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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 new UK conservative Government is continuing its political and financial support on family planning and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Of particular concern this year however were international anti-choice powers including the election of President Donald Trump and his reinstatement and expansion of the Global Gag Rule and defunding of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Members of the UK APPG on PDRH have actively campaigned against this agenda via parliamentary debates and questions, meetings and letter writing with Ministers, by attending and speaking out at conferences and increased press activity.

Parliamentary activities also grew to strengthen UK Government support in humanitarian settings both within and outside of Europe, and to improve and involve relevant UK stakeholders in the SDG review processes. The high pricing on emergency contraception in the UK in various outlets have also received attention, which resulted in a stable common pricing this year.

Following the General Election in May 2016, all new MPs received an invitation to join the APPG on PDRH and in the autumn 2016, two study tours were organised to Sierra Leone and Greece refugee camps, which resulted in the recruitment of twelve new members.

I re-tabled my Private Member's Bill (PMB) to bring the age of marriage up to 18 in the UK. It proceeded through the House of Lords (HoL), but did not make it to the House of Commons (HoC) due to the General Election. Lord Shinkwin's PMB on abortion and disability was opposed in the HoL and thus progressed no further.

In March 2017, the UK finally made 'Relationships and Sex Education' compulsory for all schools, with a reformed statutory guidance on what this would look like.

In 2017/18 the APPG on PDRH will continue its recruitment of new members, scrutinise, monitor and hold the UK Government accountable to its political and financial commitments via PMBs, parliamentary questions (PQs), debates, conferences, meetings, letter writing and media activities.

Parliamentary hearings will be held in the autumn 2017 on abortion in the developing world and the UK, and the report launch is planned around International Women Day in March 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenny Tonge".

Dr Baroness 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 2016-2017 included Members of Parliament (MP) and Peers from the Conservatives (C), Liberal Democrats (LD), Labour (L), Scottish National Party (SNP) and the Crossbenches (XB).

The committee has been active in planning and running the APPG on PDRH's business.

Joint Chairs

Baroness Jenny Tonge (LD) Pauline Latham MP (C)



Vice Chairs

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Holly Lynch MP (L)



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Liz McInnes MP (L)



Virendra Sharma MP (L)



Kirsty Blackman MP (SNP)



Cat Smith MP (L)



Baroness Barker (LD)



Note Heather Wheeler MP was co-chair until October 2016, when she was appointed assistant whip and Pauline Latham MP was elected as the new Vice-chair

**Parliamentary and
Policy Advisor**

Ann Mette Kjaerby

**Parliamentary
Administrator and
Secretary**

Sarah Harvey-Kelly appointed 21st November 2016

**Other Human
Resource issues**

Emma Tucker completed a week's work experience in June 2016 and Ben Hunter moved on from being the APPG on PDRH's Parliamentary Researcher and Administrator in June 2016 to teach at a university and finish his PhD.

All staff were enrolled in February 2017 into the new obligatory pension scheme.

NEW APPG ON PDRH MEMBERS (APRIL 2016 - MARCH 2017)

The APPG on PDRH continue its parliamentary recruitment activities. This year, twelve new members were recruited via briefing meetings, targeted letter writing (50 letters) and study tours.

New members are:

- Ruth Cadbury MP:** Ruth Cadbury MP was elected as a Labour Party MP to the House of Commons (HoC) for Brentford and Isleworth in 2015. Since her election, she has been the Shadow Minister for Housing (2016-2017), and sat on the Women and Equalities Select Committee (2015-2017), and now sits on the Justice Select Committee. Prior to her election, Ruth Cadbury MP was a councillor for Brentford for 25 years. She actively campaigns on issues related to social justice and gender equality.
- Kate Green MP:** Kate Green MP was elected as a Labour Party MP for Stretford and Urmston in 2010. She is currently the chairperson of the Women's Parliamentary Labour Party and was Shadow Minister for Equalities (2011-2013 and 2015-2016). Prior to her election, Kate Green MP was Chief Executive of the Child Poverty Action Group and also served as a magistrate in the City of London. Her political interests include justice, equality, poverty and employment.
- Nusrat Ghani MP:** Nusrat Ghani MP was elected as a Conservative Party MP for Wealden in 2010. She is the Vice-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Thalidomide, is the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Home Office, sits of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, and was a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee (2015-2017). Prior to her election she worked for the charities Age UK and Breakthrough Breast Cancer, and then for the BBC World Service. Since entering Parliament, she has campaigned on various issues related to violence against women and gender equality.
- Liz McInnes MP:** Liz McInnes MP was elected as a Labour Party MP for Heywood and Middleton in 2014. She is currently the Shadow Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. She briefly sat on both the Science and Technology Select Committee and the Health Select Committee in 2015, before being promoted to Shadow Minister for Communities and local Government until 2016. Prior to her election, Liz McInnes MP worked as a councillor for Longholme (2010-2014), and was a senior biochemist at the Pennine Acute Hospitals National Health Service (NHS) Trust. Her interests lie in healthcare, science and technology, foreign affairs, social justice and women's health.
- Yasmin Qureshi MP:** Yasmin Qureshi MP is a barrister and was elected as a Labour Party MP for Bolton South East in 2010. She is currently the Shadow Minister for Justice. Prior to her election she was head of the criminal legal section of the UN Mission in Kosovo and chaired the Human Rights and Civil Liberties Working Group of the Association of Muslim

Lawyers. Her political interests include human rights, crime, education and young people.

- Liz Saville Roberts MP: Liz Saville Roberts MP was elected as a Plaid Cymru (PC) MP for Dwyfor Meirionnydd in 2015. She is PC Spokesperson for Women and Equalities, Justice and Home Affairs, and until May 2017 was PC Spokesperson for Health, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Education. Prior to her election, she was member of Gwynedd Council for Morfa Nefyn and Edern. Her political interests include crime, gender equality and foreign affairs.
- Alison Thewliss MP: Alison Thewliss MP was elected as a Scottish National Party (SNP) MP for Glasgow Central in 2015. From her election until 2017, she was a member of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee. Prior to her election she was a Glasgow city councillor for Calton, where she served as SNP's Spokesperson on Land and Environmental Services. Since entering Parliament she has campaigned on issues related to gender equality and justice.
- Lord Balfe: Lord Balfe has been a Conservative member of the House of Lords (HoL) since 2013. He currently sits on the HoL International Relations Committee. Prior to entering the HoL, Lord Balfe was a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from 1979 until 2004 for London. His interests lie in foreign affairs, health and the European Union (EU).
- Lord Hussain: Lord Hussain has been a Liberal Democrat member of the HoL since 2011 and was MP for Luton South from 2005 until 2010. He was a member of the HoL Extradition Law Committee (2014-2015). His political interests include human rights and foreign affairs.
- Lord Purvis: Lord Purvis was a Liberal Democrat Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) from 2003 until 2011, where he was Scottish Liberal Democrats' spokesperson for Justice and Home Affairs. He became a member of the HoL in 2013. Prior to being elected as an MSP, Lord Purvis worked in political affairs and communications, and also worked for Lord Steel when he was an MP in the HoC. Lord Purvis' interests lie in international development, conflict and peacebuilding.
- Baroness Sheehan: Baroness Sheehan has been a Liberal Democrat member of the HoL since 2015. She is the Liberal Democrats' Lords Spokesperson for International Development and sits on the EU Energy and Environment HoL Sub-Committee. Prior to entering the HoL, she was as a councillor for Richmond Borough Council, where she was a Cabinet member for climate change and sat on the Health Committee. Her interests lie in international development, foreign affairs, health and environment.
- Lord Wallace of Saltaire: Lord Wallace of Saltaire has been a Liberal Democrat member of the HoL since 1995. Since entering the HoL he has held various roles, including Lord-in-Waiting (2015-2010), Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Peers (2004-2010), and the Liberal Democrats' Lords Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs (2001-2004). Prior to entering

politics, Lord Wallace of Saltaire held academic positions at various prestigious universities where he specialised in foreign affairs.

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.

Objectives

- To raise the profile of population, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) including family planning in Parliament and internationally;
- To provide parliamentary backing to the Secretary of State (SS) 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;
- In consultation with government departments, international agencies and foundations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), to assess how the UK might respond to requests from outside for support, 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 seven committee meetings between April 2016 and March 2017:

9th May 2016

4th July 2016 (Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Committee Meeting)

17th October 2016

28th November 2016

23rd January 2017 – rescheduled to 1st February 2017

6th March 2017

24th April 2017

Please find agendas and committee meeting minutes enclosed as appendix 1

APPG on PDRH Parliamentary Briefing Meetings

This year, 14 parliamentary briefing meetings/receptions were co-organised by the APPG on PDRH, where members were briefed on topical population-, reproductive and maternal health-, family planning- and international development issues, to support parliamentary advocacy activities.

International Parliamentary Union (IPU) Nepal MP meeting, 20th April 2016, HoC, London

The IPU hosted a Nepalese Parliamentary delegation for one week in April 2016. Visiting MPs included: Onsari Gharti Magar (Leader); Chinkaji Shrestha; Bhanu Bhakta Dhakal; Hit Raj Pandey; Dil Nath Giri; Manohar Prasad Bhattarai and Mukunda Sharma.

The APPG on PDRH was contacted by the IPU to meet with the members as a follow up to the 2011 study tour to the country. As well as discussing SRHR issues of common interest with members, the Nepalese delegation was introduced to the UK Parliamentary system and held high profile meetings with Ambassadors, the Speaker of the UK HoC, and UK Ministers. They also met Virendra Sharma MP, Chair of the UK APPG on Nepal.

Please find enclosed Nepal parliamentary delegation programme and CVs as appendix 2

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) meeting on their 'Leading Safe Choices' project, 26th May 2016, HoC, London

Members of the APPG on PDH met with Professor Lesley Regan, President of the RCOG, and Programme Director and Professor Alison Fiander, clinical leader of the 'Leading Safe Choices project', a project that seeks to improve family planning and abortion care in both South Africa and Tanzania. A discussion followed on the topic, how to best disseminate information about the Best Practice Papers, and obstacles to safe abortion services both abroad and in the UK. Full information on the RCOG Leading Safe Choices Project is available here: <https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/global-network/global-health-projects-and-partnerships/leading-safe-choices/>

To complement the project, RCOG produced some Best Practice Papers available here: <https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/global-network/global-health-projects-and-partnerships/leading-safe-choices/how-will-we-implement-the-programme/best-practice-papers/>

International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and SRHR NGO World Population Day reception, 11th July 2016, HoL, London

The APPG on PDRH co-hosted the above event with IPPF and SRHR NGOs: the Commonwealth Medical Trust (COMMAT), Health Poverty Action, Institute of Development Studies, Marie Stopes International (MSI), Plan UK, Population Sustainability Network (PSN), SafeHands for Mothers, Save the Children, Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), White Ribbon Alliance and Women and Children First UK.

This year's World Population Day theme was: 'Investing in teenage girls'. Teenage girls around the world face enormous challenges. Many are considered by their parents to be ready for marriage and motherhood. Many are forced from school, which damages their future prospects. Even for girls who stay in school, access to basic information about health, human rights and reproductive rights can be hard to come by, leaving them vulnerable to illness, injury and exploitation.

Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed parliamentarians, ambassadors, NGO and Trusts representatives and other distinguished guests to this annual reception. Key note speakers at this year's reception were Nick Hurd MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for International Development (PUSS for ID); Tewodros Melesse, Director General, IPPF; Dr Lama Mouakea, Executive Director (ED) from the Syrian Family Planning Association (SFPA); and Dr Volker Sydow, Global Director, Sexual Wellbeing, Durex. Networking followed the presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation and handouts as appendix 3

Dr Lama Mouakey, IPPF Syrian representative luncheon, 11th July 2016, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge hosted Dr Lama Mouakey for a luncheon in Parliament prior to the evening's World Population Day reception. Dr Lama Mouakey shared her work on the SFPA, which is the leading agency promoting awareness of family planning and delivering services to the community in Syria. International indices show that Syria faces a number of major SRHR challenges, including gender-based violence (GBV) in particular. SFPA delivers high quality, extensive SRHR services via its network of 17 static clinics, 3 mobile units, and 3 associated agencies. A number of these are run in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and other related governmental and NGOs.

Much of SFPA's work to date has involved information, education and communication (IEC) work and advocacy to create greater understanding and a more favourable environment towards the idea of family planning. With basic knowledge of modern contraception now common (shared by about 94% of women of reproductive age), SFPA is developing a whole new range of programmes which will enable women and young people to make informed (and economically beneficial) choices about their own SRH and fertility.

Dr Bircha, Director of Reproductive Health, Nepal Government and MSI luncheon and guided tour of Parliament, 25th July 2016, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Baroness Barker hosted Dr Bircha for a luncheon and a tour of Parliament in conjunction with his visit to MSI's head office and clinics in the UK. Over the luncheon Dr Bircha learned the workings of the APPG on PDRH and shared his work in Nepal. MSI Nepal is one of the leading providers of SRHR services, performing more than 75% of all safe abortion services in the country. It is estimated that 100,000 unsafe abortions were prevented through MSI Nepal's work. MSI Nepal supports the Government of Nepal in its goal to reduce maternal mortality rates (MMR), including via the increased usage of modern contraception. Diverse channels are used to ensure that women across Nepal in different living

situations are able to access affordable family planning services. What was just a few centres has now extended to 36 centres in Nepal, across 32 districts. Outreach work is also extensive in Nepal.

Result UK and Concern Worldwide: Reproductive Health and Nutrition in Malawi, India and Pakistan briefing meeting, 28th November 2016, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH hosted a briefing with Result UK and Concern Worldwide, where Tisungeni Zimpita, National Coordinator for the Scaling-Up Nutrition movement, and colleagues presented their latest research on nutrition programmes and their impact on policy and development.

The briefing drew on the importance of 'continuum quality of care', from pregnancy till adolescence, and good nutrition in order to improve health worldwide. The need for better integration of nutrition into maternal, neonatal and child health programmes was recommended. Questions were raised on how much government support these programmes received nationally and whether services could be provided locally to mothers. The meeting terminated with an agreement on the possibility of requesting, in conjunction with the peers in the APPG on Agriculture & Food for Development, a question for short debate in the HoL or written questions on the issue.

Written questions were agreed upon and tabled as follows:

*Department for International Development
Malawi: Overseas Aid*

To ask Her Majesty's Government (HMG) what action is being taken to ensure the improvement of lives of the poorest in Malawi, and especially persons in vulnerable categories such as women and children.

Answered by: Lord Bates

Answered on: 02 December 2016

In line with the Government's manifesto commitments, we are supporting over 70,000 girls in Malawi this year to receive an education, we will have saved 6,000 women's lives from childbirth related deaths by 2018, and we are providing support in food security, agriculture and economic development, so that those most in need have an opportunity to escape poverty. Furthermore, the UK has been working with the police, lower level courts and community based organisations to increase access to justice and improve safety and security at the community level for 400,000 women.

During his recent visit, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, James Wharton MP, lobbied the Government of Malawi to ensure that reforms are delivered to maximise the impact of UKAid on the vulnerable, including maize market reform so that poor families have access to affordable food. He also announced additional UK humanitarian support for over 750,000 vulnerable people.

Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development (FORWARD) event – Men Speak Out: a reflection on African men's views on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Belgium, the Netherlands and the UK, 8th December 2016, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH co-hosted the above report launch on African men's views on FGM in Belgium, the Netherlands and the UK. The audience heard from 3 speakers. Fabienne Richard, Men Speak Out Project Coordinator, GAMS Belgium presented the project; Sarah O'Neill, Postdoctoral researcher Institute of Tropical Medicine spoke on Men having a role to play, but they don't play it!; Solomon Zewolde, Researcher, FORWARD then presented an insight from the UK research experience and was followed by Naana Otoo-Oyortey, ED of FORWARD. A lively question and answer session followed.

Ruth Cadbury MP was sent a link to the research as requested, as she was unable to attend the meeting.

The report is available here: http://forwarduk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/MSO-Study_final.pdf

The European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF), IPPF and MSI meeting on the US Administration and SRHR funding, 12th December 2016, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH organised the above briefing meeting with Neil Datta, EPF; Matthew Lindley, IPPF and Sarah Shaw, MSI, to update members on the implications of President Trump's extended Global Gag Rule on family planning and SRHR funding. Speakers presented US' policies and funding figures on SRHR in the past, present and future. A question and answer session followed presentations, along with a discussion on UK funding and the latest Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) bill, passing through the HoC at the time.

The Unreachables NGO - Jenna Shanks, ED meeting on FGM, 11th January 2017, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Sarah Harvey-Kelly met with Jenna Shanks to discuss FGM strategies upon her request, as a follow up to the FORWARD FGM meeting hosted on 28th November 2016. The meeting focused on advocacy and alternative channels for funding charities and FGM programmes in the UK, especially school and teacher based programmes. Jenna Shanks also raised the possibility of bringing charities and celebrities together to raise the impetus to tackle the issue.

IPPF and MSI strategy meeting with MPs/Peers, 6th February 2017, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Holly Lynch MP met with Matthew Lindley, IPPF, Bethan Copley and colleagues to discuss the future and possibly collaborative activities. Discussions were held around the Trump Administration and the Global Gag Rule; Department for International Development (DFID) Select Committee activities; DFID Ministerial team and SRHR funding; planned APPG on PDRH study tours, hearings, the press luncheon, as well and future collaborative campaign activities.

UK Ambassador to El Salvador meeting and luncheon, 6th February 2017, HoC, London

Holly Lynch MP and Karl Turner MP hosted the UK Ambassador to El Salvador for a luncheon in the UK Parliament, as a follow up to the EPF study tour to El Salvador in January 2017. The Ambassador also attended the IPPF and MSI strategy meeting with MPs/Peers and gave a short briefing on abortion in El Salvador. Holly Lynch MP and Karl Turner MP subsequently held a meeting with Priti Patel MP, SS for ID on the subject of abortion in El Salvador in private as a follow up to the luncheon.

