG Officer Baroness Barker asked whether the Forced Marriage Unit would be given the resources to share information with its counterpart in Commonwealth countries, to which Lord Bates responded that he would look into it.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 146.

Abortion, 6th June 2018

APPG on PDRH Officer Baroness Barker asked the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department of Health and Social Care what assessment the Government had made of the impact of the ongoing criminalisation of women seeking access to abortions across the UK, particularly in relation to women in Northern Ireland. Lord O'Shaughnessy responded that women across the UK have access to safe abortion services and that the Government's position was that abortion policy and law was a devolved matter for Northern Ireland.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 147.

Children: Forced Marriage, 10th July 2018

Baroness Burt asked what work the Government were undertaking with schools to safeguard children at risk of being taken abroad and forced into marriage and whether the Minister would consider making Ofsted responsible for measuring that element of safeguarding. Viscount Younger answered that the Government's statutory guidance made clear that school staff should look out for and safeguard pupils against this criminal act and that he would consider the Ofsted. APPG on PDRH Secretary Baroness Uddin asked what impact the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) has had in reducing the number of forced marriages in the UK. Viscount Leckie noted that there had been three convictions since the introduction of forced marriage legislation in 2014, which served as a deterrent. APPG Vice Chair Baroness Hussein-Ece asked what assurance the Minister could give that all children's services would

be alert and intervene appropriately when there was strong evidence that children were at risk. Viscount Leckie answered that a lot of work was going on in schools to teach children what was appropriate and inappropriate behaviour and about informed consent.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 148.

Visas: Forced Marriage, 5th September 2018

Lord McConnell asked the Minister of State for the Home Office on how many occasions in 2017 the Government had granted visas to men whose wives or family members had raised concerns about forced marriage. Baroness Williams replied that where a suspected victim was made to sponsor a visa application, UKVI worked with the joint Home Office and FCO Forced Marriage Unit to ensure that it was investigated further and, if appropriate, refused. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair Baroness Hussein-Ece asked when the Home Office was going to 'get a grip' and ensure that it implemented the proper lawful procedures to protect individuals. Baroness Williams defended the work of the Home Office and UKVI.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 149.

UN: Global Goals for Sustainable Development, 9th October 2018

Lord McConnell asked when the Government planned to publish the UK Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the SDGs. The Minister of State for DFID, Lord Bates, said that the VNR would be published in July 2019. APPG on PDRH Treasurer Baroness Sheehan asked whether delivery of the universal SDGs in the UK would have a high-level, cross-cutting commitment similar to those established in Japan and Germany. Lord Bates confirmed that commitment to the SDGs came straight from the top of the Government. APPG member Lord Collins asked the Minister to confirm that it would actively seek involvement in the VNR process. Lord Bates confirmed that individual departments would be reaching out to trade unions and that other parts of civil society would be able to contribute through the VNR website.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 150.

Health: Contraceptive Services, 11th October 2018

APPG on PDRH member Baroness Thornton asked the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care what action the Government intended to take to protect women's sexual and reproductive health services following findings that nearly 50% of local authorities had reduced the level of contraceptive services delivered since 2015. Lord O'Shaughnessy responded that contraception is widely available free of charge and that many outcomes were stable or improving in spite of cuts to public health budgets. APPG Vice Chair Lord Patel pointed out that there had been a rise in abortions for women over 30 and a decrease in the uptake of long-acting reversible contraceptives among women over 30 as a result of the reduction in local authority public health budgets. Lord O'Shaughnessy acknowledged that the cuts to public health spending had resulted in behaviours 'that we do not want to see'. APPG Officer Baroness Barker asked what the Government were doing to stop GP practices from failing to provide contraceptive services or referrals elsewhere. Lord O'Shaughnessy said that the Government were in the process of renegotiating the GP contract for the next financial year and would take this back to the negotiating team.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 151.

Sexual Health Services, 29th November 2018

Lord Cashman asked the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care what assessment the Government had made of the impact of people being turned away from sexual health services. Lord O'Shaughnessy responded that services had responded to meet increased demand, with attendances increasing by 13% between 2013-2017, from 2.9 million to 3.3 million people. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair Lord Patel asked what impact the closure of sexual health services and the reduction in the capacity of other services had on the HIV prevention strategy and the PrEP trial. Lord O'Shaughnessy replied by drawing attention to online services and stated that there had been no impact on the PrEP trial. APPG Officer Baroness Barker asked if the Minister agreed that the over-representation of people from black and minority ethnic communities with high incidences of HIV and late diagnosis was a continuing problem that Public Health England had yet to address. Lord O'Shaughnessy responded that it was a continuing problem and that testing and screening were not taking place uniformly across different groups, but that Public Health England was trying to address the issue. AGGP member Baroness Thornton asked what the Government were doing to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination. Lord O'Shaughnessy responded that the Government were giving HIV a high profile and carrying out public health campaigns and working with schoolchildren to ensure an end to stigmatisation and bullying.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 152.

Nigeria: Intercommunal Violence, 18th December 2018

Lord Anderson asked the Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office if he agreed that one of the underlying causes of friction in Nigeria was the increase in that country's population. Lord Ahmad confirmed that population growth and the challenges it posed to public services, wealth and the economy was among the reasons for the conflict in Nigeria. The UK Government were working through a series of initiatives with DFID to provide support in health and education to address some of the challenges.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 153.

Health: Public Health Grant, 4th February 2019

APPG on PDRH Officer Baroness Barker asked the Government what assessment it had made of the impact of its decision to reduce the public health grant to local authorities by £85m, particularly in light of rising rates of gonorrhea and syphilis and the problems young people were having in accessing contraception. APPG member Baroness Manzoor answered that local authorities were successfully improving people's health, with most indicators of public health stable or improving. APPG member Baroness Thornton asked the Minister if she agreed that increasing spending on the NHS in the 10-year plan while cutting funding for services that impact public health was a false economy. Baroness Manzoor responded that local authorities had had time to plan for the cuts and that £4.5 billion was being put into primary and community care services.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 154.

Human Fertilisation and Embryology: Frozen Eggs Storage, 20th February 2019

Baroness Deech asked the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department of Health and Social Care if the Government had plans to review the compliance with human rights law of the 10-year limit on storing frozen eggs in the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990. Baroness Blackwood answered that the Government had no plans to formally review the relevant provisions in the Act and that the department's legal advice suggested that the current law was compatible with human rights law. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Thornton pointed out that the science had changed since the law was passed, noting that 10 years was an arbitrary and unfair limit. She asked if the Minister would request a review of the law and to include the primary legislation in the next Queen's speech. Baroness Blackwood replied that the 10-year limit would remain under review by the department. APPG Vice Chair Lord Patel cited evidence that the 10-year limit had no scientific basis and asked if the Minister agreed. Baroness Blackwood responded that the limit was based on societal, ethical and cultural considerations, and took into account concerns about storage banks.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 155.

Women's Rights: SheDecides Day, 4th March 2019

Lord Oates asked the Minister of State for DFID what action the Government were taking to uphold women's rights around the world. Lord Bates answered that the UK's development, diplomatic and defence work promoted gender equality and women's rights around the world. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked that people across government support SheDecides in its ongoing work. Lord Bates confirmed that it would and that the Government were undertaking work to implement global goal 5 by 2030. APPG Treasurer Baroness Jenkin asked the Minister to confirm that family planning and sexual and reproductive health for women and girls would be at the heart of every programme funded by DFID. Lord Bates made that commitment and added that gender equality influenced every DFID programme. APPG Treasurer Baroness Sheehan asked if the Government recognised that its spending on family planning fell far short of the SheDecides goals and the need to commit money and appoint a SheDecides UK champion to meet the SDG. Lord Bates responded that the UK needed to take action on violence against women and girls. APPG Secretary Baroness Uddin asked if the Government would support charities endeavouring to secure the release of women unlawfully detained in Syria. Lord Bates committed to looking into that.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 156.

Female Genital Mutilation, 7th March 2019

APPG on PDRH Treasurer Baroness Jenkin asked the Minister of State for the Home Office what steps the Government were taking to reduce the risk of FGM for girls in the UK and internationally. Baroness Williams answered that the Government had strengthened the law on FGM, under which it had secured its first convictions, and were helping communities around the world to end the practice.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 157.