Joint APPG Global Health event on The European and Developing Countries Trial Partnerships (EDCTP), 27th February 2017, HoC, London

Daniel Poulter MP, Chair, the APPG Global Health hosted the above event in partnership with the APPG on PDRH and other health and development APPGs. The EDCTP is an African-European partnership, which aims to support collaborative research that accelerates the clinical development of new or improved interventions. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) statistics (2015), lower respiratory infections are responsible for approximately 2.7 million deaths globally; HIV for 1.1 million; tuberculosis for 1.8 million, diarrhoeal diseases for 0.5 million (in children <5 years) and malaria for 438,000. Most of these deaths are in low-income countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa where the burden of infectious diseases is highest. In addition to this, multiple parasitic and other 'neglected' tropical diseases affect many millions of people. EDCTP aims to support collaborative research that accelerates the clinical development of new or improved interventions that prevent or treat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis,

malaria and neglected infectious diseases that have the potential to make a real difference to the lives of millions of people across sub-Saharan Africa. The meeting shared first-hand information on some of the life changing outcomes from the partnership. The work of EDCTP was introduced by the EDCTP Board Chairperson, Dr Mark Palmer, and the ED, Dr Michael Makanga. Speakers also included: Dr Veronica Mulenga, Paediatrician at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia; Professor Diana Gibb, Programme Leader of the Paediatric Programme of trials and cohorts at the MRC Clinical Trials Unit at University College London, UK; and an African patient representative. A panel discussion was held on the value of partnerships in generating valuable new evidence on medical interventions against poverty-related diseases with Dr Leonardo Simão, EDCTP High Representative for Africa; Professor Marcel Tanner, EDCTP High Representative for Europe; Dr Cissy Kityo, Deputy ED of the Joint Clinical Research Centre, Uganda; Dr Line Matthiessen, Acting Director for Health Research in the Directorate General Research & Innovation at the European Commission.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 4

Joint APPG on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) event on Malaria, NTD and Pregnancy, 14th March 2017, HoC, London

Jeremy Lefroy MP, Chair APPG on Malaria and NTD hosted the above event in collaboration with the APPG on PDRH. The meeting encompassed a discussion on gender and malaria & NTDs, specifically looking at how to address the women and girls agenda in the battle against malaria and NTDs. Around the world differences in social roles and family structures often result in women exposed to different risks and outcomes of health interventions, like those for malaria and NTD's compared with men. The power imbalance between genders in many communities, particularly regarding access to and use of resources, means women are often disadvantaged in decision-making both for themselves and their families and are less able to access formal care. Instead, many women delay care or use informal care, which can exacerbate conditions and consequences later down the road.

Guest speakers at the meeting included Professor Sarah Hawkes, Director, University College London, Centre for Gender and Global Health, who spoke on Gender in Global Health; Christian Rassi, Malaria Consortium who spoke on "Barriers to Uptake of Intermittent Preventative Treatment of Malaria in Pregnancy"; and Dr Fiona Fleming, Schistosomiasis Control Initiative, Imperial College who presented "The Role and Impact of Women in Community based NTD Programmes".

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 5

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) meeting on Cervical Cancer in the Developing World and Health System Strengthening, 15th March 2017, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge hosted the above briefing meeting, where Nelly Enwerem-Bromson, Director of the IAEA's Programme of Action on Cancer Therapy (PACT) briefed members on the unique role the agency has and the UN's collective efforts to maximise positive impact in poor countries to strengthen cancer care in health systems. The IAEA PACT is a joint UN programme between the IAEA, the WHO, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer. Of the IAEA's Member States (168 as of February 2016), many join the IAEA for support related to health and cancer related projects, especially low and middle income countries.

Currently, cancer is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Each year, cancer kills more than 8 million people worldwide, 60% of which are in the developing world. Although 250% more deaths are attributable to cancer than to HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria

combined, there is still limited awareness of this growing global health crisis, its impact on the developing world and the limited funding available for its prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Cervical cancer is a major killer of women of all ages in the developing countries, particularly on the African continent. Prevention work, particularly through Human Papilloma Virus vaccine programmes, in addition to proper treatment, have the potential to save many lives including those of women, and build healthier homes/communities for their children and families.

PACT services are always at the request of the Ministerial level in low and middle income countries world-wide and include assessment of country needs in cancer control, national planning and implementation of key priorities including health-workforce development through many different educational modalities (e-Learning, workshops, fellowships and such). PACT also plays an important role in outreach to partners and the broader international community to address the needs related to cancer in low resource settings.

Please find enclosed invitation and PowerPoint presentation as appendix 6

Other Briefing Meetings

APPG on PDRH members and staff attended 13 external family planning and SRHR briefing meetings this year.

British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) meeting on decriminalising abortion across the UK, 12th April 2016, HoC, London

Diana Johnson MP in collaboration with BPAS, the Royal College of Midwives, the Family Planning Association, Women's Aid, The British Society of Abortion Care Providers, and Fawcett Society hosted the above event, calling for abortion to be removed from criminal law. Speakers at the briefing included: Dr Kate Guthrie, Medical Expert on SRH; Suzanne Tyler, Director of Services to Members at the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) and Ann Furedi, Chief Executive (CE), BPAS. A discussion followed the presentations on the problems that the current law presents for women and healthcare providers. It is nearly 50 years since the UK 1967 Abortion Act was passed, and the legal framework around abortion care is now vastly out-of-step with advances in clinical practice and society's values today. The above organisations were calling for abortion to be removed from criminal law and regulated like all other medical procedures.

Please find enclosed invitation and briefing as appendix 7

APPG on SRH briefing on abortion services in the UK, 26th April 2016, HoC, London

Members attended the above APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) event. The meeting addressed the future of abortion services, as the 1967 Abortion Act approaches its 50th anniversary. Participants focussed on whether the Act remains fit for purpose and explored whether there was a need for legal reform in order to achieve the highest standards of access and care. Key note speakers at the event were: Dr Kate Guthrie, Medical Expert for SHRH at Public Health England; Ann Furedi, CE of BPAS and Dr Sheelagh McGuinness, Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Bristol.

A discussion followed the presentations on the current legal framework and its benefits and limitations; whether the decriminalisation of abortion or abortion law reform is necessary or desirable; and how a reformed system could work in the best interests of patients and healthcare professionals.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 8

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) roundtable press conference on Syria, 4th May 2016, Royal Society, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the above roundtable event, which brought together leading civil society actors and a small number of selected journalists to discuss the growing humanitarian crisis facing young girls and women displaced by the Syrian conflict. More than 5 million women and young girls at the time were affected by the Syrian conflict, (4 million in Syria and 1.2 million outside) and nearly half a million of this group were pregnant. Women and girls are the most vulnerable victims during conflict and face increasing threats of child and forced marriage and sexual exploitation. In addition to this, there are growing pressures to ordinary life" issues, such as pregnancy and childbirth.

Dr Babatunde, The United Nations Under-Secretary-General and UNFPA's ED, opened the round table meeting by presenting an overview of the current crisis and the urgent need for action. Selected journalists attended along with some leading civil society actors. A short networking opportunity followed the event.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 9

Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) midpoint event, 29th June 2016, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Baroness Uddin attended the above event, where progress and accountability of FP2020 were discussed. The event was held following the first day of FP2020's Reference Group meeting in London, and started with a dynamic question-and-answer session between youth advocates and members of FP2020's Reference Group. This was an opportunity to celebrate achievements through the work of many FP2020 partners around the globe, and to ask challenging questions around how stakeholders can collectively accelerate progress in the remaining four years of the FP2020 partnership, and to ensure that the family planning promises are upheld and accelerated.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 10

Indo-British APPG dowry inquiry, 13th July 2016, HoC, London



Indo-British All-Party Parliamentary Group 2017

Virendra Sharma MP hosted an inquiry into dowry in the UK this year, which some members attended. Virendra Sharma MP has been campaigning for the banning of the dowry system in the UK for many years, as it leaves women vulnerable to domestic violence and is open to abuse. The final dowry report is expected in the autumn 2017.

APPG on Malaria and NTD event on the Humanitarian situation globally, 12th September 2016, HoC, London



Stephen O'Brien, UN Under Secretary General (USG) for Humanitarian Affairs

Several members attended the above event, where Stephen O'Brien, UN Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, briefed members on the humanitarian situation globally and took questions thereafter.

The briefing was topical and reminded members that women are disproportionately affected in conflict and humanitarian crisis and are at a heightened risk of maternal and neonatal mortality and sexual violence in fragile states and emergency settings. Over 50% of the 536,000 maternal deaths each year occur in fragile states where the average health spend is just US\$9 per person per year. Rape and forced pregnancy as a tactic in conflicts have also been documented in a number of conflict-affected countries including Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Sudan.

Numerous members have raised the subject of conflict and SRHR. An example was Baroness Jenny Tonge's speech in Lord Raj Loomba's HoL debate on the effect of conflict in fragile state in September 2016. Her speech focused on how conflict affects the lives of women, particularly those of reproductive age. See full debate here: <https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2016-09-15/debates/2C78FF90-F5B8-485C-8AC0-B7836A41A6A8/ConflictInFragileStates>

Reference was made to abortion, child marriage, contraception and family planning in refugee camps.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 11

MSI and HIV/AIDS Alliance project with young people, 12th September 2016, HoC, London

Several members attended the above event hosted by Baroness Barker. Christine Stegling, ED of HIV/AIDS Alliance, and five youth leaders from Uganda, Ethiopia, Burundi, Myanmar and Bangladesh celebrated the achievements of the 'Link Up' project. This project has enabled 940 000 young people aged 10-24, most affected by HIV/AIDS in these countries, to take control of their SRHR. At the event Baroness Jenny Tonge and Baroness Barker met with Lambert Grinjs, Special Ambassador on SRHR & HIV/AIDS from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. Viscount Craigavon kindly escorted and showed the youth leaders around the UK Parliament prior to the event.

Please find enclosed invitation to the event as appendix 12

UNFPA briefing meeting, HoL, 19th October 2017, London

Several members attended Baroness Deech's briefing meeting with Dr Babatunde, ED of UNFPA. The meeting was hosted to discuss the work of UNFPA and focused on global achievements and challenges in the areas of population and development, and collaboration with the UK.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 13

UNFPA State of the World Population report launch, 20th October 2016, The Royal Society, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ben Hunter attended above launch with Dr Babatunde as the keynote speaker. The focus of this year's report from UNFPA was the impact of conflict, natural disasters and other humanitarian emergencies on the health and wellbeing of women and girls, who are often neglected or disproportionately affected due to their specific and complex needs, particularly in the area of SRHR.

Over one quarter of the estimated 100 million people globally living in humanitarian crisis settings are women and girls of reproductive age (15-49). They often find themselves in vulnerable situations, and can be subjected to physical and sexual violence, including rape. Basic services, such as adequate child birthing facilities and family planning are frequently lacking or non-existent, putting this group at particular risk of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), including HIV/AIDS, and maternal health problems, consequently increasing rates of MMR to unacceptably high levels.

The report called for a paradigm shift in the global response to humanitarian crises, involving greater emphasis on prevention, preparedness and building the resilience of nations, communities, institutions and individuals.

Please find enclosed invitation and report front -, content -, and executive summary as appendix 14

British Council report launch "Gender Equality and Empowering All Women and Girls, Meeting the Challenge of the SDGs in the UK", 24th October 2016, London

Several members attended the above report launch, panel discussion and reception. The event was hosted by Maria Miller MP, Chair of the Women and Equalities select committee, who presented, how the UK can meet the SDG on gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls globally. The panel then discussed the findings and recommendations of the British Council's new publication, 'Gender Equality and Empowering Women and Girls: Meeting the Challenge of the Sustainable Development Goals in the UK', a comprehensive study of the UK landscape for women and girls.

Championing the rights of women and girls to empower them to reach their own potential and have their voices heard in their communities is a key priority in the SDGs. Despite the essential role of women and girls in building security and prosperity, women and girls continue to face exclusion and oppression globally. Violence and abuse, restricted access to education and the workplace, underrepresentation in leadership roles, and health and welfare inequalities continue to blight the lives of women and girls. Through analysing the strengths and weaknesses of gender equality in the UK, the panel discussed how the UK can use success stories to support others and what the UK can learn from experiences around the world.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 15

APPG on UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SD) event with Dr David Nabarro, UN Special Advisor on the 2030 Agenda for SD, 7th December 2016, HoC, London



Dr David Nabarro, UN Special Advisor on the 2013 SDG agenda

Several members attended the above event chaired by Wendy Morton MP and Lord Jack McConnell, Chairs of the APPG on SDGs, supported by Bond. Dr David Nabarro was appointed as special adviser at the end of 2015 to work with member states and other relevant stakeholders to galvanise action on implementing the SDGs, while also overseeing the Secretary-General's special initiatives, for example, "Every Woman Every Child". At this event, he presented his role and activities. A question and answer session followed.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 16

The RCM report launch: 'The State of Maternity Services', 7th February 2017, HoC, London

Several members attended the above report launch where Cathy Warwick, RCM CEO spoke. The report noted the changes in demographics of both midwives and mothers, with both groups aging. The training and recruiting of new midwives is essential. In terms of staffing, maternity services face huge challenges, with a shortage of around 3,500 midwives, and as over 1,300 staff come from elsewhere in the European Union (EU), things will be challenging with Brexit. In every region of England, since 2001, there has been a rise of over 12,000 in the number of babies born to women aged at least 40 who need more care during pregnancy than younger women.

Full report is available here: <https://www.rcm.org.uk/state-of-maternity-services-2016>

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 17

APPG on Human Rights - Ross Kemp documentary screening: "Libya's Migrant Hell", 22nd February 2017, HoL, London

Several members attended the above event chaired by Ann Clwyd MP. This latest documentary, "Libya's Migrant Hell", exposed the horrific journey that migrants are taking through Libya in an attempt to reach Europe. Ross Kemp and his team gained unprecedented access to the desert regions run by tribal militias to follow migrants through the Sahara up to the coast, a journey that continues to result in the death of so many people. The film also explored how the collapse of Libya has contributed to the current European migrant crisis. The film highlighted the suffering of trapped migrants and noted what the UK Government and the wider international community can do to engage with Libyan authorities and others to stop more people dying. The screening was followed by a question and answer session with Ross Kemp.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 18

European Meetings

European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)



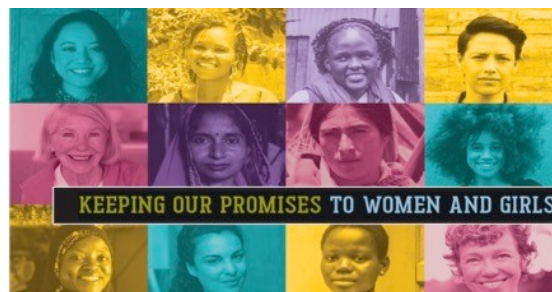
Collaboration between the APPG on PDRH and EPF remains strong. Parliamentary advocacy activities have been shared online, discussed over the phone and at meetings and conferences.



Dr Babatunde, UNFPA ED with EPF parliamentarians, UK Parliament

Of particular importance this year was the EPF Parliamentary luncheon and consultation with UNFPA's ED Dr Babatunde, hosted by the APPG on PDRH in the UK Parliament on 4th May 2016. The one day meeting saw MPs from Austria, Belgium, France, Finland, Portugal, Sweden and the UK discuss financing of the ICPD and SRHR agenda in an SDG World.

Also of interest this year, were the joint activities in response to President Donald Trump's reinstatement and expansion of the Global Gag Rule. 357 parliamentarians from countries in Africa, Europe and Latin America signed a PAI initiative on a high level statement opposing the Global Gag Rule. 8 UK Parliamentarians signed the statement.



Throughout the year EPF has been updated on UK APPG on PDRH parliamentary activities and the EPF has shared European intelligence in connection with the Global Gag Rule and European parliamentary campaign activities.

Of particular interest to EPF was Priti Patel MP, SS for ID statement of support for family planning in May 2016 after the UK General Election and her speech at the conservative party conference in October 2016, where she reiterated her support for family planning. The conservative party blogger Alex Morton's support for family planning in September 2016 was also of interest, as was Baroness Barker's article on the Global Gag Rule, Caroline Lucas MP's Early Day Motion (EDM) on the same subject, Baroness Jenny Tonge's written PQs on SRHR and the welcoming ministerial replies.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 19

All EPF study tours and conference invitations have been circulated to members and in April 2016 Baroness Uddin and Baroness Hussein-Ece were enrolled to participate in the World Bank and IMF Global Parliamentary Conference in Washington DC and UN Commission on Population and Development in New York. Baroness Hussein-Ece unfortunately did not obtain a visa in time so had to cancel her attendance. John Woodcock MP was registered to participate in the G7 Parliamentary Conference in Japan in April 2016, but unfortunately cancelled his attendance due to Parliamentary duties and in September 2016 Bob Blackman MP showed an interest in the EPF study tour to Romania with World Vision, but also sent his apologies. In December 2016 John Mann MP attended and spoke at the annual meeting of the Ouagadougou Partnership, Abidjan supported by EPF (further information is available in the conference section of this report).

In September 2016 Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the EPF Gates strategy meeting in Brussels to discuss project activities and reporting.

In October 2016 all partners including EPF received a press statement from Baroness Jenny Tonge counteracting inaccurate and false media coverage regarding her and an event she hosted in the HoL.

EPF conference for European APPG Secretariats, 17th – 18th November 2016, Ljubljana, Slovenia



APPG on Population and Development secretariats meeting, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the annual parliamentary secretariat retreat in Ljubljana, Slovenia together with thirty-one other EPF APPG secretariats. The annual gathering brought together those working with parliamentarians on SRHR at the national level as well as representatives from UNFPA and IPPF. During the two-day meeting, participants reflected on work with parliamentarians over the past year and looked ahead at plans for 2017. Central to the meeting was an exchange of best practice and strategising on how to best promote SRHR in the current international political landscape.

Participants heard special presentations on the upcoming G7 parliamentarians' conference on population and development, which were planned for Rome in early May, and plans for the planned December 2016 launch of the latest edition of Euromapping.

Please find enclosed agenda as appendix 20

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 organisations.

EuroNGO's e-mail lists and disseminated daily press cuttings ensure that the UK APPG on PDRH members are updated on new and relevant campaigns.

Information of particular interest to members has been circulated via e-mail throughout the year (please see general written briefing section for further information).

In June 2016 Ann Mette Kjaerby provided feedback to the EuroNGO one-page High Level Political Forum (HLPF) recommendations, and in August 2016 responded to the EuroNGO online consultation for the review of the European consensus for Development, as requested.

EuroNGO's AGM: "A Strong Start - SRHR in the 2030 Agenda", 4th – 5th October 2016, Paris, France

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended EuroNGO's AGM in Paris, which remains an excellent platform for sharing experiences, networking and obtaining information on new SRHR campaigns and advocacy activities in Europe, as well as further afield.



EuroNGO AGM, Paris, France

This year's conference focused on taking a strong stand on SRHR in the SDGs. Hosted by Le Planning Familial, 165 attendees came together to discuss how to ensure that the SRHR community effectively engages in the implementation, follow-up and review of the SDGs. The conference programme is available here:

http://www.eurongos.org/fileadmin/files/2016Eurongos_conference_programme_website.pdf

Critically, the conference provided space to discuss the changing geopolitical landscape, SRHR within that, and the increasing opposition. The conference brought forward the urgency of responding to this shifting context, and explored strategies on how to collaboratively address this in the coming years.

The conference report summarises the key outcomes and recommendations and is available here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BympwfwjZI7WMEZtYXIPYmg5SVU/view>

The highlights of the conference were also captured in a video to be seen here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETSIQv9s_8c&feature=youtu.be

The conference joint statement is available here:

http://www.eurongos.org/fileadmin/files/Joint_Statement_EuroNGOS_2016_conference_Final_for_upload.pdf

Study Tours

Sierra Leone, 5th – 12th November 2016

This year the APPG on PDRH initiated and planned a study tour to Bangladesh with the aim of engaging new parliamentarians and sensitising current APPG on PDRH members. Ruth Cadbury MP, John Mann MP, Karl Turner MP, and Virendra Sharma MP were enrolled to participate, but the terror attack in Dhaka in July 2016 resulted in the study tour being rearranged to Ethiopia and invitations were re-circulated. Lord Balfe, Lord Oates and Lord Purvis were recruited to participate, but in October 2016 the Government of Ethiopia declared a state of emergency and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) advised against all travel to the country. The study tour was again rearranged and the final destination became Sierra Leone with Baroness Jenny Tonge leading the delegation with Liz McInnes MP, John Mann MP (who unfortunately fell ill a few days prior to departure), Baroness Sheehan and Lord Hussain.



Kim Dickson, UNFPA representative Sierra Leone and UK delegation in SL Parliament

The study tour was hosted by UNFPA, Sierra Leone.



UK delegation with UNFPA representative and staff, UNFPA office, Freetown

Prior to departure, the delegation was briefed in the UK Parliament by representatives from DFID, IPPF and MSI, and whilst visiting Sierra Leone delegates were briefed by the UK High Commissioner and in-country DFID staff, the UNFPA representative and staff, the UN Resident coordinator and UN Chief of Security, Sierra Leone MPs, the Minister for Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone health officials, government hospital directors, statisticians, rural health clinicians and staff, MSI Sierra Leone and IPPF Sierra Leone member's association representatives and staff, and teachers from the national midwifery and anaesthetic schools. Delegates also met local community leaders and volunteers.



UK delegation with UN Resident Coordinator and Security Chief, UN office

Delegates also met with Priti Patel MP, the SS for ID at the British High Commissioner's residence.



UK delegation at the Girls' Club, Rokel, Western Rural



Baroness Sheehan and Lord Hussain at MSSL clinic, Freetown

The UK delegation visited the main maternity and obstetric hospital in Freetown at Princess Christian Maternity Hospital, the national school of midwifery and anaesthetist nurses, the Aberdeen women's centre, Planned Parenthood Association for Sierra Leone's (PPASL) clinic in Dwarzak and an outreach clinic nearby, the Girls' Club in Rokel and Newton, the Sierra Leone statistics unit, the husband's school in Binkolo, the school of midwifery in Makeni and Marie Stopes Sierra Leone (MSSL) clinics in Makeni and Freetown.

Delegates also visited the Sierra Leone Parliament in Freetown where they met members of the Sierra Leone Parliament



UK delegation in Sierra Leone Parliament in front of a poster with Jo Cox MP and a remembrance message

During the study tour, delegates were exposed to an array of family planning and maternal health care services within the Sierra Leone health care system, including ante-natal, intra-partum and post-partum care, emergency obstetric care, support services for unsafe abortions,

obstetric fistula, cervical cancers, GBV including FGM, child marriage and domestic violence. This wide exposure allowed delegates to understand the challenges existing within the health system and broader ID issues.



Liz McInnes MP and Baroness Tonge with volunteers and community leaders, Dwasak

Additional topics discussed included the UK Government and other stakeholder's priorities and initiatives in the country following the Ebola crises and the Sierra Leone Government's plans for progress in the agricultural, tourist, health and social sector.



UK delegation with the Minister of Health and Sanitation, Freetown

As a follow up to the study tour, numerous written questions were tabled by Baroness Jenny Tonge and Liz McInnes MP made reference to the study tour in the debate "UN International Day: Violence against Women" in Westminster on the 8th of December, and in the debate "UK-West Africa Relations" in Westminster on the 25th of January.

In the first debate Liz McInnes MP described her meeting with Parliamentarians from Sierra Leone, and the difficulties the Sierra Leonean Government face both in banning FGM below the age of 18 and in introducing a requirement for "consent" on FGM. In the second debate, Liz McInnes MP referred to her visit in Sierra Leone and commended the UK Government's efforts in addressing the Ebola outbreak, and highlighted the importance of retaining the Government's commitment to spending 0.7% of the GNI on aid every year.

In February 2017 Baroness Jenny Tonge communicated with Ann Gloag, the founder of the Aberdeen Women's Hospital in Freetown and a follow up meeting in Parliament is expected. Baroness Sheehan and Lord Hussain joined the APPG on PDRH after the study tour.

Full study tour report is available here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

Athens, Greece study tour, 2nd – 5th December 2016



Greece study tour delegation: Baroness Northover, Baroness Tonge, Baroness Jenkin, Baroness Hodgson, Lord Purvis, Baroness Uddin and Baroness Barker, Acropolis, Athens, Greece

The APPG on PDRH also organised a study tour to Athens, Greece 3rd- 4th December 2016 this year, with a cross party UK parliament delegation. The delegation included: Baroness Jenny Tonge, Baroness Jenkin, Baroness Barker, Baroness Uddin, Baroness Northover, Baroness Hodgson and Lord Purvis.

The study tour was again co-hosted by UNFPA with support from Merck & Co (MSD) Greece.

The aim of this study tour was to strengthen UK Parliamentarians knowledge of family planning, and SRHR service provisions in refugee settings and enhance the membership of the UK APPG on PDRH.



UK delegation at the Migrant and Refugee Accommodation facility (refugee camp) in Oenofyta

The delegation visited the Migrant and Refugee Accommodation facility (refugee camp) at the old Hellenic air-force base on the outskirts of Athens. At the camp, delegates saw the living conditions, met and spoke to refugees whom were mainly from Afghanistan and were briefed by the Doctors of the World (MDM) Greece staff on health service provisions in the camp. Later

that day, the delegates were briefed and met with a large group of organisations working and supporting refugees in camps in Greece.



UK delegation NGO briefing, Hydra Restaurant, Athens

In the evening delegates visited Victoria Square in the centre of Athens, where many refugees congregate. They also visited the Faros 'blue dot' centre for women and children, an unaccompanied minors (boys) drop-in centre and a hostel near the square where they had the opportunity to meet with staff supporting the vulnerable women and young boys living in and around the square.



*UK delegation, Victoria Square, Athens
UK delegation, 'blue dot' centre, Victoria Square, Athens*

The following day a visit was made to the Alexandra Central Government Hospital maternity unit, which was a referral hospital for refugees needing delivery and specialised health service provisions



UK parliamentary delegation at the Alexandra Central Government Hospital, Athens

As a follow up to the study tour delegates tabled numerous written questions.

Examples:

Baroness Jenny Tonge: To ask HMG what action they will take to ensure that the UN Population Fund's requirement for \$2.996 million to provide SRH and gender-based violence services in Greece, as set out on page 66 of the UNHCR Regional Refugee and Migration Response Plan for Europe January to December 2017, is met; and how much they will contribute towards meeting this requirement.

Answered by: Lord Bates

DFID is providing £4.7 million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to deliver the 2017 Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan for Europe. This includes protection from sexual and gender based violence and supports access to SRH services in Greece but is not earmarked to a specific agency.

Baroness Jenny Tonge:

To ask HMG what proportion of UK aid to refugees in Greece is earmarked for SRH, including access to hospital maternity services.

Answered by: Lord Bates

DFID funding supports improved access to health care for refugees in Greece, according to need. We do not earmark funding for particular health services. Our support provides access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, including maternity services such as medical services for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Baroness Jenny Tonge: To ask HMG whether they will support the procurement of essential SRHR health commodities, including modern family planning methods, for all refugees in Greece.

Answered by: Lord Bates

DFID supports access to SRH services for refugees in Greece. This includes provision of essential commodities, including family planning methods.

Baroness Jenny Tonge: To ask HMG what support they are giving to unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors in Greece.

Answered by: Lord Bates

DFID supports safe accommodation spaces for unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors in Greece where children benefit from essential support. To date, we have supported more than 500 spaces.

Baroness Jenny Tonge: To ask HMG whether they give financial or other support to the Faros project in Greece which provides accommodation for young refugee boys who are at risk of sexual exploitation.

Answered by: Lord Bates

The UK provides funding for safe spaces for unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors in Greece. This includes support to the Faros-run shelter in Athens.

Baroness Jenny Tonge: To ask HMG what financial support they have given during the last two years to (1) the government of Greece, and (2) non-governmental organisations working in Greece, to help tackle the refugee crisis.

Answered by: Lord Bates

The UK has not given financial support directly to the Greek government. It has provided £15.4 million to non-governmental organisations working in Greece, to help tackle the refugee crisis. This has provided vital assistance such as food, clean water and safe shelter, as well as access to protection services and psychosocial care.

EPF study tour to Guatemala and El Salvador, 21st – 29th January 2017



Holly Lynch MP and Karl Turner MP on study tour

Holly Lynch MP and Karl Turner MP participated in the EPF study tour to Guatemala and El Salvador along with five other European parliamentarians from Finland, Portugal and Spain. The focus of the tour was reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH). Along with receiving comprehensive briefings about RMNCAH in the Central American countries, the MPs held meetings with civil society, government officials, national parliamentarians, and UN agencies. The delegation also made a number of site visits to observe the provision of RMNCA healthcare in both urban and rural settings.

Holly Lynch MP wrote on her website: “We witnessed some of the worst inequality anywhere in the world and whilst I met some amazing people, particularly those volunteers who are risking their lives in rural areas, where gang violence is a daily threat, in order to deliver women's health programmes, I was left feeling angry that the Governments of both countries have their priorities all wrong”.

The delegation also held a number of high level engagements during the study tour, including a meeting with the Vice President of Guatemala and the UK Ambassador to El Salvador.

Further details on Holly Lynch MP's experience and insight can be found on her website here: http://www.hollylynch.org.uk/delegation_to_guatemala_and_el_salvador



Karl Turner MP and Holly Lynch MP with school children

Following the study tour both Holly Lynch MP and Karl Turner MP signed the statement to decriminalise abortion in El Salvador. They also held a meeting in the UK Parliament with Bernhard Garside, UK Ambassador to El Salvador in February 2017 to discuss possible follow up activities and subsequently held a meeting with Priti Patel MP, SS for ID, to discuss study tour findings.

Please find enclosed EPF statement signed as appendix 21

General Written Briefings

121 written briefings were disseminated to members this year. 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 or questions or conference presentations.

Members also received one to one briefings, as requested on specialised subjects, in addition to updates on parliamentary advocacy opportunities via weekly UK parliamentary business relating to the ICPD PoA.

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

Please find enclosed all future business circulated as appendix 22

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

9th April: Heather Wheeler MP received draft PowerPoint presentation and briefing for a NHS conference in Portsmouth.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 23

1th April: Virendra Sharma MP and Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefings for the Women Deliver conference in Copenhagen.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 24

12th April: Baroness Barker received drafted written FGM PQs following correspondence with the FGM Unit.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 25

12th April: All members received a copy of DFID's new youth agenda.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 26

12th April: All members received HoL Select Committee report on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 27

13th April: All committee members received a copy of the Foreign Affairs select committee report on Human Rights.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 28

14th April: All members received the article: 'The world's abortion policies, explained in 7 charts and maps'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 29

20th April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received organograms for The Gates Foundation and MSI.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 30

28th April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received latest research on seaweed beads and contraception.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 31

30th April: Holly Lynch MP and Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefing for UNFPA consultation on 4th May on UK UNFPA funding and the SDG indicators.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 32

30th April: Select members received a briefing on the Humanitarian Conference, Istanbul including a letter sent to Justine Greening MP, SS for ID from the DFID Select Committee.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 33

30th April: Richard Ottaway ex-MP received a drafted PowerPoint presentation and briefing for a Doha conference on Population Growth.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 34

3rd May: Baroness Uddin received information regarding the World Humanitarian Summit as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 35

3rd May: Holly Lynch MP and Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the UK's ODA on family planning and SRHR in preparation for the UNFPA consultation.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 36

6th May: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information from RCOG regarding misoprostol.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 37

10th May: All members received a copy of the G7 Parliamentary declaration.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 38

11th May: All committee members received latest research from the Guttmacher Institute on the global abortion rate decline.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 39

13th May: All HoL members received briefing and information in support of their FCO/DFID Queen's Speech debate.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 40

23rd May: All members received information about the World Humanitarian Summit.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 41

25th May: Virendra Sharma MP received drafted follow up PQs for his question to the Minister of Women and Equalities as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 42

26th May: Virendra Sharma MP and Baroness Jenny Tonge received follow up information for the Women Deliver Conference along with photos from conference.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 43

6th June: All members received the article: '10 things you should know about women & humanitarian crises'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 44

6th June: John Mann MP received LD whip information on cross party discussions on Sri Lanka.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 45

7th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the Turkish President latest encouragement for all women in the country to have 3 children.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 46

8th June: Lord Naren Patel received information for the FGM HoL debate on 9th June 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 47

9th June: Virendra Sharma MP received briefing for the HoC ODA debate on 13th June 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 48

9th June: All members received DFID Select Committee report: UK Implementation of the SDG.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 49

15th June: All MPs/Peers received World Population Day reception invitation.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 50

24th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article on the case of Dr Carlos Morín, Barcelona, Spain.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 51

28th June: Select members received EPF analysis on what Brexit means for SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 52

29th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the UK's ODA to the EU.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 53

29th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received The Guardian article: 'Family Planning needs in Chin State'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 54

8th July: Baroness Barker and Baroness Jenny Tonge received CV and information in preparation for meeting with Dr Bircha on 25th July 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 55

11th July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing for the World Population Day reception.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 56

12th July: All members received the article: 'Brexit will make it even more difficult for Irish women to have abortions in the UK'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 57

14th July: All members received DFID's latest annual report and accounts with highlights published on 13th July 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 58

15th July: All members received the article: 'As China Passes First Law against Domestic Violence, A long road lies ahead'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 59

18th July: EPF's study tour to Kyrgyzstan was circulated to all members, but no members were available to participate.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 60

19th July: Holly Lynch MP and Baroness Jenny Tonge received Sarah McCulloch's, Director of the Agency for Culture and Change Management UK (ACCM), minutes from the FGM round table meeting on 6th July 2016 in the HoC.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 61

19th July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a list of the new DFID and FCO ministerial teams.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 62

21st July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the article: 'Medical and technology in the past and now politics and religion – i.e. nothing has changed for some women/girls!'

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 63

5th August: Baroness Jenny Tonge received DODs stakeholder comment: 'Priti Patel calls for fresh international push on education and jobs for Syrian refugees on visits to Jordan and Lebanon'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 64

15th August: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the article: 'Critic of UK aid spending target to be Priti Patel's new special adviser'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 65

16th August: Baroness Jenny Tonge received link to an article on her Private Member's Bill (PMB) on child marriage.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 66

22nd August: All members received the invitation to EPF's study tour to the Philippines, but no UK parliamentarians were available to participate.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 67

23rd August: EPF's Invitation circulated: 'MSD for Mothers Parliamentary study tour to Romania with World Vision'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 68

23rd August: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing from EPF and UNFPA on camps in Greece and family planning and SRHR programme activities.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 69

24th August: All members received an invitation to the HIV/AIDS Alliance, MSI event: 'Link-up' project event on 12th September 2016'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 70

1st September: Holly Lynch MP and Baroness Uddin received briefings from MSI and IPPF on the UK Government's position on SRHR at the UN (Geneva and NY) in preparation for the meeting in Geneva 19th and 20th September: 'Misalignment of positions between capitals and Geneva/NY missions'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 71

6th September: All members received the Guardian article: 'Priti Patel and UK ODA' along with drafted oral PQs on the topic.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 72

13th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the UK's non-core funding to SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 73

13th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received revised parliamentary toolkit on child marriage from the NGO 'GirlsNotBrides'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 74

14th September: Select members received Global Justice Center (GJC), UNFPA, IPPF and MSI briefings in support of the HoL debate 15th September 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 75

15th September: All members received a link to the HoC Home Affairs Select Committee follow-up report on FGM.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 76

15th September: Viscount Craigavon received information on the UK's ODA to the EU.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 77

22nd September: Select members received a Conservative blog by Alex Morton on the support for family planning.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 78

26th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received Priti Patel's biography.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 79

3rd October: All committee members received the Independent Article: 'Polish women to stage all-out strike to protest abortion ban'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 80

5th October: All members showing an interest in the proposed APPG on PDRH Ethiopia study tour received an invitation to the Ethiopian Embassy reception on 11th October 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 81

7th October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing for the HoL Select Committee report on conflict on 10th October 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 82

7th October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a copy of the NGO 'GirlsNotBrides' toolkit on child marriage.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 83

13th October: Richard Ottaway ex-MP received graphs on population growth in central Asia for the presentation at Eurasian Council on Foreign Affairs - a think tank at keeping the Stan countries looking west rather than towards Russia.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 84

17th October: All HoL members received UNFPA and NGO child marriage briefings.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 85

18th October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefing and drafted written PQ on family planning provisions in Palestine.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 86

18th October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received RCOG briefing on abortion and disability for a PMB on abortion and disability in HoL.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 87

19th October: All HoL members received Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO) briefing on Child Marriage.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 88

20th October: Baroness Uddin received briefing from 'GirlsNotBrides' in support of Baroness Jenny Tonge's PMB on child marriage.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 89

21st October: All members received UNFPA's State of the World Population (SWOP) report: '10-year-old girl'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 90

30th October: All members received a press statement from Baroness Jenny Tonge counteracting inaccurate and false media coverage regarding an event she hosted in the HoL.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 91

15th November: All members received an EPF analysis of The Trump administration and SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 92

15th November: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a press article: 'Morning-after pill to be sold over the counter in Malta'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 93

18th November: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the US Heritage Foundation report on family planning, SRHR and The Trump administration.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 94

25th November: All members received: 'Save the Children blog - UK ODA shifting'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 95

30th November: All members received UNFPA ED's statement on World AIDS Day.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 96

7th December: All members received the Guardian article by Lesley Regan: 'I have a responsibility to tell pregnant women the truth'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 97

8th December: All members received summary information on DFID's Select Committee inquiry into the UK's ODA being spent by other Government departments (30%).