Yemen: Women and Girls, 7th March 2019

Baroness Hayman asked the Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office whether the case for urgent humanitarian assistance for women and girls in Yemen was discussed during the Foreign Secretary's recent visit. Lord Ahmad answered that the conflict

in Yemen had exacerbated gender-based violence and inequality in the country and the position of women and girls could only be substantively improved by securing peace. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked what the Government were doing to ensure that women and girls had humanitarian access to health centres and hospitals. Lord Ahmad cited the problems of distributing humanitarian aid and fuel within Yemen and said that girls, women and the protection of health centres were priorities raised by the Foreign Secretary with both sides. APPG member Baroness Hodgson asked whether the UK was managing to get support to women's organisations and women's human rights defenders in Yemen. Lord Ahmad answered that the UK looked not only to identify but ensure the safety of agencies working in Yemen and that its main focus had been to safeguard UN agencies on the ground so that aid could be distributed.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 158.

Health: HIV, 25th March 2019

Lord Black asked what steps the Government were taking to bring an end to new transmissions of HIV by 2030. The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department of Health and Social Care, Baroness Blackwood, said work was underway to end new transmissions of HIV by 2030 by building on expanded HIV testing, prompt initiation of antiretroviral therapy after diagnosis, condom provision and PrEP. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Thornton asked whether the Government's plan recognised the need for investment in prevention and early intervention and a package of care for all women living with HIV, to include regular smear tests for cervical cancer. Baroness Blackwood acknowledged that there was a need to close gaps, particularly in the late diagnosis of black heterosexual men and women. APPG Officer Baroness Barker asked whether the Minister agreed that schools which refused to teach comprehensive relationship and sex education (RSE) jeopardised the health of all pupils. Baroness Blackwood responded that the Government had brought in compulsory RSE for the first time. APPG Co-Chair Baroness Tonge asked whether the Government were aware of the decreasing service for cervical cytology, the decrease in laboratories conducting the tests, and the decrease in family planning clinics. Baroness Blackwood responded that the Government had mandated local authorities to commission open access sexual health services and ring-fenced £3 billion a year for public health services, and had identified sexual health services as an area for review going forward.

Please find full text enclosed in Appendix 159.

Written Parliamentary Questions

Peers tabled a wide variety of SRHR/FP/population written parliamentary questions this year on the following subjects, which are all available on the APPG on PDRH website:

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| - Abortion | - Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS: Finance |
| - Bangladesh: Rohingya | - Kenya: Abortion |
| - Breast Ironing | - Kenya: Marie Stopes International |
| - Burkina Faso: Forced Marriage | - Madagascar: Contraceptives |
| - Burma: Rohingya | - Marie Stopes International: Finance |

- Burma: Sexual Offences
- Cameroon: Humanitarian Aid
- Commonwealth: Abortion
- Commonwealth: Discrimination
- Community Nurses
- Contraceptives
- Developing Countries: Abortion
- Developing Countries: Family Planning
- Developing Countries: Females
- Developing Countries: Health Services
- Developing Countries: HIV Infection
- EU Aid
- Family Planning
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Female Genital Mutilation: Health Services
- Female Genital Mutilation: Primary Education
- Female Genital Mutilation: Prosecutions
- Folic Acid
- Genito-urinary Medicine: Finance
- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: Finance
- Health Services
- HIV Infection
- HIV Infection: Females
- Human Papillomavirus
- Human Papillomavirus: Vaccination
- International Conference on Population and Development
- International Planned Parenthood Federation: Finance
- Medicine: Research
- Overseas Aid
- Pakistan: Overseas Aid
- Pakistan: Religious Freedom
- Postnatal Care
- Prosecutions
- Public Health
- Public Health: Finance
- Refugees: Children
- Refugees: Health Services
- Ross Fund
- Rwanda: Females
- Rwanda: Health Services
- Senegal: Forced Marriage
- Sierra Leone: Abortion
- Sierra Leone: Forced Marriage
- South Sudan: Forced Marriage
- Sudan: Female Genital Mutilation
- Surgical Mesh Implants
- Syria: Humanitarian Aid
- Syria: International Assistance
- Syria: Overseas Aid
- Syria: Reconstruction
- Tanzania: Health Services
- UN Women: Finance
- USA: UN Population Fund
- Women and Children First: Finance
- Venezuela: Overseas Aid
- Yemen: Females
- Yemen: Humanitarian Aid

UK GOVERNMENT MEETINGS/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS and PUBLICATIONS

DFID team

The DFID ministerial team in 2018 – 2019:



Penny Mordaunt MP, SoS for DFID, November 2017 – May 2019



Rory Stewart MP, SS for DFID, May 2019 – July 2019



Alistair Burt MP, MoS for DFID and the Middle East at FCO, June 2017 – March 2019



Dr Andrew Murrison MP, MoS for DFID and FCO, May 2019 – present date



Harriett Baldwin MP, MoS for DFID and MoS for Africa at the FCO, January 2018 – July 2019



Lord Bates, MoS for DFID, October 2016 – March 2019



Baroness Sugg CBE, PUSS for DFID, April 2019 – present date



Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Secretary January 2018 – present date

The latest DFID organogram is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-organogram>

DFID's SRHR Team - formerly the AIDS & Reproductive Health Team (the team's remit includes policy on HIV, Family Planning, FGM and the continuum of sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health) continue to be the APPG on PDRH's focal point [REDACTED]

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Meetings and Correspondence

The APPG on PDRH has held the UK Government accountable to its promises on family planning and SRHR through Parliamentary debates, legislation, statements, debates and questions referenced in the Parliamentary activities section of this report. However, informal activities such as individual and private meetings with ministers and civil servants and 'corridor talk' at international conferences, receptions, in connection with planned study tours and other meetings are also important. Campaign letters have also been sent jointly with other UK APPGs to relevant ministers and civil servants.

Particularly important events this year for parliamentary advocacy included the CHOGM in May 2018; the IPCI ICPD in October 2018; the Rwanda Family Planning conference in November

2018; and the UK Government's VNR on the SDGs in 2019. The NI Abortion referendum and the UK Government's proposed Domestic Abuse Bill were also notable events.

At the Rwanda Family Planning Conference, Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with DFID staff at several events and receptions. Many of these conversations focused on the APPG on PDRH hearing report on Abortion in the Developing World and the UK Government's support and activities surrounding decriminalising abortion abroad and domestically, and making it universally accessible.

DFID held an important consultation meeting in March 2019 with parliamentarians. This was co-organised with the APPG on the UN SDGs on the UK Government's VNR of the SDGs. A link was sent to all members prior to the meeting of the UK Government draft VNR report available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/voluntary-national-review-emerging-findings-and-further-engagement>. This document formed the basis of the discussions. Lord Bates, the MoS, represented and spoke on behalf of the UK Government at the beginning of the event, which was chaired by Lord McConnell and Gillian Keegan MP, co-chairs APPG on the UN SDGs. A lively discussion followed and an optional drop-in session was also organised afterward to raise any Goal-specific queries parliamentarians may have with Departmental leads on specific Goals.

Please find enclosed invitation in Appendix 160.

Later in March 2019, the UK SRHR Network was given the opportunity to feed into the UK Government VNR process through a roundtable meeting with DFID civil servants. The APPG on PDRH was represented at this roundtable discussion. The meeting started with the SRHR Network presenting the Network's position paper on the SDGs. A discussion followed among the network and DFID representatives under Chatham House rules on how progress can be made towards 2030. The meeting finished with a wrap up section where next steps were agreed between the SRHR Network and DFID representatives.

Please find enclosed invitation and agenda along with SRHR Network position paper on the SDGs in Appendix 161.