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 98

9th December: All members received Priti Patel MP, SS for ID letters on the UK's Aid Reviews.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 99

13th December: All members received information on the CDC Bill 2016 – 2017.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 100

15th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on DFID's Select Committee letter to Boris Johnson MP, Foreign Secretary – urging the UK Government to reconsider their stance on selling arms to Saudi Arabia.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 101

15th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a link to a FGM youth YouTube clip.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 102

21st December: All members received information that Baroness Jenny Tonge's PMB had passed in the HoL.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 103

10th January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received an FGM update from FORWARD in support of her press interview.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 104

12th January: Viscount Craigavon and Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article on the use of drones to deliver contraceptives in remote areas in Africa.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 105

13th January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on FGM in Senegal.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 106

13th January: All members received a summary briefing on family planning and SRHR SDG indicators.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 107

16th January: All members received a UK FGM update from FORWARD.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 108

23rd January: John Mann MP received MSI contact details, as requested, to discuss possible West Africa study tour.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 109

23rd January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on Sudan and its maternal health situation.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 110

25th January: All HoL members received briefings on the Global Gag Rule in support of Baroness Bakers oral PQ on it in the HoL on 21st February 2017.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 111

25th January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received follow up information on Sudan and maternal health.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 112

26th January: Baroness Barker received some questions in support of her Global Gag Rule oral question in the HoL on 21st February 2017.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 113

26th January: All member received information on the Global Gag Rule in support of parliamentary campaign activities.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 114

26th January: Liz McInnes MP and Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article on international anti-corruption measures.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 115

26th January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the UK's bilateral aid, migration and the Sahel.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 116

27th January: Select peers received the GJC briefing on the Global Gag Rule and rape in war zones.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 117

27th January: Baroness Sally Greengross received a copy of the latest APPG on PDRH leaflet as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 118

31st January: All members received information on: 'She Decides', the new Global Fundraising Initiative from the Netherlands.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 119

3rd February: All HoL members received drafted questions on the Global Gag Rule in support of the HoL oral questions on the topic on 21st February 2017.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 120

6th February: John Mann MP and Baroness Jenny Tonge received summary information on migrants in the UK and their country of origin.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 121

7th February: All members received DFID's first Economic Development Strategy published on 31st January 2017 with extracts on family planning.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 122

7th February: Viscount Craigavon and Baroness Jenny Tonge received extracts from the IPU's SDG toolkit.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 123

7th February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on UNFPA's proposal sent to DFID on their refugee project in Greece.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 124

7th February: All members received MSI and IPPF briefings on the Global Gag Rule in support of HoL oral question on the 21st February 2017.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 125

8th February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a copy of the new research article 'Clean water linked to rising birth rates in Africa: Why development initiatives must consider women's reproductive services'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 126

9th February: All members received an invitation to the joint APPGs working on health event: 'EDCTP: African-European partnership for global health benefit'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 127

20th February: All members received the European contraception atlas – 'family planning uptake in European countries'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 128

20th February: Baroness Barker received Sarah Boseley's article, and IPPF and MSI summary briefings on the Global Gag Rule.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 129

20th February: All members received the Guardian article: 'UK to host summit seeking extra funds for family planning'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 130

21st February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the 'SheDecides' conference.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 131

21st February: All committee members received the article: 'Irish Women are worried Brexit will make it harder to travel to the UK for an abortion'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 132

22nd February: Select members received the RESULT briefing in support of Baroness Manzoor's oral question on 22nd February 2017 in the HoL.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 133

23rd February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received UK statistics on disability and abortion.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 134

24th February: All members received an invitation to G7 Parliamentary conference in Rome, Italy in May 2017.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 135

28th February: Select members received the International Campaign on Abortion's Annual Report 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 136

1st March: All members received a copy of communications between SRHR NGOs and Priti Patel MP, SS for ID on the Mexico City Policy.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 137

1st March: Select members received IPPF's briefing on SRHR and Women's Economic Empowerment in support of the International Women's Day (IWD) debates in both Chambers.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 138

9th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received BPAS and RCOG briefing on the UK's workforce and abortion services for the HoL debate.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 139

10th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article on IPPF and abortion services.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 140

14th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on RCM's professional policy advisor Janet Fyle.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 141

16th March: All members received the briefing: 'Cervical cancer in the developing world - overtaking Maternal Mortality Rate'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 142

23rd March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a list of references to abortion in HoL SC report: 'Sexual Violence in Conflict'.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 143

31st March: All members received a briefing on gender equality and its boost to economic growth.

Please find enclosed briefing sent as appendix 144

General Collaboration, Meetings, Correspondence and Consultations

The APPG on PDRH continues to campaign and advocate for the full implementation of the ICPD PoA.

Enquiries to and about the APPG on PDRH and its parliamentary activities have been dealt with regularly via e-mails, over the phone and via 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: FORWARD, Girls not Brides, ACCM UK and Plan UK; in addition to COMMAT, PSN, GJC; RESULT UK, HIV/AIDS Alliance, IPU, academic institutions; and individuals working on SRHR and related health issues.

Several NGOs and individuals have been added to the APPG on PDRH event invitation list upon their request.

Meetings

UNFPA

APPG on PDRH members met and spoke formally and informally with Dr Babatunde, ED UNFPA and UNFPA staff at various meetings and conferences this year. Of particular importance were collaboration surrounding the Sierra Leone and Greece study tours (please see study tour section), conferences including the EPF and UNFPA consultation with European MPs held in the UK Parliament (please see EPF section), President Donald Trump's reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule and later defunding of UNFPA.

In August 2016, Baroness Jenny Tonge held a telephone conversation with Dr Babatunde in connection with the UK General Elections (GE) and in October 2016 Baroness Deech hosted a meeting in the UK Parliament with Dr Babatunde and UK parliamentarians, including members of the APPG on PDRH.

The APPG on PDRH was happy to welcome Yahav Lichner, the new UK interim UNFPA representative in October 2016 and in February 2017 Matthew Jackson, the new permanent UK UNFPA representative. Future strategic activities and collaboration were discussed at a meeting held on the 1st February 2017 with Matthew Jackson.

Please find enclosed sample communications sent as appendix 145

IPPF

APPG on PDRH members met and spoke formally and informally with Tewodros Melesse, Director General of IPPF and IPPF staff at various meetings and conferences this year.

The majority of correspondence was in connection with collaborative parliamentary events including the World Population Day reception and briefings disseminated for parliamentary debates.

In February 2017 Baroness Jenny Tonge nominated Lord Oates as an IPPF board member and in June 2017 he was appointed as one of their external advisors. See here:

<http://www.ippf.org/news/announcements/ippf-governing-council-appoints-six-external-advisershe>

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 146

MSI

Throughout the year the APPG on PDRH has been in regular communications with MSI.

Several briefing papers pertinent to parliamentary debates were received and disseminated and joint parliamentary briefing events were organised (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section).

Discussions and collaboration also evolved around the proposed study tours first to Bangladesh and later Ethiopia, as well as the GE, new ministerial team and the UK Government's support for family planning and SRHR, and President Donald Trump's expanded Global Gag Rule.

The APPG on PDRH also responded to various information requests on UK MPs. MSI likewise responded to the requests from the UK APPG on PDRH's sister group in Australia for support on a study tour to MSI projects in the Asia-Pacific region for Dr Stone, now Australians Ambassador for Women and Girls and ex-MP in Australia.

Please see sample communications as appendix 147

In July 2016 APPG on PDRH members met with Dr Bircha, Director of Reproductive Health, Nepal Government and MSI staff for a luncheon discussion and guided tour of the UK Parliament in response to MSI's request and follow up to the APPG on PDRH study tour to the country in 2011.

In September 2016 Viscount Craigavon kindly agreed to guide MSI and HIV/AIDS Alliance staff around the UK Parliament in response to their request.

This year the quality care commission had to suspend some of MSI's clinics in the UK due to governance and training issues. Throughout this difficult period, MSI has sent regular updates to the APPG on PDRH explaining the problems and reassuring members that this has not affected its international work or partners. No clients were put at risk and changes are being made to rectify the problems.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 148

UK SRHR Network

The APPG on PDRH has been in regular contact with the UK SRHR Network and its member organisations and staff. Of particular interest this year was the meeting organised with DFID staff to brief interested parties on the forthcoming Family Planning Summit in July 2017. The UK SRHR Network was subsequently sent information on the UK CDC bill, which had received little attention from SRHR NGOs. The APPG on PDRH also received briefings from network members in preparation for conferences and UK SRHR Network communications with Priti Patel MP, SS for ID.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 149

RCOG

Baroness Jenny Tonge sent a letter in May 2016 congratulating Lesley Regan, President RCOG on her election. Communications with Lesley Regan and her colleagues this year has mainly been in connection with RCOG conferences, briefing meetings on the RCOG projects in Tanzania and South Africa and Lord Shinkwin's HoL PMB 'Abortion (Disability Equality) bill'. RCOG briefings were particularly pertinent for members to combat Lord Shinkwin's anti-choice PMB, which did not progress to the HoC.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 150

BPAS

The APPG on PDRH remains in regular contact with BPAS. BPAS briefings have been disseminated to members to combat Lord Shinkwin's PMB. Communications this year also related to International Federation of Professional Abortion and Contraceptive Associates (FIAPAC) annual conference in Lisbon on abortion and a letter was sent to the UK Government in response to discussions and the difference in pricing of the Emergency Contraceptive Pill in outlets in the UK.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 151

Forced Marriage and FGM NGOs (PLAN UK, FORWARD, ACCM (UK), Girls not Brides)

The APPG on PDRH has been in regular contact with the above NGOs and has disseminated their briefings to members in connection with Baroness Jenny Tonge's PMB to increase the age of marriage to 18 in the UK, which had its 1st reading in May 2016, 2nd reading in October 2016 and report stage in the HoL in December 2016.

Ann Mette Kjaerby presented an overview of parliamentary processes and PMBs in October 2016 at the 'GirlsNotBrides' head office in London, upon their request. Joint press activities were also undertaken in connection with Baroness Jenny Tonge's PMB. In April 2016 the APPG on PDRH organised a guided tour of Parliament as requested by FORWARD and its supporters. Communications has also related to FGM abroad including in Egypt and Burkina Faso.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 152

COMMAT

The APPG on PDRH has been in regular contact with the COMMAT this year and Ann Mette Kjaerby attended COMMAT's SDG workshop in December 2016. Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on the one day conference and tabled several written PQs subsequently to understand the UK Government's implementation and monitoring of the SDG agenda (please see conference section for further details).

Please see sample communications as appendix 153

GJC

APPG on PDRH members along with many other UK Parliamentarians received numerous GJC briefing papers again this year on abortion provisions for women raped in armed conflict. The organisation also met and briefed members on the subject and the Global Gag Rule following the APPG on PDRH committee meeting on 6th March 2017.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 154

Result UK

Communications with Result UK resulted in a briefing meeting in November 2016 on pregnancy and nutrition research and related parliamentary questions (please see APPG on PDRH briefing section meetings for further details)

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 155

PSN

The APPG on PDRH has been in contact with PSN Chairman and Ex-MP Richard Ottaway, PSN chairman and David Johnson, ED PSN, and other staff in connection with the World Population Day reception, FP2020 commitments, population conferences, PSN funding applications, and feedback was additionally provided in connection with its training course for health workers and booklets on volunteers. The APPG on PDRH supported Richard Ottaway with his presentation for the 11th Annual Enriching the Middle East's Economic Future Conference in June 2016, Doha. He spoke at a session, which brought together a number of PSN Network members to discuss the impact of global population growth on public policy.



Richard Ottaway concluded the event, stating that “family planning is a very effective form of international development, which goes a long way to limiting poverty and declining resources”.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 156

HIV/AIDS Alliance

Communication with HIV/AIDS Alliance ensured members were briefed this year on their projects with young people and members met with Lambert Grinjs, Special Ambassador on SRHR & HIV/AIDS in September 2016 (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meetings section for further details). In December 2016 the APPG on PDRH responded to their request regarding DFID's ODA to SRHR and HIV/AIDS.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 157

Inter-Parliamentary Union

The IPU and APPG on PDRH collaborated this year in connection with parliamentary delegations visiting the UK Parliament. Members met with Nepal MPs to discuss family planning and SRHR activities (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further details).

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 158

Correspondence

Colin Caughey, Policy Worker, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Colin Caughey contacted the APPG on PDRH in August 2016 to discuss and obtain information on the UK's legislation around child marriage. The APPG on PDRH's Hearing Report and Baroness Jenny Tonge's PMB on the subject were shared.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 159

Dr Eylem Atakav, child marriage film producer

Dr Eylem Atakav contacted the APPG on PDRH this year to showcase her film on child marriage in Parliament. Discussions followed but due to the GE's and parliamentary timetable the film was not showed in the UK Parliament, but Baroness Hussein-Ece instead attended and spoke at the University of Leicester in May 2017, where the film was showcased.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 160

Simon Beard, Research Associate Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge

Simon Beard contacted the APPG on PDRH this year, requesting a briefing meeting with members to showcase a film on population and ethics. The film was instead run at the APPG on PDRH's committee meeting in March 2017.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 161

Cardinal Nichols

This year the APPG on PDRH decided to engage with religious leaders and invited Cardinal Nichols to Parliament to discuss family planning and SRHR. The invitation was declined, but he suggested that the invitation be extended to Chris Bain, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) ED. A letter was sent and awaits a reply.

The APPG on PDRH has also been in communications with many other SRHR/population experts and individuals including Malcolm Potts on the topic of population, Hilde Bartlett, American Author regarding Karen Shragg 'population' book, Sarah Hyde, SRHR consultant regarding the UK's ODA to the EU, Marge Berer, women's rights network and Charlotte Hord from IPAS on abortion, and Sandra Kraus from Women's' Refugee Commission in connection with the 2017 APPG on PDRH's Hearings on Abortion. In August 2016 Ann Mette Kjaerby was interviewed by Alex Mills, Chief Accountant HoC regarding APPG on PDRH accountancy upon their request.

Press

The APPG on PDRH continues its press activities to engage new members and inform the public of member's activities.

An APPG on PDRH Facebook page was created this year and Baroness Jenny Tonge partook in several interviews on FGM, including one with Vanessa Feldz on the UK Department of Education report: 'The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime FGM Early Intervention Model: An evaluation Research report, January 2017'.

In January 2017 Lord Willetts received a copy of the APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: Population Dynamics and the SDGs, in support of his radio series on Population Dynamics.

In February 2017 Baroness Baker published an opinion article in PoliticsHome, criticising the Global Gag Rule, which can be found here: <https://www.politicshome.com/news/uk/foreign-affairs/opinion/house-lords/83529/baroness-barker-trump-and-his-hateful-eight-are>

This year the APPG on PDRH also hosted a press luncheon for women's and men's magazines in July 2017, immediately prior to the Family Planning Summit, so will be reported on in next year's annual report.

The APPG on PDRH continued tweeting in connection with parliamentary activities including events hosted or attended and to coincide with parliamentary debates.

Tweet topics include: Women Deliver conference, abortion in the UK, the Guttmacher Institute research on abortion, abortion in Northern Ireland, sex education, fertility and family planning in Turkey, community contraception distribution in Pakistan, online morning-after pill sales, FGM, anti-abortion protests, sex education in Nepal, abortions and the Zika virus in South America, President Trump and the Global Gag Rule, abortion in developing countries, cuts to contraception services in UK, increase of STIs among the elderly in the UK, UK parliament debates on the ratification of the Istanbul Convention, sterilisation in India, FGM in Somalia, climate change, access to contraception in Aleppo, refugee women and SHRH, Baroness Jenny Tonge's PMB on civil partnership/marriage, child marriage, family planning trends expected in 2017, Nigeria and gender equality, UK government and development aid, USA and Planned Parenthood, HIV in the UK, Vasectomy, abortion in Ethiopia, family planning in the Philippines, Trump and Africa, prostate cancer, meeting with the IAEA and cervical cancer, female circumcision in Tanzania, the CDC Bill, the EU Marshal Plan for Africa, Bush's HIV/AIDS program, male refugees selling sex for money in Athens, African feminist activism, #SheDecides, Trump and international law, Trump defunding UNFPA, Russia and domestic violence, pregnancy and workplace discrimination, maternal death rates in Afghanistan (please see APPG on PDRH website for full tweet strapline on front page).

Parliamentary Statements, Legislation, Debates, Early Day Motions and Parliamentary questions

The UK Conservative Government remains explicit in its support for international family planning and SRHR. The APPG on PDRH and other MPs/Peers held the UK Government accountable to its promises via PMB, amendments to Bills, debates, EDM and PQs. Below are a list of relevant Bills, statements, debates, EDMs and PQs (please see APPG on PDRDH website for full information). Note only some are attributed to the APPG on PDRH and its activities.