At individual parliamentarians meetings, through telephone and e-mail correspondence and during 'corridor talks' the following topics have been discussed often in response to parliamentary debates: DFID country activities to combat sexual violence in conflict; forthcoming APPG on PDRH Bangladesh study tour; how clients obtain contraception in the UK when some GPs do not provide family planning services or do not prescribe certain methods of contraception; the lack of trained family planning providers in the UK; the UK Government's consultation on the Domestic Abuse Bill announced in the Queens Speech on 21st July 2017; progress towards the FP2020 goal of enabling an additional 120 million women and girls in the world's poorest countries to be using modern methods of family planning by 2020; background to Viagra's availability over the counter vs the requirement that women obtain a prescription for oral contraception (OCP), together with the importance of pharmaceuticals taking the first step in the process for over the counter medicine in the UK; making the OCP available over the counter in the UK as with emergency contraception; the continuation of funding specialised FGM services in the UK; the World Population Day reception and ministerial input; what activities Somali children are being offered in British supported centres in country; DFID SRHR funding; FGM and abortion in Sierra Leone; ICPD+25 review process and DFID activities; Ministerial representation at the UN CPD 2019; UK support to SRHR in Rwanda; whether the UK Government will cease repatriation charges for women and girls escaping forced marriage abroad; how to increase the uptake of free smear tests in the UK when in

decline and laboratories being closed down; number of midwives trained in the UK as workforce shortages; the lack of provision of a six-week postnatal check-up for women after childbirth; the UK Government's awareness of faecal incontinence after childbirth in the UK and abroad; the NHS going paperless in 2020; the lack of UK data on contraceptive services; UK budget reduction to SRHR services; UK ODA being tied to goods and services from the UK; UK Prosperity Fund supporting the film industry and improving museum infrastructure in China; the UK cross-departmental Conflict, Stability and Security Fund used to build a £700,000 jail wing in Nigeria; financial assistance given to the Sudanese Government to combat FGM; medical detention when unable to pay for obstetric services; public health spending in the UK and ring-fencing of funds for SRHR and the UK Government's support for the SheDecides campaign.

In June 2018, DFID kindly shared its two short ministerial briefings on Population and FGM which were circulated to APPG on PDRH members.

In July 2018, the APPG on PDRH sent a letter to Home Secretary Sajid Javid MP inquiring about the forthcoming Domestic Abuse Bill and if decriminalising abortion in the UK would be included in the bill.

In July 2018, a letter was sent to Prime Minister Theresa May (copied to other relevant ministers) in connection with President Donald Trump's visit and his stand on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

In November 2018, a letter was sent to SoS for ID, Penny Mordaunt MP jointly with the UK APPG on SRH urging her to take action to address the alarming shortcomings in the global provision of maternal health services to indigenous women.

In November 2018, SoS for ID, Penny Mordaunt MP, and other relevant ministers received a copy of the IPCI ICPD Statement of Commitment.

After the Government VNR SDG meetings in March 2019, Lord Bates agreed to receive a joint summary submission from the APPG on PDRH and APPG on SRHR. A letter was sent highlighting the important linkages between SRHR and progress on the SDGs and in particular Goals 3 and 5. Ministers were also sent copies of the APPG on PDRH Hearing Reports on Abortion in the Developing World and the UK and on Child Marriage.

In March 2019, the APPG on PDRH completed the FP2020 survey providing feedback to DFID and the organisation's strategic future.

In April 2019, SoS for ID, Penny Mordaunt MP was sent a letter from the APPG on PDRH raising concerns about President Trump's further expanded Mexico City Policy and its implications.

In April 2019, the APPG on PDRH shared information with DFID with regards to other country SDG VNR as requested by civil servants.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 162.

Consultations

In December 2018, the UK Government held an online consultation on its forthcoming Domestic Abuse Bill. The UK APPG on PDRH submitted its hearing report on child marriage, noting the importance of bringing the age of marriage in the UK up to 18, as per international agreements. The Report is available here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/APPG%20on%20PDRH%20-%20A%20Childhood%20Lost.pdf>

Please find enclosed submission in Appendix 163.

UK Government Publications

Important UK Government policy papers and reports are available online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/search/policy-papers-and-consultations?order=updated-newest&organisations%5B%5D=department-for-international-development&page=3&parent=department-for-international-development>

Publications of particular interest to SRHR stakeholders this year are listed below:

The Global Disability Summit - final summary of commitments, pledges and action plan agreed at the Global Disability Summit, July 2018:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/global-disability-summit-final-summary>

UK's New Aid Strategy: Tackling Global Challenges in the National Interest, January 2019 is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-aid-tackling-global-challenges-in-the-national-interest>

The National Conversation on Investing in the Global Goals - Fact Sheet, January 2019:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-national-conversation-on-investing-in-the-global-goals-fact-sheet>

The UK's Voluntary National Review of the Sustainable Development Goals: Fact Sheet, February 2019: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uks-voluntary-national-review-of-the-sustainable-development-goals-fact-sheet>

The Global Disability Summit - Charter for Change, March 2019:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/global-disability-summit-charter-for-change> -

Summaries of the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund Migration Programmes, March 2019:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/conflict-stability-and-security-fund-migration-programme-summaries-2017-to-2018>

Promises made by Governments, Civil Society and Businesses at the UK Government's Leave No One Behind event September 2015 at the UN General Assembly (updated March 2019):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/leaving-no-one-behind-our-promise>

INTERNATIONAL FUNDING TO FAMILY PLANNING/SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS AND HIV/AIDS

Based on internationally agreed methodology, DFID spent 10.7% in 2015-2016 and at least 10.3 percent in 2016-2017 of its Official Development Assistance (ODA) on SRH. Comparable figures beyond March 2017 are not yet available, estimates for 2017-2018 spending will be available in autumn 2019.

DFID continues to support UNFPA with a core contribution of £20 million in 2017-2018 and non-core contributions were £94.7 million in 2015-2016, £87.5 million in 2016-2017 and £120.5 in 2017-2018.

IPPF received direct central funding from DFID through the Programme Partnership Agreement, in the amount of £8.6 million in 2015-2016, £6.45 million in 2016-2017 and no further funds in 2017-2018. No non-core funding was provided in this period. In 2018-2019 IPPF successfully applied for UK Aid Connect funding.

MSI received direct central funding from DFID also through the Programme Partnership Agreement, in the amount of £4.4 million in 2015-2016, £3.3 million in 2016-2017 and no further funds in 2017-2018 and non-core contributions were £41,700 million in 2015-2016, £35,595 in 2016-2017 and £56.247 million in 2017-2018. In 2018-2019 MSI successfully applied for UK Aid Connect funding.

UNICEF received £48 million from DFID in core funding over the past 3 years and non-core funding increased from £287.6 million in 2015-2016 to £354 million in 2016-2017 to £383.2 million (provisional) in 2017-2018.

UNAIDS received £15 million from DFID in core funding over the past 3 years and nil in non-core funding was provided in this period.

UN Women received £12.5 million from DFID in core funding over the past 3 years and non-core funding was £4.2 million in 2015-2016, £8.3 million in 2016-2017 and £6.2 million (provisional) in 2017-2018.

WHO received from DFID £14.5 million in core funding over the past few years.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria received £100 million in 2015-2016, £153 million in 2016-2017, £317 million in 2017-2018 and provisionally £360 million 2018-2019.

Women and Children First UK received £282,018 in 2015–2016, £317,127 in 2016–2017 and £110.983 in 2017-2018. They also received DFID funding via the UK Aid Direct programme, which amounted to approximately £29,924 from September 2014 to August 2018.

DFID Core contributions to International Organisations, 2011/2012 – 2017/2018 (£ thousands)

Organisation	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	Funding Stream
UNFPA	20,000	20,000	20,100	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	DFID - Core Funding
WHO	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	12,500	27,240	28,723	DFID - Core Funding
UNICEF	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	46,000	47,800	40,000	23,600	DFID - Core Funding
UNAIDS	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	DFID - Core Funding
IPPF	NIL	6,450	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	6,450	12,015	DFID - Programme Partnership Agreement
MSI	56,247	35,595	41,700	34,000	-	-	-	1,063	Other - Non Core Funding
	NIL	3,265	4,400	4,400	4,300	4,353	4,353	-	DFID - Programme Partnership Agreement
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	317,000	153,000	100,000	285,000	543,044	127,908	128,100	296,600	DFID - Core Funding
UN Women	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	-	-	-	DFID – Core Funding

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting HIV and AIDS, 2010/11 – 2016/17 (£ millions)

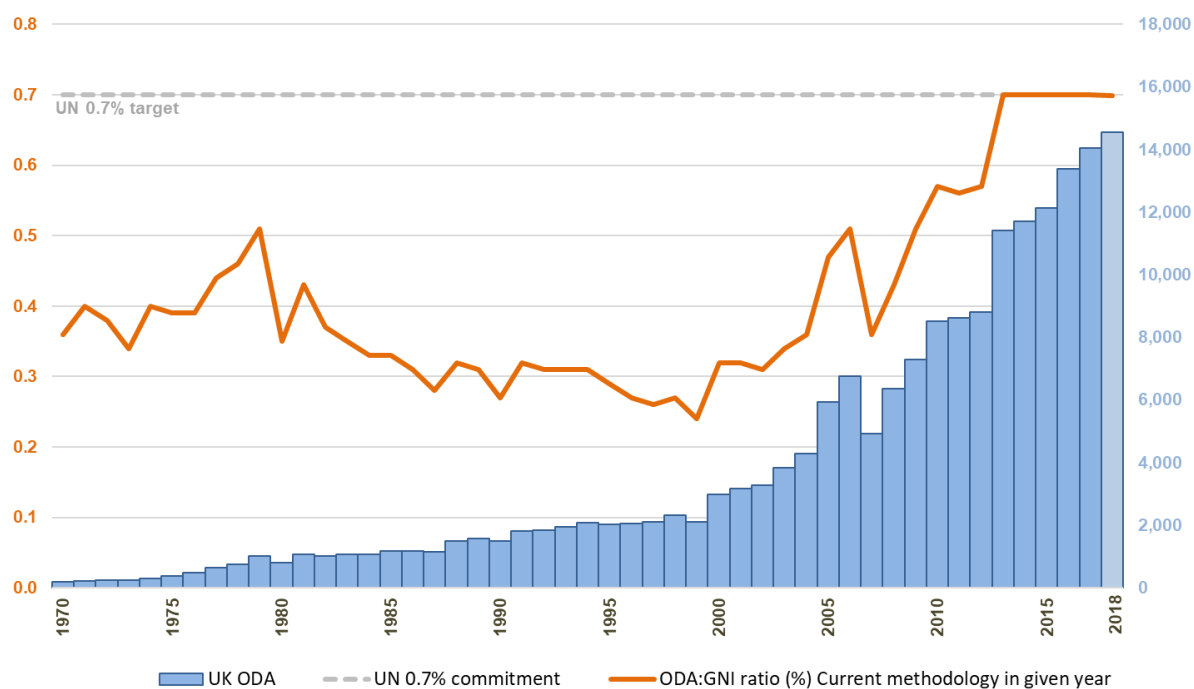
Input Sector Code	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
13041 HIV/AIDS including STI Prevention	119.1	69	50.3	37.5	25.7	21.5	22.7
13042 HIV/AIDS including STI Treatment and Care	52.7	27.3	40.2	10.9	8.1	5.7	4.4
Grand Total	171.8	96.3	46.1	48.4	33.8	27.2	27.1

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health, 2010/11 – 2016/17 (£ millions)

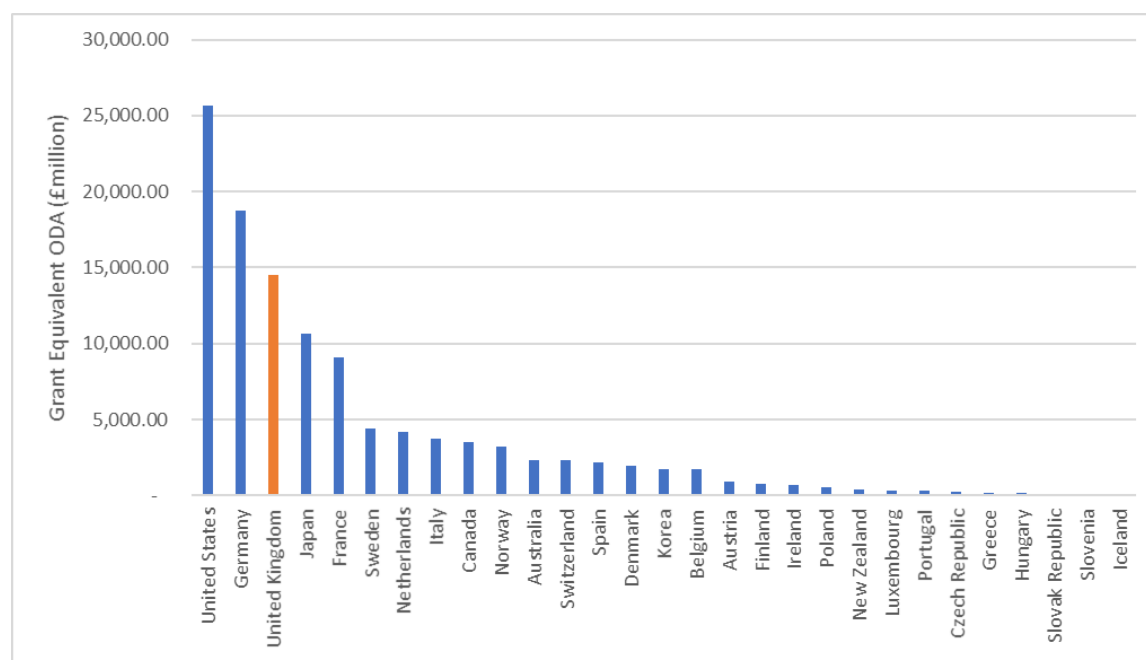
Input Sector Code	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
13010 Population Policy and Administrative Management	7.1	6.1	5.4	11.5	4.3	3.1	3.9
13021 Reproductive Health Care	48	108.9	36.7	49.4	55.4	46.3	51.4
13022 Maternal and Neonatal Health	50	121.4	125.8	163.4	207	124.7	122.5
13030 Family Planning, Health	31.1	43.8	109.7	127	124.5	121	108.2
13081 Personnel Development for Population and Reproductive Health				9.3	12.9	18.6	21
Grand Total	136.1	280.1	277.6	360.6	404.1	313.7	307.2

The two tables above provide details of DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health and HIV/AIDS activities. However, according to DFID, the UK's direct spend on HIV should not be seen as the sum of their work. DFID is seeking to increasingly optimise linkages and integration with other sectors where greater impact and efficiency can be achieved. The UK also supports the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS projects and programmes at the country level, strengthening health systems in their partner countries to deliver HIV outcomes and funding research. DFID are unable to accurately disaggregate UK HIV expenditure from these wider interventions.

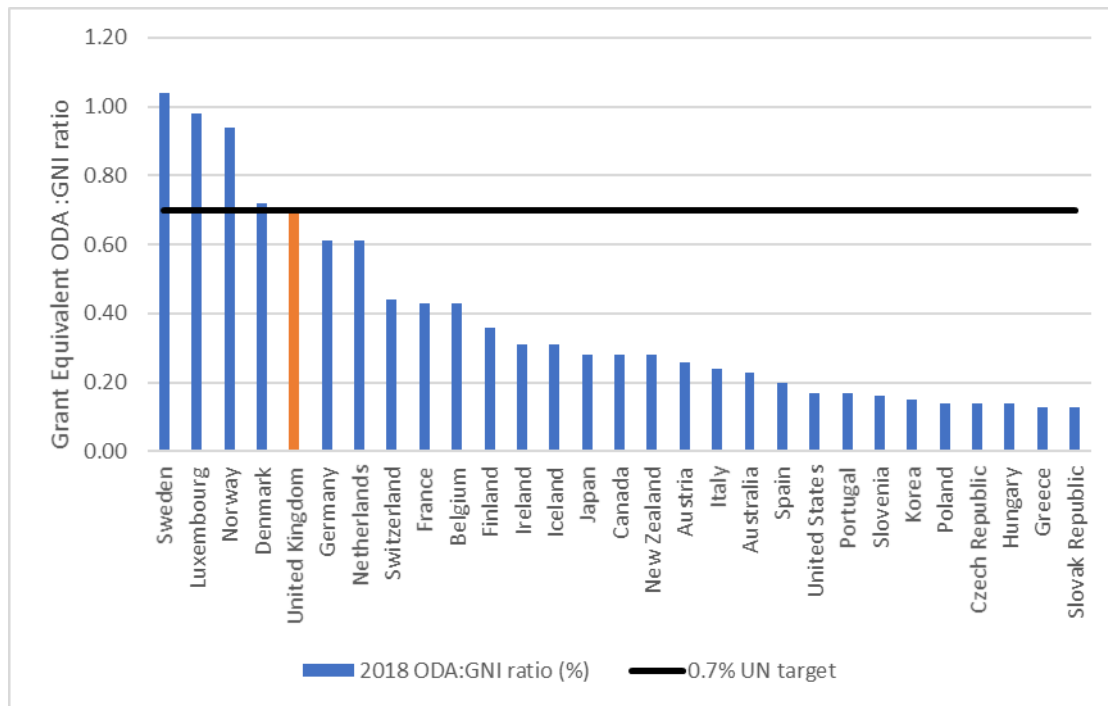
Provisional UK ODA level 1970-2018 (£ millions)