House of Commons

Oral Ministerial Statements

Calais, 24th October 2016

Amber Rudd MP updated the House on negotiations with the French Government on the refugee situation in Calais. She announced that more than 200 children, many of whom had been sexually exploited, had been transferred to the UK where they would receive the support and care they needed. She further elaborated that the UK would continue to work to bring unaccompanied children to the UK under the criteria set in the Dubs amendment. She also announced that the UK Government would contribute up to £36 million to maintain border

security, to support the camp 'The Jungle's' clearance and to ensure that the camp was kept closed in the long term.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 162

European Council 2016, 19th December 2016

The Prime Minister updated the House on discussions within the European Council on the on-going migration crisis in the Mediterranean and the crisis in Syria. She stated that the UK had pushed for a comprehensive approach that focused on the root causes of migration, and called for more action in source and transit countries to disrupt the smuggling networks, to improve local capacity to control borders, and to support sustainable livelihoods, both for people living there and for refugees. She further announced that the UK would also provide support to other countries in the form of coastguard training, and specialist staff in the Greek islands to accelerate the processing of claims, particularly from Iraqi, Afghan and Eritrean nationals, and to help to return those who have no right to stay. She also touched upon the on-going developments on Syria, whereupon she stated that the UK would contribute £20 million of practical support for those who are most vulnerable, including £10 million for humanitarian partners to help them to deliver food parcels and medical supplies to those most in need, and an additional £10 million to the United Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF) to help provide life-saving aid supplies for Syrian refugees at the Jordanian border.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 163

Counter-Daesh Update, 15th March 2017

Priti Patel MP updated the House on the Government's campaign against Daesh, where she described the UK's effort in the liberation of Mosul and their humanitarian response to the situation, where the UK had already committed £169.5 million to the crisis. She further expressed her concern for West Mosul, calling on other donors and countries to also contribute, in addition to calling for peace and stability within the region. She elaborated that the UK would continue to fund efforts to encourage reconciliation, and would invest £1.2 billion to support refugees in the region. Priti Patel MP also called for the accountability on human rights violations in Syria, and that the UK was working with the Security Council (SC) and the UN General Assembly on resolutions that would hold Daesh to account on these abuses.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 164

Written Ministerial Statements

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls Overseas, 28th April 2016

Desmond Swayne MP gave an update on DFID's progress on tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG) overseas. He highlighted the work that the DFID had conducted including holding an open consultation on the topic. He set out the next steps of the consultation process, including a series of recommendations that would be issued in the next few months.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 165

Foreign Affairs Council for Development, 12th May 2016

Baroness Verma announced that she would be attending the Foreign Affairs Council for Development in Brussels. She outlined the UK's position in the council meeting, which would discussions on implementing the SDGs, furthering private sector cooperation in SD, improving joint-programming, ensuring security in fragile states, ensuring that the Action Plan and EU

Trust Fund tackles the migration crisis in Africa, and preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 166

HPV Vaccination, 26th May 2016

Jane Ellison MP announced that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination pilot programme for men who have sex with men (MSM) would start in June 2016. She stated that HPV vaccines would be offered during existing appointments at selected GUM and HIV clinics in England during the pilot phase. A full rollout of a HPV vaccination programme for MSM would be dependent on the progress and outcome of the pilot programme.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 167

World Humanitarian Summit, 26th May 2016

Justine Greening MP gave an update on her visit to the World Humanitarian Summit, where she highlighted the UK's leadership in addressing global crises and pledged an extra £30 million to support a joint fund for children's education in emergencies. She also reaffirmed the UK's commitment to ending impunity and preventing sexual violence in conflict. The summit's call for a reformed humanitarian system and stronger focus on protecting and empowering women and girls in crises, she said, provided the UK with a new compelling agenda to focus on.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 168

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (The Global Fund), 20th October 2016

Priti Patel MP gave an update on the Fifth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund, which raised pledges worth US\$12.9 billion. She announced that the UK would make £1.1 billion available to tackle AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and that the UK would hold the Global Fund and key donors to account on their commitments, in order to ensure that the UK's investment achieves the maximum possible impact.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 169

2017-18 Ring-Fenced Public Health Grants to Local Authorities, 15th December 2016

Nicola Blackwood MP announced that the Government would be ring-fencing public health grant allocations to local authorities in England over the period of 2017-18. £3.3 billion would be made available for local authorities and £16 billion would be made available to support local authorities' public health responsibilities, including sexual health services from the period 2016/17 to 2020/21.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 170

Multilateral Development Bank Replenishments, 19th December 2016

Priti Patel MP announced that following the International Development Association (IDA) reform negotiations, the UK had agreed to contribute £2,516 million as a grant over the new replenishment of the IDA, and a loan of £820 million that would be repaid to the UK Government. She also announced that the UK had agreed to contribute £460 million to the African Development Fund that will focus on job creation, women's empowerment, private sector investment and investment in fragile states.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 171

Supply Process, 23rd February 2017

Priti Patel MP announced that an additional £345,855,000 would be met by repayable cash advances from the Contingencies Fund as part of DFID's routine commitment to it and due to the timing of the Royal Assent for the Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Bill. The ODA allocation would not change as a result of this, and the additional cash would be returned upon Royal assent of the bill.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 171

Sex and Relationship Education, 1st March 2017

Justine Greening MP announced her intention to put Relationship and Sex Education on a statutory footing and make Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) statutory in the future. The Government will table amendments to the Child and Social Bill that would require all schools to teach 'age appropriate relationships and sex education'. Parents will however maintain the right to remove their children from relationship and sex education, and schools will have flexibility over how they deliver these subjects. The Department for Education will have an open consultation in order to update statutory guidance for relationship and sex education.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 173

Legislation

Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill – First and second reading, 29th November 2016

Priti Patel MP introduced the Bill in order to raise the limit on the total cumulative level of financial support that could be provided to the CDC (the UK's development finance institution) to £6 billion. This would result in increased investment and economic growth in low-middle income countries. The Bill also sought to introduce a delegated power to the SS to raise the limit further via statutory instrument to £12 billion. Members debated the Bill, specifically on increasing financial support for private sector-led economic development such financial institutions and the CDC, and diverting attention from other development issues such as education, humanitarian and health. Rory Stewart MP responded that growth and economic development was a large component of DFID's work, but private investment was not its sole way of achieving this and it would continue to work on other development priorities.

The bill was agreed on and passed to a Public Bill Committee Stage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 174

Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill – Public Bill Committee first sitting, 6th December 2016

Diana Noble and Graham Wrigley, CDC, Rory Stewart MP, David Kennedy, DFID, Sir Paul Collier, University of Oxford, Terry Caulfield and Tom McDonald, National Audit Office, Saranel Benjamin, War on Want, and Gideon Rabinowitz, Oxfam GB, gave evidence and answered members' questions on the CDC's role in foreign corporations, development investments and the CDC bill. Concerns were raised on whether investment would be targeting the poorest countries, DFID and the CDC's development aid priorities, and transparency in the CDC.

No amendments or motions were agreed on. The session was adjourned until the next sitting of the Public Bill Committee stage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 175

Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill – Public Bill Committee second sitting, 6th December 2016

Members introduced and debated amendments to the CDC Bill, which included the amount the limit should be increased to and development aid priorities.

The Bill passed to the Report stage with no amendments.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 176

Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill – Report stage and third reading, 10th January 2017

Members introduced and debated amendments to the CDC Bill. The amendments addressed raising the limit on the total cumulative level of financial support that can be provided to the CDC, the SS' role in raising the limit to £12 billion by statutory instruments, which sectors the CDC can focus on such as healthcare and education, and that investments focus on poverty reduction.

No amendments were passed at the report stage. The Bill passed to the third reading, and subsequently passed to the HoL.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 177

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education (Statutory Requirement) Bill – second reading, 20th January 2017

Caroline Lucas MP introduced above PMB in order to make provisions to include sex and relationship education as part of PSHE education. Caroline Lucas MP highlighted issues surrounding sexual assault and the Internet as reasons to advance PSHE to include sex and relationship education.

The PMB reading was briefly debated and was postponed to a later date. The bill failed to progress any further.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 178

Crime (Aggravated Murder of and Violence against Women) Bill – first reading, 31st January 2017

Nusrat Ghani MP introduced above PMB to make provisions for aggravated murder and domestic violence against women (VAW) who are citizens of the United Kingdom, outside the United Kingdom; to require the Government to arrange for and fund the costs of the repatriation of the bodies of female citizens of the United Kingdom who are victims of aggravated murder outside the United Kingdom; for the Government to provide assistance to citizens who are victims of aggravated domestic violence and provide for the prosecution in the United Kingdom in certain circumstances of citizens of the United Kingdom who commit the aggravated murder of, or threaten or incite domestic violence against citizens; and for connected purposes. Nusrat Ghani MP stated that despite current legislation in place, little had been done to tackle 'honour' killings in minority communities, which the Bill hoped to address.

The PMB reading was briefly debated and was postponed to a later date. The bill failed to progress any further.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 179

Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill – Public Bill Committee first sitting, 1st February 2017

Dr Eilidh Whiteford MP introduced above PMB to make provisions for the United Kingdom to ratify the European Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (the Istanbul Convention). Dr Eilidh Whiteford MP noted that despite the advancements the UK had made, more needed to be done legally to address the issue especially in terms of the devolved governments. Sarah Newton MP noted that the Government had taken steps to combat VAWG, including launching a new strategy with £80 million additional funding, however mentioned that more could be done. She further explained that ratification had not happened due to issues on legal compliance, notably on extraterritorial jurisdiction, which Scotland and Northern Ireland needed to legislate on too. She further stated that the Government supported the Bill but needed further clarification in reporting to Parliament during and post-ratification.

The Bill was agreed on and passed to the report stage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 180

A Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill – report stage and third reading, 24th February 2017

Members debated new amendments to the Bill, including the Government's amendments, which would make provisions for the United Kingdom to ratify the European Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (the Istanbul Convention). There was cross-party support for the Bill. Members debated the Government's amendments that set out timelines for the ratification, reporting on its ratification to Parliament, and reporting post-ratification.

The Bill passed both stages with amendments to the HoL.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 181

Children and Social Work Bill – report stage and third reading, 7th March 2017

Members debated new amendments introduced, including two new Government amendments tabled by Maria Miller MP that would make provisions for compulsory sex and relationship education in primary and secondary schools and become a statutory part of the curriculum. Maria Miller MP expressed the need to make this subject compulsory in order to equip young people with the knowledge to deal with the modern world, and that there was widespread support among parents, schools and the academic community to teach these subjects to children and adolescents. There was cross-party support, however some members raised concerns over faith based schools and parental consent.

Both amendments were agreed on and added to the Bill. The Bill passed with amendments.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 182

Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations), 13th March

Diana Johnson MP secured above Ten Minute Motion to bring in a Bill to regulate the termination of pregnancies by medical practitioners and to repeal criminal offences related to terminations. She highlighted that the termination of pregnancies without medical professional consent still remains a criminal offence in England and Wales. Maria Caulfield MP expressed reservations on the decriminalisation, stating this could increase unsafe abortions.

The Motion was agreed on and the Bill was to be read a second time on Friday 24th March, however never received a second reading.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 183

Debates

Sustainable Development Goals, 13th April 2016

Ben Howlett MP led the debate on the implementation of the SDGs in the UK. He noted that the UK was lagging behind in Goal 5, the promotion of equality for women and girls. He advocated the need for all nations to meet the SDGs' goals including the UK. Virendra Sharma MP discussed the need for governments, NGO's and the private sector to collaborate more, to increase the UK's SDGs budget by 20% in order to eradicate infectious diseases by 2030, and the need for the Global Fund to be replenished. Desmond Swayne MP responded saying that cross-Government work was taking place to implement the SDGs, however various administrative obstacles were impeding progression on them, notably the approval of the annual spending reviews and approval of the indicators needed to implement them by both the UN General Assembly and Office for National Statistics.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 184

Teenage Pregnancy: Regional Variations, 19th April 2016

Lucy Allan MP introduced above debate on teenage pregnancies in the UK, stating that regional variations across the UK persist, influenced by a range of social and economic factors. MPs drew on the importance of having leadership at the local level, securing funding for local authorities for both health and education, and having compulsory sex and relationship education. Edward Timpson MP replied saying the Government would provide support by facilitating the sharing of information and best practices in reducing teenage pregnancies between local councils and Public Health England. The Government would additionally increase funding to ensure education attainment of pupils, and will hold a consultation with PSHE associations to review PSHE guidelines on relationship and sex education.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 185

Violence against Women and Girls (Sustainable Development Goals), 27th April 2016

Mark Durkan MP started above debate by discussing SDG 5's target on eliminating all forms of VAWG, noting that's despite DFID's role in meeting the SDGs in developing countries, the SDGs must also be addressed and implemented domestically in the UK. MPs highlighted the need for strategies on how the SDGs will be implemented and met in the UK, such as Governmental departments working more closely together and creating a fund that will finance the implementation of the SDGs. Nick Hurd MP responded that the UK would continue to lead internationally in implementing the SDG 5 and is working with the UN and other partners to ensure that the SDGs are met both domestically and internationally.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 186

Domestic Violence Refuges, 11th May 2016

Julie Cooper MP used above debate to highlight the domestic violence of refuges. She noted the impact of cuts on the number of refuges available and the availability of housing benefits, and the lack of specialist domestic violence services. Liz McInnes MP discussed the need to ring-fence funding for refuges and for councils to commit to funding them. Marcus Jones MP responded that the Government would publish a national statement of expectation, and that will be supported by a £3.5 million fund to support the provision of domestic violence services in the next financial year.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 187

HPV Vaccinations for MSM, 7th June 2016

Mike Freer MP led above debate on ensuring that HPV vaccinations be made available for MSM. He highlighted the number of sexual health infections and cancers in men caused by HPV, and noted the need for the Government's current pilot scheme to be rolled out and implemented nationwide, and that HPV vaccinations should be available to both adult and adolescent males. Jane Ellison MP responded saying that the Government agreed with the importance of the issue, however barriers impeded the implementation of HPV vaccinations for men, including financial and administrative barriers. The Government would continue to roll out its current pilot scheme and analyse the results.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 188

Stillbirth, 9th June 2016

Patricia Gibson MP used above debate to describe her experience of having a stillbirth. She highlighted the need for further funding on research and in the health sector to understand the causes of stillbirths, and to diagnose and prevent them. George Freeman MP agreed on the need to understand more on the causes of stillbirth and reassured members that the Government had increased funding in the healthcare sector to improve monitoring and diagnosis of abnormalities during pregnancy.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 189

Foreign Aid Expenditure, 13th June 2016

Steve Double MP used above debate to introduce an e-petition requiring that the Government scraps its foreign aid spending target of 0.7% of the GNI, and that aid may only be given to "truly deserving causes, on a case-by-case basis." Liz McInnes MP defended overseas aid, stating that its influence was important globally. Members agreed that the UK must continue spending on ID, but that it also ensures value for money. Desmond Swayne MP responded that DFID contributes significantly toward economic growth, social development and stability globally, and that its support and influence will continue.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 190

Developing Countries: Jobs and Livelihoods, 15th June 2016

Jeremy Lefroy MP introduced above debate on jobs and livelihoods in developing countries, and the need to ensure that policies focus on female economic empowerment. Members noted the importance of meeting SDG 8, trading with developing countries and committing to 0.7% of GNI to overseas aid. Desmond Swayne MP responded stating that DFID had created new

directorates to address the issues of jobs in the developing world, and would continue to invest in trade and tackling corruption, all of which would be pivotal to implementing SDG 8.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 191

Asylum seekers: Glasgow, 5th July 2016

Chris Stephens MP started above debate on the provision of services for asylum seekers in Glasgow. He highlighted the poor living conditions that asylum seekers live in, including women and children, and the racial abuse that they experience. James Brokenshire MP assured members that the Government was seeking to improve the situation and would continue dialogue with Members after the debate.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 192

Sri Lanka: Human rights, 7th July 2016

Wes Streeting MP discussed the recent session at the UN Human Rights Council and the human rights situation in Sri Lanka, since the civil war. Members drew on the importance of the UK Government encouraging the Sri Lankan Government to tackle human rights issues especially sexual violence. Hugo Swire MP responded saying that the Government was working closely with the Sri Lankan Government to address human rights abuses, torture and missing persons, and had given Sri Lanka £6.6 million worth of stabilisation funding to focus on reform and interfaith dialogue. The Government would also continue to promote peace and prosperity in the region.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 193

Maternity Discrimination, 14th July 2016

Gareth Thomas MP used above debate to highlight new findings on maternity discrimination in the workplace. Members highlighted that despite robust laws, more needed to be done to tackle the issue, including employee working hour flexibility. Anna Soubry MP responded saying that the Government had launched 30 hours of free childcare and that the Government was currently reviewing the legal framework on working hours with businesses.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 194

Baby loss, 13th October 2016

Antoinette Sandbach MP started above debate marking Baby Loss Awareness Week. She highlighted evidence on baby loss and her experience with women who had lost their infants or had stillbirths. Liz McInnes MP described the effects that funding cuts and commissioning services had on bereavement units, and for funding to be ring-fenced for local health services. Phillip Dunne MP responded that the SS for Health had just launched a new strategy to reduce stillbirth, and that it would invest more in training midwives and obstetricians, and invest in order to improve birthing environments and create better bereavement suites and family rooms.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 195

Sustainable Development Goals, 24th November 2016

Stephen Twigg MP secured above debate to introduce the First Report of the International Development Committee on the UK's implementation of the SDGs. He commended the UK's role in the formation of the goals, however noted that the Government's response to implementing them since their adoption had been insufficient, particularly at the domestic level. James Wharton MP responded saying that the Government was working in partnership with civil

society and other countries to implement the SDGs, and would take further steps to ensure that countries have transitional arrangements for when the SDGs end.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 196

Reducing Health Inequalities, 24th November 2016

Dr Sarah Wollaston MP led above debate on reducing health inequalities between people from different socio-economic backgrounds. Liz McInnes MP discussed the need for local authorities to invest in SRH services, and the need to move away from 'cost-efficiency' models of funding to 'clinical need' based models of funding. Nicola Blackwood MP answered, discussing the need for local councils to receive greater funding in order to close the gap, and the need to focus on key overarching determinants such as obesity, smoking, suicide and alcohol in order to reduce health inequalities.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 197

UN International Day: Violence against Women, 8th December 2016

Seema Malhotra MP led above debate on the International Day on VAW, highlighting statistics on VAW in the UK. She mentioned the ratification of the Istanbul Convention and compulsory relationship and sex education in schools, as important steps, the UK must take to address the issue. Liz McInnes MP presented her experience in Sierra Leone and the number of women who still undergo FGM, and the need to strengthen laws and cultural attitudes towards the practice. Sarah Newton MP responded saying that the Government would continue their efforts to reduce VAW, including working with civil society organisations and the Local Government Association to ensure that local authorities can continue to provide the services necessary to address the issue. She also stated that in addition to the £80 additional funding to ending and preventing VAWG, £15 million had been donated to reduce gaps in services. The Government had also introduced new offences for coercive and controlling behaviour, stalking, forced marriage and FGM.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 198

Equality: Autumn Statement, 14th December 2016

Sarah Champion MP used above debate to highlight the impact Government 'savings' and cuts had on women and economic equality. Issues including funding health services and SRH services, law enforcement and sexual violence and the tampon tax were highlighted by members as being areas that had been affected by austerity cuts. Liz McInnes MP discussed the impact of austerity on the gender pay gap and the economic empowerment of women in the UK. Jane Ellison MP responded noting the efforts that the Government had undertaken to increase the number of women in paid employment and in building a stronger economy.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 199

African Great Lakes Region, 12th January 2017

John Mann MP led the debate on the African Great Lakes Region, where he advocated for greater UK relations within the region. Members discussed political instability and the humanitarian situation in the region and the need for greater funding from DFID in humanitarian situations. Tobias Ellwood MP responded saying that the UK would continue its efforts to build stability and security in the region, and will continue to deliver on its development aid commitments within the region.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 200

NHS Fertility Services, 19th January 2017

Steve McCabe MP introduced above debate to discuss issues around the commissioning of NHS fertility services. He highlighted problems on access and costs of in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) services. Nicola Blackwood MP stated that NICE's guidelines addresses these issues and that all clinical commissioning groups should implement them.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 201