Provisional Net ODA from DAC Donors, 2018 (£ millions)



Provisional Net ODA/GNI ratios from DAC Donors, 2018



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

APPG on PDRH members have attended several international conferences this year listed below:

CHOGM, 16th – 20th April 2018, London

The UK hosted the CHOGM this year. 53 nations worked together to promote prosperity, democracy and peace. The summit's theme was: 'Towards a common future'. It aimed to build links between countries to offer young people access to knowledge and skills and give them a voice on key issues such as democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

At the summit, leaders came together to focus on:

- a more sustainable future: the Commonwealth is well placed to take action, underlining our on-going commitment to tackling climate change, protecting the environment and increasing the resilience of our members;
- a fairer future: by upholding and promoting the principles of the Commonwealth Charter, we can ensure a fairer future for all members of the Commonwealth, and provide the essential basis for sustainable development;
- a more secure future: Commonwealth member states are ideally placed to partner, aid and learn from each other in tackling the threats of terrorism, serious organised crime, cyber crime, violent extremism and human trafficking; and
- a more prosperous future: by working together, we can promote trade and investment as a means to drive economic growth, create jobs, and ensure the prosperity of our citizens.

The APPG on PDRH was involved in campaign work leading up to the CHOGM through letter writing to Lord Ahmed and Baroness Jenny Tonge, Baroness Barker, Baroness Hussein-Ece and Baroness Uddin attended and spoke at the CHOGM Women's Forum.

The final CHOGM communique unfortunately did not refer to SRHR. It is available here:

<https://www.chogm2018.org.uk/sites/default/files/CHOGM%202018%20Communique.pdf>

Leigh Day's Women's Rights in Healthcare seminar, 24th May 2018, London

The APPG on PDRH was represented at above seminar, which was attended by students, clinicians, academics, advocates, practitioners and policy makers. Presenters and topics (which were later discussed) were: Tracy Brabin MP, 'Early years education'; Suzanne White and Leigh Day, 'Consent post-Montgomery and a woman's right to informed consent in childbirth' and 'Post-natal depression and women's mental health issues'; Zoe Picton-Howell, University of York / University of Edinburgh, 'The importance of good communication to maternal mental health'; Jenny Tighe and Professor Michael Keighley, The MASIC Foundation, 'Mothers with anal sphincter injuries after childbirth: the unspoken taboo, our plans to help'; Caoilfhionn Gallagher QC, Doughty Street Chambers, 'Northern Ireland Abortion Rights'; Dr Melanie Davies, University College London Hospital, and Maria Panteli, Leigh Day, 'Preserving fertility in younger women with cancer'; and Jane Plumb, 'Group B Strep Support'.

Please find enclosed full programme in Appendix 164.

The MASIC Foundation presentation was particularly shocking, as they quoted a 30% incontinence post-childbirth in the UK and abroad. A follow up meeting was organised with the APPG on PDRH to brief members on this particular topic in January 2019 (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information).

FSRH/Royal Society of Medicine conference in London: Global contraception: challenges and opportunities conference, 19th June 2018, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby attended this one-day conference on global contraceptive challenges and opportunities. Baroness Tonge opened and welcomed delegates to the event which included students, clinicians, academics, advocates, practitioners and policy makers. The main discussion areas were: How do global health issues play out in UK contraceptive practice and what can UK health and policy organisations share to improve access to contraception worldwide? A record number of women now use contraception, yet the figures show immense disparities across communities and nations. Main speakers were: Kaye Wellings, Professor of Sexual and Reproductive Health Research, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM); Dhammika Perera, Medical Director, MSI; Paula Baraitser, Chair, International Affairs Committee, FSRH; Jane Hatfield, Chief Executive, Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare; Alison Hadley, Director, Teenage Pregnancy Knowledge Exchange; Maya Unnithan, Professor of Social and Medical Anthropology, University of Sussex; Tonye Wokoma, Consultant in Community Gynaecology, Sexual and Reproductive Health, City Health Care Partnership Community Interest Company; Dr Kate Guthrie, Prof James Trussell, Professor of Economics and Public Affairs Emeritus, Princeton University; Kelly Cleland, Director, American Society for Emergency Contraception; and Professor John Ashton.

Please find enclosed full programme in Appendix 165.

7th International Parliamentarians' conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, 22nd – 23rd October 2018, Ottawa, Canada



Baroness Jenny Tonge, Virendra Sharma MP and Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the 7th International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (IPCI) which promoted dialogue among parliamentarians from all regions of the world on the implementation of the 1994 ICPD Programme of Action, with a view to achieving further commitment to collective action in the areas of resource mobilisation and the creation of an enabling policy environment for population and development. This year's IPCI ICPD was organised and supported by UNFPA, EPF, Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights, Canadian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development, Global Affairs Canada and the Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development.

Around 300 parliamentarians, ministers, and invited experts attended the conference which served as an important platform for keeping ICPD issues alive and within global mainstream parliamentary discourse. It took stock of the progress of the ICPD Programme implementation and strategically positioning population dynamics within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

A forward-looking declaration and action plan that fostered understanding of and consensus around the urgency to address the political discourse on sexual and reproductive health and rights was presented and agreed upon at the conference. It is available, along with all other conference information, at the following link: <http://ipciconference.org/>

The Ottawa IPCI ICPD built on achievements made in Stockholm (2014), Istanbul (2012), Addis Ababa (2009), Bangkok (2006), Strasbourg (2004) and Ottawa (2002).

Please find enclosed full IPCI ICPD PoA agenda in Appendix 166.

The Ottawa Statement of Commitment was disseminated to relevant UK ministers and civil servants and DFID Select Committee members. Baroness Jenny Tonge and Virendra Sharma MP also referenced the statement of commitments in debates and questions available on the APPG on PDRH website.

Baroness Jenny Tonge's written PQ, December 2018 read:

"To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to respond to the Ottawa Statement of Commitment made at the seventh International Parliamentarians' Conference on Population and Development on 23 October; if so, when; and whether they will publish any such response.

The UK was pleased to be represented at the recent International Parliamentarians' Conference on Population and Development. Our policy fully supports the broad consensus on women's sexual and reproductive health and rights reached at the meeting. We are a global leader on sexual and reproductive health and rights and will continue to demonstrate our strong commitment to the issues highlighted in the statement through our funding, advocacy and leadership."

5th International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP), 12th – 15th November 2018, Kigali, Rwanda



Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the 5th International Conference on Family Planning in Kigali, Rwanda. It was co-hosted by the Gates Institute and the MoH of the Republic of Rwanda. The 2018 ICFP was held at the state-of-the-art Kigali Convention Centre, which in the past hosted the 27th African Union Summit and other high-level meetings. The theme of the 2018 ICFP was 'Investing for a Lifetime of Returns'. This theme title spoke to the various returns on investment family planning provides, from education and empowerment to economic growth and environmental health. Underlying many of the conference sessions was a focus on the ways in which countries can harness the benefits of the demographic dividend to reap these returns on the macro and micro levels, and the demographic dividend was a highlighted track. More than 4,000 people from 119 countries attended the 2018 ICFP. This ICFP saw the highest number of youth at the Youth Pre-conference – more than 600. It had the highest number of abstract submissions – 2,759 individual abstracts, 225 preformed panel abstracts. It also saw the highest engagement on social media – on Twitter, the hashtags

#ICFP2018 and #ICFPYouth earned 46.2 million and 10 million impressions respectively; the top tweet using #ICFP2018 was from @MelindaGates, earning 4.4 million impressions. More than 120,000 people were reached through Facebook. In addition to the many panel discussions and side events, the conference featured more than 1,600 oral and poster presentations.

Formal opening ceremonies featured remarks from Édouard Ngirente, Prime Minister of Rwanda; Dr Diane Gashumba, MoH of Rwanda; Dr Ellen J. MacKenzie, Dean of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Dr Natalia Kanem, ED UNFPA; Dr Christopher Elias, President of the Global Development Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development of Canada; Jose "Oying" Rimon, Director of the Gates Institute and Chair of the ICFP International Steering Committee; and Sadia Rahman, ICFP youth leader from Bangladesh.

Full conference information can be found here: <https://2018.fpconference.org/>

The APPG on PDRH presented its APPG on PDRH hearing report poster on 'Abortion in the Developing World and the UK' at the conference and hearing reports and executive summary reports were handed to delegates visiting the stand. Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby had lively discussions with visiting delegates concerning decriminalising abortion globally with legislators, policy makers, government officials, academics and students. Petra Bayer MP from Austria was particularly interested in the latest developments in the UK around decriminalising abortion. She was sent the Bill tabled by Diana Johnson MP to decriminalise abortion up to 24 weeks in the UK available here: <https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/abortion.html> along with a link to the UK 1967 Abortion Act here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1967/87/contents> as amended by Section 37 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990. She also received links to a UK fpa factsheet here: <https://www.fpa.org.uk/factsheets/abortion>

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby also participated in the EPF parliamentary conference programme and study tour visits to a Rwandese district hospital and Well Womens' center on the outskirts of Kigali while at the Rwanda Family Planning Conference.

Please find attached full EPF parliamentary programme in Appendix 167.

Of particular importance at the conference from the UK Government's perspective was the announced of a UK aid investment of £200 in a new flagship programme Women's Integrated Sexual Health (WISH), which will ensure six million couples can reliably gain access to life-saving voluntary contraception in some of the world's poorest countries every year of the programme.

Previous International Family Planning conferences were in Uganda, 2009; Senegal, 2011; UK, 2013; and Indonesia, 2016.

14th British Association of Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)/FSRH Annual Conference: Complex care in everyday practice, 25th January 2019, London

The APPG on PDRH was represented at the BASHH and FSRH annual conference, which saw representation from legislators, policy makers, academics and clinicians. The conference focused on how to deal with complex SRH care cases in everyday practice. Dr Asha Kasliwal, FSRH President, welcomed all to the conference. The following topics were presented and discussed: 'Standards for Remote and Online providers of SRH services', Dr Helen Munro, Hywel Dda University Health Board; 'How to manage unwanted bleeding on contraception', Dr Helen Munro, Hywel Dda University Health Board; 'Combined hormonal contraception: what's new and what's not?' Dr Sarah Hardman, Specialty Doctor, Sexual and Reproductive

Healthcare; 'High BMI, low BMI and eating disorders: considerations for contraception', Dr Sarah Hardman, Specialty Doctor, Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare; 'Diagnosing and managing Menopause in women with HIV', Dr Sonia Raffe, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton; 'Managing Vaginal Discharge', Dr Jackie Sherrard, Buckinghamshire; 'Managing urethral discharge in men', Dr Suneeta Soni, Royal Sussex County Hospital; 'Managing pelvic pain in women', Dr Arvind Vashisht, MA MD FRCOG, University College Hospital; 'Managing genital skin conditions', Jillian Pritchard, Consultant in GU Medicine/HIV, Ashford and St Peter's NHS Foundation Trust; 'Safeguarding in sexual health services', Ceri Evans, Hammersmith Broadway, Sexual Health Clinic; 'E-sexual health: pros and cons', Dr Jo Gibbs, Institute for Global Health, UCL; 'Do we leave vulnerable patients behind when integrating services?', Catherine Schunmann, iCaSH Norfolk, Norwich; 'Syphilis', Dr Orla McQuillan, Northern Integrated Contraception, Sexual Health & HIV Service; 'Emergency contraception', Dr Manika Singh, Unity Sexual Health, Central Health Clinic; 'Implants – complicated cases', Dr Zara Haider, The Wolverton Centre, Kingston Hospital NHS Trust; 'Mycoplasma Genitalium', Dr Paddy Horner, MD Consultant Senior Lecturer. The conference was closed by Dr Olwen E Williams OBE, BASHH President.

Please find enclosed full programme in Appendix 168.

RCOG International Women's Day (IWD) event: Do women really have a choice?, 6th March 2019, London

The APPG on PDRH was represented at the RCOG IWD event which focussed on women's choices and how to work together for better outcomes and ensure women have access to accurate and evidence-based information. The event saw representation from legislators, policy makers, academics, trainees and practitioners. Lesley Regan, RCOG President and Mary Ann Lumsden, RCOG Senior Vice President, welcomed and introduced delegates to the event. The following topics were presented and discussed: 'Birth plans and caesarean', Clare Goggin (author of 'Why Caesarean Matters') and Maria Booker, Programmes Director of Birthrights; 'Abortion', Dr Bela Ganatra, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization; 'Menopause and midlife', Dr Louise Newson, GP, and menopause expert Kate Brian, Chair of RCOG Women's Network. Lesley Regan, President RCOG, Women's Health Strategy, and Professor Mary Ann Lumsden summarised and closed the event.

Please find enclosed full programme in Appendix 169.

UN Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW), 11th – 22nd March 2019, New York, USA



The UK APPG on PDRH liaises with UK IPU and EPF every spring with regards to UK representation at the UN CSW. This year Baroness Gale, Baroness Hodgson and Baroness Watkins attended the CSW on the UK IPU delegation. The EPF programme was shared with the UK IPU and

discussions were held with UNFPA, New York with regards to meeting and briefing the UK delegation.



Baroness Hodgson, Baroness Gale and Baroness Watkins at CSW on IPU delegation

The 63rd CSW session had the theme of ‘Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls’. Delegates met with H.E. Karen Pierce, the first woman Ambassador that the UK has appointed to the UN and a great champion of women’s rights and a wonderful role model of a woman in a leadership position. Discussion included universal healthcare, gender parity within the UN Secretariat and how the issues raised at CSW could be best pursued in the UK. This year Her Royal Highness the Countess of Wessex was at the CSW and expressed a commitment to supporting the women, peace and security agenda, as well as the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative. The IPU day this year was entitled ‘Investing in gender equality: Parliaments ensuring social protection, public services and infrastructure deliver for women’.

Full IPU CSW information is available here: <https://www.bgipu.org/our-work/p-it-is-such-a-privilege-to-be-sent-by-bgipu-to-the-un-commission-of-the-status-of-women-csw-meeting-at-the-un-hq-in-new/>

SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

The APPG on PDRH continues to exchange information and support the establishment and activities of other APPGs both in the UK and abroad.

Support has been through e-mails and telephone conversations and at meetings and conferences in the UK and abroad.

UK APPGs working on International Development

Ann Mette Kjaerby has been in regular contact with secretariats from UK APPGs in connection with events, campaigns and joint letter writing. Meetings were held in July 2018 and February 2019 among secretariats in the UK Parliament to discuss collaboration and campaigns (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information).

In March 2019, the APPG on PDRH spoke with the APPG on HIV/AIDS about a possible joint briefing event with Pfizer Vaccines on vaccinations. This may take place in the autumn of 2019.

A Google group was set up to aid communication and event sharing this year.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 170.

UK APPG on SRH

The APPG on PDRH has communicated regularly with the APPG on SRH this year. Of particular importance was the joint letter sent in March 2019 to Lord Bates on the UK Government VNR on the SDGs and SRHR (please see DFID section in this report for further information) and written PQs tabled on access to contraception in the UK (please see parliamentary section in this report for further information). Secretarial support has also been given in connection with the APPG on SRH hearings on access to contraception in the UK.