Kashmir, 19th January 2017

David Nuttall MP led above debate on violence in Kashmir, where he called on the Government to raise the issue at the UN and to encourage Pakistan and India to commence peace negotiations. Holly Lynch MP discussed the lack of healthcare in the region, and the need for the Government to assist in the implementation of the SDGs to ensure human security. Alok Sharma MP responded and highlighted issues around peace negotiations, stating that it was ultimately up to the Indian and Pakistani Governments to reach a solution, however the UK Government would continue to promote discussions around terrorism and human rights, and would continue to monitor the issue at the UN.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 202

Sex and Relationship Education, 23rd January 2017

Maria Miller MP led above debate on the need for compulsory sex and relationship education in schools, highlighting issues such as sexual abuse, the Internet and mobile phones. There was cross-party support on the issue. Caroline Dinenage MP replied saying that the Government had included amendments in the upcoming Child and Social Work Bill, which they hoped would address the issue in the long term.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 203

UK- West Africa Relations, 25th January 2017

James Duddridge MP introduced above debate on UK-West Africa relations, discussing the need for closer ties with the region after Brexit. Members discussed the need for stronger health and medical cooperation in the region in light of the Ebola outbreak, the need to ensure SD, and to address violence against women and the refugee crises both within the African region and in Europe. Liz McInnes MP mentioned her recent visit to Sierra Leone and commended the Government's efforts during the Ebola outbreak. She also highlighted the need to continue with the 0.7% overseas aid target. Tobias Ellwood MP responded saying that the Government was committed to continuing to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches vulnerable people, and that DFID will continue to ensure SD to improve security in fragile states.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 204

Provisions for Cervical Screening, 27th January 2017

Paula Sherriff MP led above debate on provisions for cervical screening, where she highlighted the need for provisions to allow young women to get smear tests. Members discussed issues around funding cuts to local authorities, the impact of clinical commissioning groups, lack of awareness, the need for systems to detect and monitor cervical cancer, and the need for compulsory sex education in schools to improve sexual health and cervical screenings. David Mowat MP confirmed that new IT infrastructure would be rolled out in 2019 along with a nation-wide database that would monitor HPV, and that the Government would continue to work with

NGOs to raise awareness and improve access to screenings for minority and disadvantaged groups.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 205

Statutory Sex and Relationships Education, 31st January 2017

Diana Johnson MP used above debate to stress the role that statutory sex and relationship education schools can play in preventing sexual abuse and violence in relationships, and the need to update sex and relationship education guidelines. There was cross-party support on the issue, including from the Government, however reservations were expressed on faith based schools, religion and parents' right to withdraw their children for sex and relationship education. Caroline Dinenage MP responded saying that statutory sex and relationship education had been added as amendments to the Child and Social Work Bill and that the Government was committed to improving and updating PSHE and sex and relationship education. She also added that parents would continue to have the right to withdraw their children, and that academies and free schools also have a duty to teach "balanced curriculums" to their pupils.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 206

Alcohol Harm, 2nd February 2017

Fiona Bruce MP led above debate highlighting issues on alcohol related harm, including alcohol foetal syndrome. Members discussed the need for more education on the issue and for minimum unit pricing to curb drinking during pregnancy. Nicola Blackwood MP responded saying that the Government was continuing to educate the public on the risks associated with alcohol related harm, including during pregnancy, however more research was needed on the effectiveness of alcohol control policies and its effects on the reduction of alcohol foetal syndrome.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 207

HIV Awareness: PSHE Lessons, 24th February 2017

Mike Freer MP secured above debate to discuss HIV awareness and teaching of health and sex education in schools in the UK. He emphasised the need to change the way it is taught in schools and having youth advocates to teach and promote safer sex. Caroline Dinenage MP responded saying that HIV is taught both in sex and relationship education and at GCSE level biology, and that the Government is funding science-learning partnerships to provide continuing professional development for science teachers to learn up-to-date information on HIV. She added that schools are free to develop peer education models to complement sexual and relationship education (SRE) and that Public Health England funds organisations to discuss these issues with young people.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 208

International Women's Day, 2nd March 2017

Jess Phillips MP led above debate to mark International Women's Day, where she congratulated Eilidh Whiteford MP on her efforts on the Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill. Maria Miller MP expressed the need for sex and relationship education to prevent sexual abuse in schools and the need to implement SDG 5 in the UK in order to achieve universal access to SRH; Marion Fellows MP highlighted the need to invest in education for girls internationally; Chris Elmore MP, Angela Crawley MP and Liz Saville Roberts MP discussed VAWG; Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP

discussed the issue of FGM both domestically and internationally; Liz McInnes MP highlighted the need to address women in conflict and sexual violence; Caroline Dineage MP replied saying that the Government had included sex and relationship education in the Children and Social Work Bill; that the Government had launched a strategy for tackling VAWG, but was reviewing the legislation on domestic violence; that the Government is currently supporting 5.3 million girls in schools in developing countries; and that the UK Government is spending more than any other country on bringing an end to FGM internationally.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 209

Baby Loss (Public Health Guidelines), 21st March 2017

Will Quince MP used above debate to describe his experience of baby loss. He congratulated the Government's efforts in healthcare delivery and research to reduce infant and neonatal deaths, however emphasised the need to address the risk factors of still births and implement NICE's guidelines on smoking during pregnancy. Philip Dunne MP responded saying that the Government had taken various steps to address the issue, including investing in maternity training, innovation and infrastructure, and would continue to work with organisations to tackle risk factors such as smoking and obesity

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 210

HIV Treatment, 29th March 2017

Mike Freer MP used above debate to introduce the All-Party Parliamentary Group on HIV and AIDS report 'Impact of Health and Social Care Act on HIV treatment'. He discussed issues on the fragmentation of HIV care from prevention to the management of the disease, since the introduction of Health and Social Care Act 2012. Nicola Blackwood MP replied saying that public health funding would be ring-fenced until 2019, and that the Government would look to reduce the fragmentation of commissioning, and address the barriers that stop effective collaboration and co-operation between commissioners.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 211

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Migration (Africa to the EU), 11th April 2016

Kelly Tolhurst MP and Keith Vaz MP asked what steps the Government was taking to tackle migration from African countries to the UK and the EU as a whole. Theresa May MP replied saying that the Government was working closely with European and African partners to address illegal migration, including working upstream to ensure that people have less incentives to move away from their home countries and were also working with transit countries to prevent people trafficking.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 212

Violence against Women and Girls, 11th April 2016

James Berry MP asked what steps the Government was taking to tackle VAWG. Theresa May MP stated that a new Government strategy had been published backed by a total of £80 million increased funding.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 213

Honour-Based Violence, 12th April 2016

Jake Berry MP asked what the Government was doing to support other countries in tackling honour-based violence. Tobias Ellwood MP replied saying that the Government was working with other governments where the practice exists, and that VAWG is central to the UK's foreign policy objectives.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 214

Rape and Serious Sexual Offences, 14th April 2016

Tom Blenkinsop MP asked what steps the Government was taking to improve the conviction rate for rape and other serious sexual offences. Robert Buckland MP replied that the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) had made various efforts including increasing the number of specialist staff within its dedicated rape and serious sexual offences unit and had also improved specialist training for prosecutors.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 215

Maternity Discrimination, 14th April 2016

Gareth Thomas MP and Jim Shannon MP asked what was being done to tackle maternity discrimination. Nick Boles MP answered saying that the Government was working with employers and businesses to address the issue, and was looking to introduce the right to flexible working hours.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 216

Projects for Young People, 4th May 2016

Paul Scully MP asked how DFID was supporting projects that involve working with young people in the developing world, and what the impact might be on the number of Syrians trying to reach Europe if aid was cut in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and other neighbouring countries hosting Syrian refugees. Justine Greening MP replied saying that DFID supports projects that focus on education and job creation for young people, and that cuts would lead to increased migration to Europe.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 217

Topical Questions, 4th May 2016

Alec Shelbrooke MP asked whether the Government would withdraw its investment from stability projects around the world if the UK's GDP fell by 0.7%. Justine Greening MP answered that investing in women to be more economically empowered benefits both the UK and developing countries, as it adds tens of billions of dollars to the global GDP every year.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 218

Bangladesh, 24th May 2016

Lisa Cameron MP asked what the Government was doing to address the trafficking of women in Bangladesh and how it was pressing for the Bangladeshi legal system to prevail for women and girls in the country. Hugo Swire MP replied saying that the Government had raised the issue of trafficking and legislation in both Bangladesh and other countries in the world.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 219

Maternity Care, 4th July 2016

Will Quince MP asked what the Department of Health was doing to improve the safety of maternity care. Jeremy Hunt MP replied saying that his department had invested £37 million to improve the physical environment of 140 maternity units and to purchase equipment to improve safety. Alison Thewliss MP asked what resources the Department of Health was putting in to promote guidance of breastfeeding at local levels. Jeremy Hunt MP said that his department had already committed resources to that, but that more could be done.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 220

Female Genital Mutilation, 21st July 2016

Lilian Greenwood MP, Vicky Foxcroft MP, Andrew Gwynne MP asked what steps the Government was taking to increase the number of prosecutions against FGM, and what engagements it had made with community organisation that address FGM. Robert Buckland MP replied saying that the Government had strengthened the law via amendments to the Serious Crime Act 2015 to improve protection of victims through lifelong anonymity, and introduced mandatory reporting for professionals who identify FGM cases in girls under 18. The Department of Health had also provided an additional £4 million worth of funding to enhance community engagements to improve awareness among victims.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 221

Violence against Women and Girls, 14th September 2016

John Pugh MP asked what DFID was doing to support grassroots women's rights organisations that tackle VAWG in developing countries, and if DFID's gender specific budget of 1% should be increased. Priti Patel MP replied saying that she was committed to ending extreme poverty and that DFID channels its funding to support women and girls around the world. Carol Monaghan MP asked what her department was doing to prevent girls from travelling from the UK to others part of the world for FGM. Priti Patel MP answered saying that she was working with colleagues across Government on a strategy to bring the perpetrators of FGM to justice. Christine Rees MP asked what DFID was doing to counter the use of rape and sexual violence as a weapon of war. Priti Patel MP answered that DFID was working with civil society, governments and multilateral organisations to stop the practice and to deal with its perpetrators.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 222

Aid Budget, 14th September 2016

Scott Mann MP asked what DFID was doing to ensure that it's funding goes to legitimate causes. James Wharton MP replied saying that the Department had implemented a rigorous system that ensures accountability and that money goes to its intended purpose and recipient. Catherine McKinnell MP asked if the Government would contribute the £1.2 billion called for at the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Replenishment conference. James Wharton MP said that the SS would be making an announcement in the coming days to set out what the UK will be contributing.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 22

Topical Questions, 14th September 2016

Gareth Thomas MP asked if the Government would commit to the 20% increase in funding for the Global Fund. Priti Patel MP said she would make an announcement following the Replenishment conference in the next few days. Ben Howlett MP asked how DFID would implement the SDGs. Priti Patel MP answered that they were committed to delivering both on

the goals and their manifesto pledges on aid. John Nicolson MP asked when DFID's outcome of the bilateral and multilateral aid review would be published. Priti Patel MP answered saying that they were in the drafting phase when she came into office and would be published later in the year.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 224

Sex and Relationship Education, 27th October 2016

Vicky Foxcroft MP asked if the Government was planning to update sex and relationship education guidelines to include LGBT relationship issues and sexual harassment in schools, and when they planned to consult with experts. Justine Greening MP replied that the Government would ensure everything is up to date and will seek to revise them. Maria Miller MP asked what evidence the Government was looking for in order to make sex and relationship education compulsory. Justine Greening MP answered saying that the Government needed to know what sex and relationship education comprises of and how it could be taught at a high quality level.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 225

Prosecution of Sexual Offences, 29th October 2016

Vicky Foxcroft MP asked what discussions the Attorney General had with the Director of Public Prosecutions on ensuring that prosecutors are able to prosecute cases of rape and other sexual offences. Jeremy Wright MP replied the Department had taken steps to increase the number of specialist staff in its rape and serious sexual offences units, and was providing specialist training for prosecutors.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 226

Domestic Abuse, 31st October 2016

Mike Freer MP asked what the Government was doing to ensure that all forms of domestic abuse are recognised and investigated. Sarah Newton MP answered saying that the Government had introduced a range of new offences, including an offence of coercive or controlling behaviour, and that new guidance and training had been introduced by the College of Policing.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 227

Justice System: Women, 1st November 2016

David Burrowes MP asked what was being done to address the specific needs of women in the justice system and the concerns of Women's Aid about the perverse impact of gender-neutral commissioning and cutting women-only specialist services. Philipp Lee MP replied saying that the Government want to promote a greater focus on early intervention and multi-agency approaches to ensure that the justice system can take proper account of the specific needs of women. He also said that specialist services for victims of domestic abuse are commissioned both locally by police and crime commissioners, and that an extra £80 million had been pledged for domestic abuse services.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 228

Maternity Care, 15th November 2016

Henry Smith MP asked what was being done to improve the safety of maternity care. Jeremy Hunt MP answered that he had just launched the Safer Maternity Care Action Plan, which aims to half the rates of stillbirths, neonatal deaths, maternal deaths and brain injuries by 2030.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 229

Third-Party Aid Providers, 16th November 2016

John Mann MP asked what proportion of UK Government aid was being delivered by third-party providers. Rory Stewart MP replied explaining that nearly all work is done in partnership with third party providers, including the UN in humanitarian settings, NGOs partner and Governments in development situations.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 230

Sahel Northern Nigeria, 16th November 2016

Jeremy Lefroy MP and Kate Osamor MP asked what the Government was doing in response to the humanitarian situation in the Sahel and northern Nigeria and how it ensured that DFID funding was going to a range of actors. Priti Patel MP answered saying that DIFD was investing in partnership work at the bilateral and multilateral level, and that DFID's humanitarian programme was laying down foundations for strong resilient long-term capacity building such as social transfers and access to health services.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 231

Education (Girls), 16th November 2016

Antoinette Sandbach MP asked what the Government was doing to support education for girls in the developing world. James Wharton MP answered that over the next Parliament they hoped to see 11 million more children, including 6.5 million girls, access education.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 232

Urgent Question: Aid Review 2nd December 2016

Stephen Doughty MP asked the SS of DFID if she could make a statement on her Department's recently published aid review. Priti Patel MP responded saying that the review focused on global threats such as cross-border conflict, climate change and disease pandemics. It consisted of an extensive and detailed look at the UK bilateral and multilateral development systems, confirmed the geographic regions of focus for the UK, which multilateral organisations DFID would work with and the tools that would be used to maximise DFID's impact. It also highlighted best practices in the global development system, as well as examples of poor performance, that would face urgent action.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 233

Violence against Women and Girls, 5th December 2016

Michelle Donelan MP asked what was being done to tackle VAWG in the UK. Sarah Newton MP answered that a new strategy had been published and that an extra £80 million had been secured to address enforcement and crime. Greg Mulholland MP asked what was being done to educate boys and men more about this crime. She answered that more was being done in schools and that resources are available through the Home Office and the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 234

Sex and Relationship education, 8th December 2016

Ruth Cadbury MP asked if guidance to schools on the provision of sex and relationships education would be updated and include sexual harassment in schools, and if the Government would amend the Children and Social Work Bill to introduce statutory SRE in all schools. Justine Greening MP replied that her Department was revising SRE guidance.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 235

Urgent Question: Domestic Violence Victims: Cross-Examination, 9th January 2017

Peter Kyle MP asked the SS of Justice to give a statement on the emergency review that would determine how to ban perpetrators of domestic violence from directly cross-examining their victims within family courts. Oliver Heald MP stated that the Lord Chancellor had requested urgent advice on how to stop the practice, and that efforts would be fast tracked within the Department and will look particularly at how provisions can be implemented in criminal law to prevent alleged perpetrators from cross-examining their alleged victims in criminal proceedings.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 236

Middle-Income Countries: Aid Withdrawal, 11th January 2017

Mike Freer MP asked what measures DFID was taking to ensure that marginalised groups in middle-income countries were supported in the event of aid being withdrawn from those countries. James Wharton MP answered that no decisions had been made to exit those countries, and that long-term sustainability and “leaving no one behind” was at the core of DFID’s programmes.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 237

Topical Questions, 11th January 2017

Philip Davies MP asked whether the Government had considered stopping spending money on external consultants. Priti Patel MP replied that DFID was currently reviewing the situation. Christopher Chope MP asked whether her Department would prioritise trade following Brexit. She answered that her department was looking at unilateral trade preferences following Brexit.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 238

Human Trafficking/Vulnerable Women, 19th January 2017

Chi Onwurah MP asked what the Church of England was doing to prevent human trafficking and assist vulnerable women. Caroline Spelman MP stated that a new project had been launched to equip and resource the Church of England dioceses to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking, and was working with local charities and the Mothers’ Union to support vulnerable women.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 239

Forced Marriage, 23rd January 2017

Mike Freer MP asked what was being done to encourage people subjected to forced marriage to report forced marriage and related crimes to the police both within the UK and overseas. Sarah Newton MP answered that the introduction of lifelong anonymity for victims through the Policing and Crime Bill would encourage victims to report these incidents to the police. In

addition to this, DFID's £36 million programme to end child, early and forced marriage also hoped to further prevent the practice overseas too.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 240

Domestic Abuse, 23rd January 2017

Ben Howlett MP and Oliver Colvile MP asked what was being done to ensure that all forms of domestic abuse were recognised and investigated, and how the issue was being addressed overseas. Amber Rudd MP replied that the policing guidance had been updated and that every police force had a domestic abuse action plan. She further explained that £184 million had been invested in tackling VAWG abroad since 2010.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 241

US Immigration Policy, 30th January 2017

Stephen Doughty MP asked how many refugees the UK would take in to offset President Trump's migration ban and how many women's organisations, that address women's rights and torture, would receive additional funding from the UK to offset the cut in their funding from the US Government. Boris Johnson MP answered that the UK had a proud record of refugee intake and would continue to lead globally in funding women's organisations abroad.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 242

Violence against Women and Girls, 2nd February 2017

Oliver Colvile MP asked if the Government would support Girlguiding UK's campaign to reduce VAWG. Justine Greening MP said she fully supported Girlguiding's campaign and would look at reviewing existing guidance on sexual harassment in schools.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 243

Women and Equalities, 2nd February 2017

Helen Hayes MP asked if the Government would introduce statutory sex and relationships education to tackle homophobic bullying and sexual harassment in schools. Justine Greening MP said that the Government was actively considering how to improve the delivery of sex and relationships education, including updating the existing guidance.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 244