Sadly fpa, which hosted the APPG on SRH secretariat, went into liquidation on 15th May 2019. Please see here: <https://www.thirdsector.co.uk/sexual-health-charity-fpa-go-voluntary-liquidation/management/article/1583705>

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 171.

UK APPG on FGM

The APPG on FGM was re-established this year, with Jess Phillips MP and Zac Goldsmith MP as co-chairs and NSPCC as the secretariat. Baroness Jenny Tonge continues to receive requests for joint events and strategy meetings with FGM stakeholders. The APPGs on PDRH and FGM, together with an FGM NGO, have been in conversation about convening a joint roundtable meeting to discuss future coordination. It is hoped this will take place in the autumn of 2019.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 172.

UK APPGs working on child marriage

Baroness Jenny Tonge contacted eight UK APPGs with an interest in child marriage this year to explore the potential of a joint meeting between the APPGs, NGOs and the UK Forced Marriage Unit. This opportunity would aim to connect the parties in relation to the Government's Domestic Abuse Bill and bringing the age of marriage up to 18 in the UK. A meeting is planned for the autumn of 2019 when the bill will be debated.

Please find enclosed list of organisations contacted and sample communications in Appendix 173.

Rwanda APPG on Population and Development

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with members of the Rwanda APPG on PD and advisor Jean Marie Mbonyintwali at the Rwanda Family Planning conference, October 2018. Discussions were held on Rwanda's progress on universal access to SRHR services and the APPG on PDRH hearing report on abortion. The APPG on PDRH continue to forward funding opportunities to the Rwanda APPG on PD.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 174.

Latin American Regional APPG on Population and Development

The APPG on PDRH continue to forward funding opportunities to the Latin American Regional Parliamentary Forum.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 175.

HEARINGS

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: 'WHO DECIDES? We trust Women. Abortion in the Developing World and the UK', March 2018



The UK APPG on PDRH has been disseminating and promoting the APPG on PDRH Hearing Report on Abortion in the Developing World and the UK at meetings and national and global conferences this year. In June 2018 Ann Mette Kjaerby spoke at the Sussex University event on sex selection and the report was disseminated among participants.

An abstract to present the hearing report at the Rwanda Family Planning conference in November 2018 was submitted and accepted. This supported a hearing poster presentation and report dissemination to a wide and global audience including legislators, policy makers, academics, NGOs, trusts and foundations, businesses and pharmaceutical companies.



Baroness Tonge at APPG on PDRH poster stall, Rwanda Family Planning conference

Numerous meetings and discussions have been held among members of the UK APPG on PDRH and APPG on SRH, and with national and international SRHR stakeholders, to discuss strategies to decriminalise abortion in the UK and to make medical abortion permissible at home in England, in line with Scotland and Wales.

In 2018, the UK DoH finally announced that by the end of the year, women in England would be permitted to have medical abortions at home. The DoH announced that this would enable women to be “in control of their treatment and as comfortable as possible during this procedure”. This announcement came in August 2018, when Scottish women were allowed to take abortion pills at home after a legal challenge against the move was thrown out – full article available here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-45196213#>

Two particular UK MPs have been very vocal on abortion also this year: Stella Creasy MP and Diana Johnson MP.

Stella Creasy MP has led attempts to extend access to abortion to NI, tabling amendments to the Government’s Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Bill, arguing that the UK Government is obliged to do this to comply with human rights obligations. These efforts are ongoing.

Diana Johnson MP, Chair of the UK APPG on SRH and a member of the UK APPG on PDRH, has led attempts to decriminalise abortion in the UK by introducing a Ten Minute Rule bill. If successful, this bill would have removed criminal liability in respect of abortion performed with the consent of the pregnant woman up to the twenty-fourth week of pregnancy; repealed sections 59 and 60 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861; created offences of termination of a pregnancy after its twenty-fourth week and non-consensual termination of a pregnancy; and amended the law relating to conscientious objection to participation in abortion treatment.

However, the Bill did not progress to a second reading due to time constraints.

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report recommendations are:

INTERNATIONAL

The UK Department for International Development is commended for taking a global leadership position on abortion and for its broad portfolio of global work. DFID should do even more to support willing countries to expand access to safe and legal abortion. In particular, the UK Government should:

- expand the availability of medical abortion globally;
- work to broaden the laws to permit community and primary care health workers, pharmacists, nurses and midwives to provide abortion;
- continue to ensure access to safe abortion to the full extent of the law, particularly in developing countries and in conflict situations;
- increase funding for family planning and the wider sexual and reproductive health and rights agenda to 10% of official development assistance and 10% of national development budgets;
- DFID should reiterate its 2014 policy concerning abortions in conflict situations and international humanitarian law to humanitarian and other partners;
- use its voice to reinforce the importance and centrality of abortion to women's human rights and equality;
- ensure that adolescent girls and young women have access to youth-friendly and non-judgmental sexual and reproductive health services, including abortion care;
- work to take abortion out of the criminal law and toward the release of all imprisoned women and girls and healthcare professionals who are incarcerated because of punitive abortion laws; and
- support comprehensive sexuality education through in-school and out-of-school programmes for adolescents that promote comprehensive sexuality education including information on contraception and abortion.

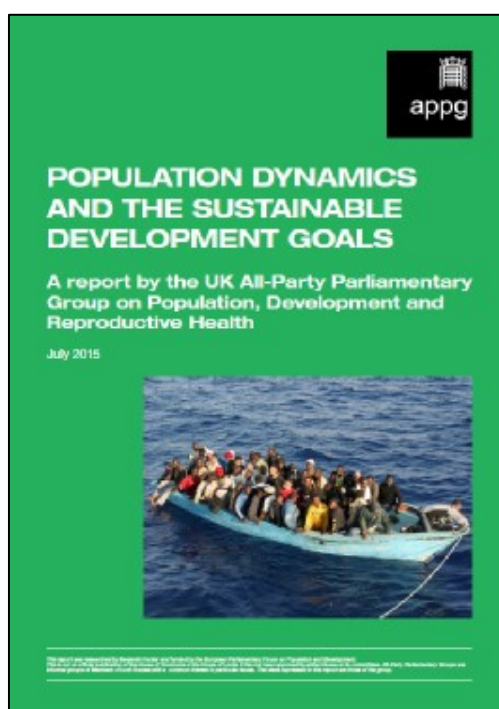
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- Decriminalise abortion completely, as Canada has done;
- the Department of Health should follow WHO guidelines and define the home as a safe place to take abortion medication in England (as is already taking place in Scotland);
- if there are NHS contracts to independent providers, they must include a commitment to training with joint contracts that allow clinicians to move seamlessly across both the independent and NHS sectors;
- follow WHO guidelines to allow primary care workers such as nurses and midwives to manage both surgical and medical abortion in the first trimester;
- the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) should take the lead in developing appropriate clinical care pathways;
- coordinate NHS abortion planning across the nations of the UK, so that women have timely access to high quality services. For example, a fair tariff for various types of abortion services should be agreed so there is no disincentive to treat second trimester and complex cases;
- stop the erosion of family planning and sexual health services and instead ensure family planning and sexual health services are readily available, reducing the need for abortion overall; and
- increase understanding among politicians and policy makers with better education and information about abortion and the impact on women of restricting it and keeping it criminalised.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- The UK Government must give clear guidance on funding and a care pathway for women travelling from Northern Ireland to England for an abortion;
- medical professionals of Northern Ireland must be clear about their legal obligations to women seeking abortions;
- build coalitions to decriminalise abortion in Northern Ireland using the momentum of the possible upcoming changes in the Republic of Ireland; and
- support research and campaign activities to combat misinformation and myths surrounding abortion in Northern Ireland.

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: Population Dynamics and the Sustainable Development Goals, July 2015



The APPG on PDRH continues to highlight the important linkages between population dynamics and the SDGs, as per hearing report above, in parliamentary debates and at meetings and conferences. Hard copies of the report have been brought to conferences attended by members and Ann Mette Kjaerby throughout the year.

Please find enclosed sample communications in Appendix 176.