UN Gender Equality Initiative, 22nd February 2017

Alex Cunningham MP asked how much the Government was providing to the UN's 'Step It Up for Gender Equality' initiative. James Wharton MP replied that the UK Government provides £12 million a year in core annual funding support for the organisation and would continue to fight gender inequality overseas.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 245

Violence against Women and Girls, 16th March 2017

Amanda Solloway MP and Lucy Frazer MP asked what was being done to increase the number of prosecutions on VAWG. Robert Buckland MP replied that since the cross-Government strategy, more prosecutions were taking place.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 246

Domestic Violence, 16th March 2017

Paul Blomfield MP and Mike Kane MP asked on the effectiveness of the CPS in prosecuting cases of domestic violence. Jeremy Wright MP replied that he would work with Members across the Cabinet on how to best support the CPS in bringing prosecutions against perpetrators of domestic violence.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 247

Yazidi Captives: Daesh, 28th March 2017

Maria Caulfield MP asked what was being done to secure the release of Yazidi women, held captive by Daesh. Tobias Ellwood MP replied that significant progress had been made in liberating Mosul, and that refugee assistance and resettlement schemes would be provided to women who were released.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 248

United Nations (Aid Programmes), 29th March 2017

Richard Arkless MP asked what discussions DFID has had with UN institutions on the future funding of aid programmes. Rory Stewart MP answered that the department was focusing on both funding and on reforming institutions.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 249

Written Parliamentary Questions

Members of the House of Commons tabled a wide variety of family planning/SRHR/population written parliamentary questions this year on the following subjects, which are all available on the group's website:

- Abortion
- Abortion: Convictions
- Abortion: Gender Selection
- Abortion: Greater London
- Abortion: Immigrants
- Afghanistan: Domestic Violence
- Africa: Female Genital Mutilation
- Africa: Deserts
- AIDS: Conferences
- Asylum Females
- Bereavement Counselling: Perinatal Mortality
- Breast Cancer Drugs
- Breastfeeding
- Breast Ironing
- Burma: Females
- Cervical Cancer
- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Childbirth
- Child Marriage
- CDC
- Circumcision
- Contraception
- Contraceptives
- Council of Europe Convention Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- Childbirth
- Commonwealth Development Corporation
- Crimes of Violence: Females
- Department for International Development: Females
- Department for International Development: Non-governmental Organisations
- Department of Health and Females
- Detention Centres and Sexual Offence
- Developing Countries: Abortion
- Developing Countries: Crimes of Violence
- Developing Countries: Deserts
- Developing Countries: Education
- Developing Countries: Equality
- Developing Countries: Family Planning
- Developing Countries: Females
- Developing Countries: Health Services
- Developing Countries: HIV Infection
- Developing Countries: Human Trafficking
- Developing Countries: Nutrition
- Developing Countries: Older People
- Developing Countries: Sustainable Development
- Domestic Violence
- Domestic Violence and the Legal Aid Scheme
- Domestic Violence: Advisory Services
- Domestic Violence: Females
- Domestic Violence: Health Services
- Domestic Violence: Homicide
- Domestic Violence: Young People
- Down's Syndrome
- Endometriosis
- Human Papillomavirus: Vaccination
- Human Trafficking
- Humanitarian Aid
- Immigrants: Detainees
- In Vitro Fertilisation
- Indonesia: Female Genital Mutilation
- Infant Mortality
- International Development (Reporting and Transparency Act 2006)
- Islamic State and Sexual Violence
- Libya: Females
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- Malnutrition Pregnancy
- Marie Stopes International
- Marriage: Children
- Maternal Health Services
- Maternity Services
- Maternity Services: Bereavement Counselling
- Maternity Services: Digital Technology
- Maternity Services: EU Nationals
- Maternity Services: Negligence
- Maternity Services: Standards
- Menopause
- Mental Health Services: Females
- Mental Health Service: Domestic Violence
- Mental Health Services: Mothers
- Mental Health Services: Pregnancy
- Middle East: Equality
- Middle East and North Africa: Social Problems
- Midwives: Recruitment
- Miscarriage
- Miscarriage: Counselling
- NHS: Staff
- Nigeria: Abduction
- Nigeria: Christianity
- Nutrition: Health Education
- Overseas Aid
- Overseas Investment
- Overseas Investment: India and South Africa
- Pakistan: Equality
- Parents: Mental Health Services
- Postnatal Depression
- Pregnancy
- Pregnancy and Mental Health
- Pregnancy: Advisory Services
- Pregnancy: Depressive Illnesses
- Pregnancy: Diets
- Pregnancy: Epilepsy
- Pregnancy: Mental Illness
- Pregnancy: Screening
- Pregnancy: Sodium Valproate
- Pregnancy: Streptococcus
- Procurement: Drugs
- Prosecutions: Northern Ireland
- Refugees: Children

- Ethiopia: Females
- EU Aid
- Family Planning
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Female Genital Mutilation Nigeria
- Female Genital Mutilation: Prosecutions
- Fertility
- Flour: Folic Acid
- Folic Acid: Flour
- Forced Marriage
- Forced Marriage: Prosecutions
- Forced Marriage Unit
- Gambia: Female Genital Mutilation
- Gender Recognition
- Gender: Equality
- Genito-urinary Medicine
- Islamic State: Yazidis
- Government Equalities Office: Females
- Health Services: Females
- HIV Infection
- HIV Infection: Clinical Trials
- HIV Infection: Disease Control
- HIV Infection: Drugs
- HIV Infection: Males
- Home Office: Equal Pay
- Homicide
- Homicide: Females
- Refugees: Europe
- Refugee: Females
- Schools: Sexual Offences
- Senegal Female Genital Mutilation
- Sex and Relationship Education
- Sex and Relationship Education: LGBT People
- Sexting
- Sexual Offences: International Cooperation
- Sexually Transmitted Infections: Disadvantaged
- Sexually Transmitted Infections: Older People
- Smoking: Pregnancy
- Sodium Valproate
- South Sudan: Females
- South Sudan: Sexual Offences
- Special Envoy for Gender Equality: Staff
- Sub-Saharan Africa HIV
- Surrogate Motherhood
- Surrogate Motherhood: Lone Parents
- Uganda: Overseas Aid
- UN High-level Panel on Access to Medicines
- UN Women
- USA: Abortion
- USA: Family Planning
- USA: HIV Infection
- Violence against Women and Girls Ministerial Group
- World Humanitarian Summit
- Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre: Females
- Yemen: Malnutrition

Early Day Motions

EDM 161 - Violence against women and girls and the sustainable development agenda, 8th June 2016

Margaret Ritchie MP, 32 signatures

'That this House is deeply concerned that violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread violations of human rights and that a third of all women and girls will face violence in their lifetime; notes the detrimental impact that VAWG has on individual women, their dependants, their communities and society as a whole; further notes that women in minority groups, such as LGBTI women and migrant women, and women living in poverty, are at a particular risk of experiencing violence; welcomes the Sustainable Target Goal (STG) 5.2, which sets a target for the elimination of VAWG in the context of the overall goal of gender equality; recognises the vital role that women's rights organisations play in meeting the targets specified by STG 5.2 and in ending gender discrimination more widely; regrets that women's rights organisations currently receive less than one per cent of the UK aid money for gender equality; supports Action Aid's Fearless campaign, which calls on the Government to dedicate a further £70 million from the existing aid budget to women's rights organisations by 2019; and urges the Government to commit to providing these additional funds to women's rights organisations to enable them to work to end VAWG'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 250

EDM 287 - Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust, 5th July 2016

Patricia Gibson MP, 37 signatures

'That this House recognises the excellent work of Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust in raising the awareness and importance of cervical screening in the UK; understands that Jo's Trust once again very successfully championed Cervical Screening Awareness Week from 13 to 19 June, to ensure that as many women as possible attend cervical screening sessions; is aware that cervical screening prevents 75 per cent of cervical cancers from developing in the UK, yet one in four women do not attend screening when invited, and that this is one of the biggest risk factors for developing cervical cancer; is concerned that incidences of cervical cancer in the UK have risen from eight diagnoses per day, to nine each day, meaning that over 3,000 women a year now face a diagnosis; congratulates local community activist and charity campaigner, Suzanne Fernando, on recently organising a 5K Charity Walk in Eglinton Park, Kilwinning, which was a huge success and, together with other campaigns, helped to raise over £20,000 for the charity; and wishes Jo's Trust every success going forward, in its efforts to eradicate this tragic and preventable condition.'

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EDM 374 - Breastfeeding Welcome Awards For East Renfrewshire Nurseries, 20th July 2016

Kirsten Oswald MP, 28 signatures

'That this House congratulates the 22 nurseries based in East Renfrewshire that have received a Breastfeeding Welcome award from the East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care partnership; notes that the award was developed by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to recognise organisations that support and understand the needs of breastfeeding mothers and their babies; considers that breastfeeding has many health benefits for mothers and children; and encourages all organisations and businesses to provide welcoming environments for breastfeeding mothers'

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EDM 524 - Baby Loss Awareness Week, 12th October 2016

Patricia Gibson MP, 60 signatures

'That this House supports Baby Loss Awareness Week which runs from 9 October to 15 October 2016, involving 21 pregnancy and baby loss charities in the UK to mark the brief lives of babies lost in pregnancy or soon after birth; understands the devastating impact that baby loss has on parents and the wider family; pays tribute to all the charities and organisations which support parents and families through the ordeal of losing a baby; further understands that more research and work to prevent stillbirth is required to improve the current figures which compare unfavourably to other European countries; is aware that there is a taboo around baby loss which is not helpful in tackling this important issue; and looks forward to the culmination of this week on 15 October 2016, International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, when people around the world will light a candle at 7pm to create a wave of light in memory of babies who have died.'

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EDM 560 - Aids and Young People, 18th October 2016

Jim Shannon MP, 27 signatures

‘That this House supports the Youth STOPAIDS It Ain’t Over Campaign; recognises that despite enormous progress made in the global HIV and AIDS response over the last 30 years, 2.1 million people newly acquired HIV in 2015 and AIDS remains the second biggest killer of adolescents and young people globally; acknowledges that UNAIDS estimates that to reach the sustainable development goal target on ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 a funding gap of 6 billion dollars must be filled each year; calls on the Government to mirror its recent increased investment in the Global Fund to fight AIDS TB and Malaria in other HIV and AIDS financing mechanisms; further calls on the Government to make an assessment of how HIV fits into its existing priorities particularly on women, girls, young people and adolescents and maintain a strong and high level UK presence at HIV and AIDS international forums; and calls on the Government to undertake a stock take review of its HIV programming, in order to assess how projects fit together and how the Government’s cumulative global response to HIV and AIDS stacks up against international commitments it has made, in light of the expiration of the Department for International Development’s strategy on HIV and AIDS in 2015.

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EDM 588- Breast Cancer and Environmental and Occupational Toxicants, 24th October 2016

Caroline Lucas MP, 14 signatures

‘That this House recognises the ever-rising incidence of breast cancer in the UK, up by 64 per cent since the 1970s; notes the considerable body of independent scientific evidence that connects a wide range of everyday environmental and occupational factors, such as carcinogens and hormone disruptors and night work, to breast cancer, including at least 216 chemicals to which women are daily exposed in their homes, workplaces and wider environment, and 1,000 chemicals in regular commercial and industrial usage which can interfere with the endocrine system; understands that life-long and pre-birth cumulative and combined exposures to certain chemicals may also increase the risk of breast cancer; believes that along with lifestyle causes, better treatment and care, women’s everyday exposure to environmental and occupational toxicants is the crucial missing piece of the breast cancer jigsaw and the public’s right to know demands urgent attention; welcomes calls to action by leading public health bodies, the World Health Organisation and the American Public Health Association, and their recognition of occupational and environmentally-related breast and other cancers; and calls on the Government to support and act on primary prevention through the urgent inclusion of environmental and occupational risk factors into all National Cancer Plans and strategies’

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EDM- 675 - Women’s Rights in Bahrain, 15th November 2016

Roger Godsiff MP, 35 signatures

‘That this House expresses its concern about the August 2016 arrest of Ghada Jamsheer, a prominent Bahraini women’s rights and pro-democracy activist, on charges related to her exercising freedom of expression and making criticisms online of the government of Bahrain; recognises the ongoing judicial harassment Ghada Jamsheer has faced as a result of her fight for codified personal status laws in Bahrain to protect women in family court matters; notes that

Bahraini law perpetuates gender-based discrimination and inequality, including the exclusion of Shia women from codified family law; is concerned about the ongoing targeting of human rights defenders in general, through arbitrary arrest, long-term prison sentencing without trial, and torture; views the increasing targeting of the family members, including children, of human rights defenders as a fear tactic to deter political dissent; calls for scrutiny of the British police's role in training Bahrain's security forces, who have indiscriminately deployed crowd-control weapons to quell demonstrations, including on women and children; further calls on the government of Bahrain to advance the hearing of Ghada Jamsheer, as her health is currently deteriorating in Isa Town Women's Prison; calls for her trial to be accessible to her lawyers, international media and non-governmental organisations; calls for the release of other human rights defenders who have been arbitrarily arrested while exercising their rights to free speech and assembly in Bahrain; and urges the government of Bahrain to accept the right of citizens peacefully to express dissent and cease persecuting activists.'

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EDM 718 - Women against Violent Environments and the Domestic Abuse Project, 23rd November 2016

Stewart McDonald MP, 38 signatures

'That this House commends the organisation Women Against Violent Environments and the Domestic Abuse Project for the excellent work they do in supporting women and children dealing with and fleeing domestic violence; notes that these services, based in Castlemilk, have provided drop-in services, training, arts and crafts work and counselling services in the Southside of Glasgow since 2001; and thanks all the volunteers who have ensured the service goes from strength to strength in the local community and offers its full support to their continued future.'

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EDM 824 - First Aid Africa, 16th December 2016

Patrick Grady MP, 29 signatures

'That this House congratulates First Aid Africa on reaching its fifth anniversary as a registered charity in 2016, having been initially founded in 2008 as a student society at Heriot-Watt University; notes the Edinburgh-based charity provides sustainable medical equipment and teaching in first aid in partnership with communities in rural south eastern Africa where access to health care is expensive and limited; further notes the organisation is still largely staffed by student volunteers who are trained and supported by the charity as they prepare and fundraise alongside their studies throughout the academic year before spending four and a half weeks of their summer teaching basic first aid skills in schools, community groups and hospitals; further congratulates First Aid Africa on securing funding from sources such as the British Medical Association Humanitarian Fund, as well as having grown its presence across UK universities with affiliated societies established at the University of Edinburgh, Queen Margaret University and Napier University, alongside Heriot-Watt University in its home city, as well as such groups having been formed at Robert Gordon University, Stirling University, Birmingham City University, Brunel University and the University of Nottingham; notes the organisation's successful AGM and Awards Night 2016-17 on 3 December 2016 which provided a platform for planned continued success over the next five years; wishes all of First Aid Africa's staff and volunteers well as they implement their progressive agenda; commends those who have already

volunteered their skills to help those in great need; and encourages students who have not yet done so to make a real difference by participating in the charity's inspiring programme'

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EDM 881 - International Fund to Finance Access To Birth Control and Abortion, 25th January 2017

Caroline Lucas MP, 21 signatures

'That this House welcomes the decision of the Dutch Government to launch an international fund to finance access to birth control and abortion in the global south; notes that this initiative is in response to the deeply regrettable reinstatement by President Trump of the so-called global gag rule, banning international non-governmental organisations that received US funding from providing abortion services or information; further notes that the World Health Organisation estimates that 22 million women experience unsafe abortions every year, the vast majority in countries where abortion rights are restricted by law; notes that such unsafe abortions are a major cause of maternal mortality, killing more than 45,000 women every year; further welcomes the Government's commitment to Sustainable Development Goal Target 5.6 of ensuring universal access to SRHR; and calls on the Government to work closely with the Dutch Government to maximise contributions to the fund by governments, businesses and civil society organisations'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 259

EDM 883 - Stillbirth and Miscarriage, 26th January 2017

Jim Shannon MP, 9 signatures

'That this House notes the heart-breaking statistics that 17 babies are stillborn or die shortly after birth every day in Great Britain and Northern Ireland; further notes the estimation that one in four pregnancies result in a miscarriage, leaving bereaved parents asking for recognition of the life that was; and calls on the Government to step into the breach with the production of a legal acknowledgement of these precious little lives in whatever format it would deem appropriate'

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EDM 910 - Foreign Aid and the Mexico City Policy, 1st February 2017

Angela Crawley MP, 25 signatures

'That this House notes with concern the reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule by the new US President, Donald Trump; recognises the Global Gag Rule, otherwise known as the Mexico City Policy, requires that any overseas organisation receiving US aid not have anything to do with abortion; acknowledges that this policy negatively affected family planning, HIV services, maternal and child health and anti-malarial programmes in 20 developing countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East during the Bush administration, from 2001 to 2009; reiterates the wishes of people across the UK for the Government to commit to ensuring fair and equal rights for all regardless of gender, race and sexual orientation; and urges the Government to guarantee that the 0.7 per cent foreign aid target will not be dependent on conditions that limit a woman's right to autonomy over her reproductive choices.'

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EDM 1011 - DFID and Abortion Funding, 2nd March 2017

Amess David MP, 6 signatures

'That this House notes that Lilianne Ploumen, the Dutch International Development Minister, has urged the Government to join countries in contributing to the Dutch abortion fund set up in response to the Mexico City Policy; recognises that the Department for International Development is already contributing £334.9 million to overseas aid programmes for population programmes, abortion and reproductive health in 2016-17; acknowledges that UK funding to Marie Stopes International has doubled over the last four years, 2012 to 2016, with £44.5 million being given in 2016; and believes that it is unnecessary and imprudent to commit more Government spending and increase the UK's contribution to abortions overseas at a time when other domestic budgets are being cut.'