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: The Child Marriage, “A Childhood Lost”, November 2012

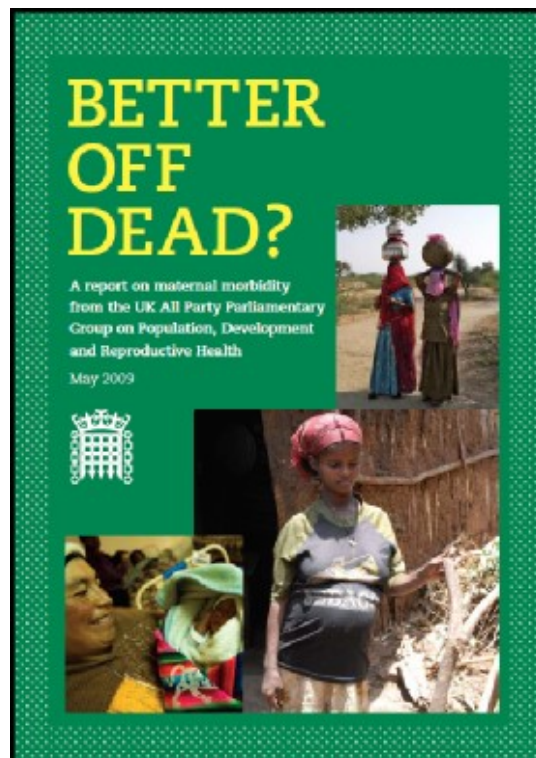


The APPG on PDRH continues to follow up on the above hearing report and increase the age of marriage to 18 in the UK. Pauline Latham MP reintroduced Baroness Jenny Tonge's Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) bill in September 2018. Due to time constraints and Brexit debates, it did not receive a second reading.

This year discussions have since evolved around APPG on PDRH members tabling an amendment to the Government's Domestic Abuse Bill to increase the age of marriage to 18. The Government consulted on the Domestic Abuse Bill this year and the APPG on PDRH submitted its Hearing Report on child marriage to the consultation. The Bill is due to be debated in the autumn 2019.

Please find enclosed consultation submission and sample communications in Appendix 177.

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: Maternal Morbidity – “Better off Dead?”, May 2009



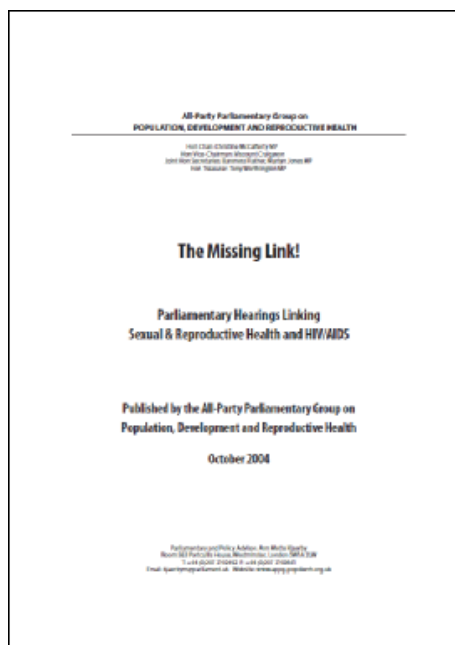
The APPG on PDRH continued to promote its 2009 Maternal Morbidity Hearing Report: ‘Better off Dead?’ The report can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website here:
<http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: Return of the Population Growth Factor – Its impact upon the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), January 2007/May 2009



The APPG on PDRH 2007/2009 Hearing Report: 'Return of the Population Growth Factor and its Impact upon the MDGs' and 2009 updated summary leaflet can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, "The Missing Link", October 2004



APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: FGM, November 2000



The APPG on PDRH continues to raise the devastating consequences of FGM in Parliament. The UK saw its first successful FGM prosecution this year. The 37-year-old mother from London was convicted while her 43-year-old partner was acquitted by the jury. The couple were also involved in witchcraft which concerned many FGM advocates.

Please find enclosed articles in Appendix 178.

PUBLICATIONS

Activity Reports

Annual Activity Reports have been published since 1993/1994 to the present date and can be found on the APPG on PDRH website here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/>

Hearings/Surveys/Reports

WHO DECIDES? We trust Women. Abortion in the Developing World and the UK, March 2018

Population Dynamics and the Sustainable Development Goals, July 2015

A Report on Child Marriage in the UK and the Developing World, 'A Childhood Lost', November 2012

A Report on Maternal Morbidity – 'Better off Dead?' May 2009

'Return of the Population Growth Factor – Its Impact upon the Millennium Development Goals', January 2007 (Main Report and Executive Summary Report (translated into German and French)) and Updated Summary and Graphs/Tables, July 2009

'Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS – "The Missing Link"' October 2004 (Main Report, Executive Summary and Recommendations Report and CD-ROM)

'FGM, Report of Parliamentary Hearing and Survey on FGM', May 2000

'Taking Young People Seriously: Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health for the Next Generation', Report of the Parliamentary Hearings held on 6th and 13th May 1998

'Development Strategies for the 21st Century: The South-South Partnership in Population and Development', Report of the Parliamentary Hearing March 1997

Report on Workshop 'Working with Parliamentarians and Government Officials' London, March 1996

Implementing the Cairo ICPD 1994 Programme of Population, Reproductive Health and Development, European Parliamentary Forum for Action Report, Brussels 1995

'Women's Rights and Sexual Health', Report of Consultations held with agencies involved in women's issues, 1995

'The Well-Spent Pound' - an assessment of AID Agency priorities for population activities, NGO Review 1993

European Agenda for Action on World Population, Report of the European Parliamentarians Conference, London 1992

ACCOUNTS

Please find enclosed APPG on PDRH accounts April 2018 – March 2019 in Appendix 179.

ACRONYMS

ACCM	Agency for Culture and Change Management
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
APPG	All-Party Parliamentary Group
APPG on PDRH	All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health
BASHH	British Association of Sexual Health and HIV
BGIPU	British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union
BME	British and Minority Ethnic
BPAS	British Pregnancy Advisory Service
C	Conservative
CFPA	Chinese Family Planning Association
CoE	Council of Europe
CE	Chief Executive
CHOGM	Commonwealth Head of Government Meeting
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CO	Conscientious Objection
COMMAT	Commonwealth Medical Trust
CPD	Commission on Population and Development
CSO	Civil Society Organisations
CSSF	Conflict, Stability and Security Fund
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
DFID	Department for International Development
DoH	Department of Health
Dr	Doctor
EC	Executive Committee
ECHO	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
ECOSOC	UN Economic and Social Council
ED	Executive Director
EDM	Early Day Motion
EPF	European Parliamentary Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Health (formerly the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development)
EU	European Union
EuroNGO	European Non-Governmental Organisations for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FORWARD	Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development
FP	Family Planning
Fpa	Family Planning Association (UK)
FP2020	Family Planning 2020
FSRH	Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (King's College, London)
GE	General Elections
GGR	Global Gag Rule

GJC	Global Justice Center
GNI	Gross National Income
GP	General Practitioner
HoC	House of Commons
HoL	House of Lords
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HoC	House of Commons
HoL	House of Lords
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICAI	Independent Commission for Aid Impact
ID	International Development
IDA	International Development Association
IKWRO	Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation
IPCI ICPD PoA	International Parliamentary Conference on the Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IWD	International Women's Day
IYAFP	International Youth Alliance for Family Planning
L	Labour
LD	Liberal Democrat
LDCs	Less Developed Countries
LGBTQ+	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and questioning
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
LSTM	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
MMR	Maternal Mortality Rate
MoS	Minister of State
MP	Member of Parliament
MSc	Master of Science
MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières
MSI	Marie Stopes International
NA	Non-affiliated
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NHS	National Health Service
NI	Northern Ireland
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PoA	Programme of Action
PD	Population and Development
PF	Prosperity Fund (UK Government)
PMC	Population Media Centre
PMB	Private Member's Bill
PQs	Parliamentary Questions
PSN	Population and Sustainability Network
PUSS	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
RCM	Royal College of Midwives
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RMNCAH	Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health

SD	Sustainable Development
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
SoS	Secretary of State
STI	Sexual Transmitted Infection
SWOP	State of the World Population
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USA	United States of America
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
VNR	Voluntary National Review
WASH	Water, sanitation and hygiene
WHO	World Health Organization
XB	Cross Bencher

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