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EDM 1121- Sex - Selective and On-Demand Abortion, 28th March 2017

Rebert Ffello MP, 14 signatures

'That this House is shocked by comments made by Wendy Savage, member of the British Medical Association's (BMA) Medical Ethics Committee, that sex-selective abortion should be legal and that abortion should be available on-demand, right up-to-birth; notes with serious concern that Wendy Savage has also dismissed the personal testimony of women who have been coerced into sex-selective abortions in the UK as myth; recognises that Wendy Savage is behind a move to encourage the membership of the BMA to back a policy calling for abortion to be decriminalised, having submitted a successful motion at last year's BMA annual representative meeting seeking such a policy; further notes that such a legislative change would likely remove any current legal safeguards against sex-selective abortion and allow for abortion to be available on-demand, up-to-birth; notes that UK polling in 2012 showed that only two per cent of women wanted the abortion time limit to be extended to more than 24 weeks, let alone up-to-birth; and calls for the immediate resignation of Wendy Savage in the interests of the reputation of the BMA.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 263

House of Lords

Oral Ministerial Statements

NHS England: Pre-exposure Prophylaxis for People at Risk of HIV, 7th June 2016

Lord Prior of Brampton announced that the Government had asked NICE to conduct an evidence review of Truvada for PrEP of HIV in high-risk groups, looking at effectiveness, safety, patient factors and resource implications. The analysis would be done alongside a Government pilot scheme worth up to £2 million.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 264

NHS Funding, 31st October 2016

Lord Prior of Brampton announced that the NHS would receive an increase of £10 billion over the next six years, leading to a budget increase from £98.1 billion in 2014-15 to £119.9 billion in 2020-21. £6 billion of the £10 billion increase would occur before the end of the first two years of the spending review.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 265

Aid Review, 2nd December 2016

Lord Bates announced that the Government had published its reviews both on Multilateral and Bilateral aid for 2016. The reviews set out how the UK would respond to global threats such as the migration crisis, cross-border conflict, and climate change and disease pandemics, and determined the geographical locations that DFID will work with and highlight best practices in the global development system.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 266

Family Courts, 9th January 2017

Lord Keen of Elie announced that the Government was fast-tracking departmental advice on prohibiting the cross-examination of victims of domestic abuse by their perpetrators in family courts, and would ban the practice in family courts.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 267

European Council, 14th March 2017

Baroness Evans of Bowes Park updated the House on the outcome of the European Council summit. She welcomed progress on tackling the migration crisis in the Mediterranean such as strengthening asylum processes and increasing returns, where the UK was providing additional staff to support interviewing of Iraqi, Afghan and Eritrean nationals, and preventing people-smuggling. She further announced the need for a global response including working with African partners to deal with economic migration.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 268

Legislation

Bread and Flour Regulations (Folic Acid) Bill, 8th July 2016

Lord Rooker introduced above PMB to start the mandatory fortification of flour. He described the number of children born with neural tube defects due to vitamin B9 deficiency and highlighted evidence that suggests the need to fortify flour and bread. There was strong support for the Bill. Lord Prior of Brampton responded saying that the Government recognised the evidence, but would make no provisions to introduce mandatory fortification in England.

The Bill was agreed on and passed to the Committee of the Whole House. The Bill failed to progress any further.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 269

Abortion (Disability Equality) Bill – First and Second Reading, 21st October 2016

Lord Shinkwin introduced above PMB to make provisions to reduce the time limit to have an abortion on the grounds of disability to 24 weeks. He noted that the Abortion Act 1967 discriminates disabled fetuses, as no time limit is made for abortions done on the grounds if there is a substantial risk that if the child were born it would suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities and be handicapped.

The Bill was agreed on and passed to the Committee of the Whole House.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 270

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill – First and Second Reading, 21st October 2016

Baroness Jenny Tonge introduced above PMB to make provisions to increase the minimum legal age for marriage and civil partnership in the UK from 16 to 18 years of age. She highlighted the detrimental effects of marriage under the age of 18 to young people, particularly on education attainment and the health of young girls.

The Bill was agreed on and passed to the Committee of the Whole House.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 271

International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) (Amendment) Bill, 18th November 2016

Lord Lipsey introduced above PMB to amend the Government's annual target of spending 0.7% of the GNI of ODA to a five-year target. He cited value for money and caution in public spending as motivations for the Bill. Peers debated the financial and political implications of the Bill and introducing a five-year target, including SD, general-elections and accountability.

The Bill was agreed on and passed to the Committee of the Whole House. The bill failed to progress any further.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 272

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill - Committee Stage, 13th December 2016

Baroness Jenny Tonge stated that no amendments or speeches had been requested for the Committee stage.

The order of commitment was discharged. The Bill passed the committee stage and to the third reading.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 273

Abortion (Disability Equality) Bill - Committee Stage, 1st sitting, 27 January 2017

Baroness Massey introduced an amendment to above PMB that would make provisions for the Government to conduct compulsory impact reviews on disability welfare and the social and financial impact of the Bill on families with disabled children. Peers debated the amendment and highlighted issues with the PMB as a whole.

The session was adjourned and resumed at a later date.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 274

Commonwealth Development Cooperation Bill – Second Reading, Committee Stage and Third Reading, 9th February 2017

Lord Bates introduced above Bill to raise the limit of the CDC financing from £4.5 billion to £6 billion, and to introduce a delegated power to the SS to raise the limit further via a statutory instrument to an upper limit of £12 billion. Peers debated the proposed increase and the Bill as a whole including accountability, transparency, and value for money, and development aid priorities.

The order of commitment was discharged. The Bill passed the third reading received Royal Assent on the 23rd February 2017.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 275

Abortion (Disability Equality) Bill – Committee Stage, 2nd sitting, 24th February 2017

Lord Winston and other peers argued against above anti-choice bill and its impact on individuals and couples autonomy.

The session was adjourned. The Bill failed to progress any further.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 276

Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2017, 28th February 2017

Lord O'Shaughnessy introduced above order as a motion, to make changes to the Nursing and Midwifery Council's (NMC) governing legislation, including removing the statutory system of supervision and local investigation; removing the statutory requirement for the NMC to have a midwifery committee; and making changes to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and proportionality of the NMC's fitness-to-practice processes for both nurses and midwives. He noted the concerns raised during investigations practices and the need to improve safety of the midwifery services.

The Motion on the order was approved.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 277

Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill – Second Reading, 10th March 2017

Baroness Gale introduced above HoC PMB that would make provisions for the ratification of the Istanbul Convention. There was consensus among Peers on the Bill. Baroness Williams of Trafford commended efforts on the Bill. She explained that the UK had already made efforts prior to the signing of the Convention, however not on extraterritorial jurisdiction, particularly in cases of rape, sexual assault and domestic abuse, which the Bill covered.

The Bill was agreed on and passed to the Committee of the Whole House

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 278

Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill – Committee Stage, 28th March 2017

Baroness Gale stated that no amendments or speeches had been requested for the Committee stage.

The order of commitment was discharged. The Bill passed the third reading and received Royal Assent on the 6th of April 2017.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 279

Child and Social Work – Ping Pong HoC Amendments, 4th April 2017

Lord Nash introduced new Government amendments to above Bill, that would make provisions for compulsory sex and relationship education in primary and secondary schools and become statutory part of the curriculum. The amendments received cross party support. Concerns were raised on religion and parents' right to remove their children from sex and relationship education classes.

The Bill and its amendments passed. The Bill received Royal Assent on the 27th April 2017.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 280

Debates

Queen's Speech, 23rd May 2016

Baroness Anelay led above debate on the Governments priorities for foreign affairs and ID in the new parliamentary year. She outlined protecting citizens, safeguarding international order and investing in development as its key priorities. She outlined her department's continued commitment to protecting human rights globally, including continuing her department's work on preventing sexual violence in conflict and continuing to promote the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda. She announced a restructuring of the Government's aid budget, which would focus on stabilising fragile states, governance and countering terrorism, especially in the Middle East, and a commitment to spending 0.7% of GNI on overseas development. Peers debated issues on security and Brexit, migration, humanitarian crises, economic development, and access to public services as key development priorities. Baroness Flather discussed the need to focus on women, population and climate change in foreign policy.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 281

Female Genital Mutilation, 9th June 2016

Lord Berkeley led above debate on FGM and prosecutions in the UK. He noted that despite legislation prohibiting FGM in the UK, no successful prosecutions had taken place. He advocated for the need for a national action plan, and to focus on educating and engaging with men to stop the practice. Lord Patel discussed the issue of gathering evidence for prosecutions and disparities within the EU. Peers outlined other issues such as strengthening criminal law, training healthcare professionals and supporting local councils and NGOs. Lord Keen responded saying that the Government had made various efforts such as strengthening the law that would oblige health professionals to report FGM cases; introducing lifelong anonymity for victims who report it; increasing health funding to support health professionals' training; and introducing community outreach programmes, to raise awareness on the issue FGM.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 282

Health HIV, 5th September 2016

Lord Brentwood used above debate to highlight issues around HIV in the UK, particularly on diagnosis and prevention. He cited the need for appropriate funding for local authorities, addressing stigma, and updating sex and relationship education guidance in schools, and using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to treat HIV. Lord Patel noted the clinical effectiveness of PrEP, and discussed the issue of prevention and addressing wider socio-economic determinants of HIV. Lord Prior responded that the late diagnosis of HIV had increased two-fold, and that the Government had invested £2.4 million a year in national HIV prevention. PrEP however needed to be investigated in terms of both clinical and cost-effectiveness.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 283

Conflict in Fragile States, 15th September 2016

Lord Loomba used above debate to highlight the state of human rights violations and suffering in conflict states. Baroness Jenny Tonge noted that women and girls are disproportionately affected by human rights violations in conflict and fragile states, especially sexual abuse and access to reproductive health services, and encouraged the Government to develop long term strategies in delivering aid for these countries instead of immediate short term aid, including for SRH and abortion services. Baroness Flather discussed the need to focus on women especially widows in all policy spheres in ID. Baroness Goldie responded stating that the protection and empowerment of women and girls was a priority for the Government in conflict and fragile states, and was working closely with NGOs and the UN to provide assistance on providing and improving access to services for women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 284

Sexual Violence in Conflict (Select Committee Report), 10th October 2016

Baroness Nicholson used above debate to discuss the Report from the Sexual Violence in Conflict Committee. She described her accounts with victims of sexual assault in conflict settings, and advocated for a strategic interdepartmental plan in order for the UK to continue with its efforts in the field internationally. Baroness Jenny Tonge noted the importance in providing SRH services to women in conflict situations and refugee camps, and the need to continue funding NGOs and governmental organisations that work on the ground such as IPPF, MSI and UNFPA. Baroness Anelay responded stating that the issue continued to remain a priority for the Government, and that £30 million had been committed to partner countries to support projects addressing the issue, and that DFID and the UN had also channelled funding.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 285

Immigration: Detention of Pregnant Women, 27th October 2016

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb secured above debate to raise the issue of the social and medical risks associated with detaining pregnant immigrant women in detention centres. Peers noted the Government's response to addressing the issue and asked if the Home Office would publish figures on the issue and address the problem. Baroness Williams responded saying that detention was necessary in some circumstances to protect public interest, however statutory limits were introduced on the length of time pregnant women could be detained for. She further elaborated that to date, no pregnant women were currently in detention, and that the Government was not considering publishing information, but published a new operational instruction on the management of pregnant women in detention.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 286

Surrogacy, 14th December 2016

Baroness Barker secured above debate to highlight issues with surrogacy related laws in the UK that restrict altruistic surrogacy, and advocated that the laws that criminalise surrogacy-related advertising be revised, that they respect human rights law and represent the interest of the children. Baroness Chisholm echoed peers concerns on the laws, stating that the Government would produce guidance on the laws concerning surrogacy with the help of external experts, and would work with the Law Commission to review surrogacy laws.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 287

Women and Girls: Employment Skills in the Developing World, 26th January 2017

Lord Loomba led above debate on employment skills among women and girls in the developing world. Peers outlined issues such as access to healthcare, family planning, nutrition, education, labour market and economic rights as obstacles to female economic empowerment, and advocated the need to adhere to the SDGs and for DFID to continue funding and prioritising these issues. Baroness Sheehan discussed the need for DFID to fund projects that change societal norms that allow the empowerment of girls and women, and the need to address the USA's development aid funding gap. Lord Bates replied stating that reducing poverty, increasing economic growth and having women and girls' centred policies were priorities for the UK Government, especially in terms of access to education.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 288

Nutrition: Women and Girls, 22nd February 2017

Baroness Manzoor secured above debate, where she noted the disproportionate amount of women and girls in developing countries that are undernourished and the social and economic affects off this. She expressed the need for DFID to invest in this field and to step up family planning efforts. Lord Bates responded saying that the issue of nutrition must be addressed more by the international community including the UK, and that the Government would soon launch a position paper that would seek to galvanise the international and business communities to address the issue. The Government would continue to support programmes and governments to address the issue.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 289

International Women's Day, 9th March 2017

Baroness Shields secured above debate to celebrate International Women's day. She noted the need to advance efforts to make the workforce more gender equal; the need to make the internet safer for women; and noted the UK's efforts in empowering women internationally. Baroness Prosser talked about female economic empowerment and implementing the SDGs in developing countries; Baroness Barker discussed discrimination against trans and LGBT citizens; Baroness Howells discussed the empowerment of women of colour and ethnic minorities; Baroness Jenkin and Baroness Manzoor talked about GBV in the developing world and the importance of family planning and reproductive health services, and education; Lord Hussain noted the human rights violations women suffer from, especially sexual violence, in South Asia and in conflict settings; Baroness Hodgson and Lord Loomba talked about women in developing countries, GBV and sexual violence, and economic empowerment; Lord Sheikh mentioned gender equality, forced marriage, education and gender economic empowerment in Islamic countries; Baroness Goudie asked on the impact of Brexit on women's rights, notably on discrimination in the workforce, and also discussed women's rights in conflict and post-conflict settings; Baroness Flather talked about the importance of men in gender equality debates and improving the lives of women in the developing world; Baroness Healy discussed discrimination against women in the criminal justice system; Baroness Benjamin discussed online sex abused and the important of sex and relationship education; Baroness Uddin talked about the refugee crisis; Baroness Jenny Tonge and Baroness Sheehan discussed the importance of family planning and providing accessible SRH and abortion services both domestically and in the developing world and the impact of President Trump's Global Gag Rule; and Baroness Gale talked about women's political empowerment.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 290

Commonwealth, 16th March 2017

Baroness Anelay secured above debate to outline her priorities with the Commonwealth ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Priorities included peace building, economic growth and trade, promoting human rights, and young people. Baroness Jenkin discussed additional priorities must include addressing communicable diseases, implementing the SDGs, improving access to health services and education, addressing healthcare worker shortages, promoting gender equality and women's empowerment and family planning. Baroness Flather and Baroness Uddin referenced the importance of promoting gender equality. Baroness Barker discussed gender-based discrimination, highlighting LGBT issues and the need for the Government to engage in greater advocacy on these issues.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 291

Neglected Tropical Diseases, 3rd April 2017

Baroness Hayman secured above debate and asked what progress the Government had made in combating neglected tropical diseases since the London Declaration was made in January 2012. Peers noted achievements made since the declaration, however stated that conditions such as poverty, climate change, clean water, conflict and human migration should be considered and tackled, and the need to broaden Research and Development. Baroness Barker highlighted the need for DFID to continue funding both scientific research and humanitarian aid especially reproductive health services. Baroness Sheehan discussed the importance of prevention and health determinants such as poverty and gender. Lord Bates responded stating that 3% of DFID's budget focused on research, and was working with other donors such as United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the UN to address overarching issues covered in the SDGs such as SRH.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 292

Oral Parliamentary Questions

United Nations World Humanitarian Summit, 12th April 2016

Lord McConnell asked who would represent the UK at the UN World Humanitarian Summit. Baroness Verma answered saying that the Government would send a high-level representation to the summit who would promote an agenda for reform. Lord Chidgey and Lord Lansley asked if the UK would continue to lead in crisis responses and ensure the SDGs are implemented. Baroness Verma responded saying that the UK would continue to lead in crisis preparedness by investing in infrastructure development, particularly in the health system, however discussions on reform would look at the role of the other partners, donors and the private sector. Strong links between the SDGs and crisis would continue, particularly in climate change.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 293

Health: Hepatitis C, 28th April 2016

Baroness Featherstone asked the Government whether the funding for the new interferon-free Hepatitis C treatment would come from the NHS or Her Majesty's (HM) Treasury, and if the £125 million promised to Hepatitis C survivors would go towards the costs of treatment. Lord Prior responded saying that funding would come from the NHS and that only 10,000 people would receive the new treatment in the coming year due to budgetary constraints.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 294

Migration: Middle East and North Africa, 12th May 2016

Baroness Sheehan asked what evidence the Government had to support their claim that “pull factors” are responsible for the mass movement of people from the Middle East and North Africa in recent years, and asked what the Government believed the reasons were behind the very large increase in the numbers of refugees in recent years. Lord Keen replied saying that the causes for migration were complex, encompassing both push and pull factors, and that the Government did not claim that pull factors alone were responsible for migration. Recent causes of migration to Europe and the UK were largely due to welfare benefits and employment.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 295

South Sudan, 13th July 2016

Baroness Kinnock asked what assessments and actions the Government had made to protect civilians, especially women and children, from violence in South Sudan and if a UN Security Council arms embargo in South Sudan would take place. The Earl of Courtown responded saying that the Government condemned actions in the region, and that it was putting pressure on the UN Security Council and its member states. Other actions included investigating instances of human rights violations and abuses, assisting in the delivery of aid and supporting the peace agreement.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 296

Migrants in France: UK Contribution, 12th October 2016

Baroness Sheehan asked what agreements the Government and French Government had made on how the £17 million contribution towards the management of the migration situation in France would be deployed. Baroness Williams answered that the money would be deployed over the next financial year to drive progress on the priorities set out in France and the UK’s joint declaration from August 2015. The goals included strengthening the border, moving migrants away from Calais, alternative accommodation outside Calais, returning people to their home countries, and providing protection in France for those who needed it.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 297

NHS England: HIV Prevention, 18th October 2016

Lord Hunt asked whether NHS England was informing patients that lifesaving drugs would be denied them if funding had to be made available for PrEP for HIV treatment. Baroness Chisholm answered that decisions made on drug funding priorities were clinicians and NHS England responsibilities and not politicians, and that PrEP needs to be assessed in relation to cost and effectiveness to see how it could be commissioned in the most sustainable and integrated way.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 298

International Development Aid, 19th October 2016

Baroness Kennedy asked what the Governments priorities were for the UK’s ID aid budget and how much DFID had contributed to private health initiatives and how this met the objectives of building sustainable, universal healthcare systems. Baroness Mobarik replied saying that the UK’s aid budget was aligned to objectives in the UK aid strategy—namely, strengthening global peace, security and governance; strengthening resilience and response to crises; promoting global prosperity; and tackling extreme poverty and helping the world’s most vulnerable; and that the Government remained committed to the SDGs. The UK would continue to provide the

technical assistance and financial support for countries to strengthen their whole health system, and would work with the WHO as well as other partners to make those systems resilient. Lord Crisp asked what the UK was doing to improve the supply and skills of nurses in the developing world. Baroness Mobarik replied stating that the Government was committed to improving the role of nurses and their skills, and embraced a whole-system approach aligned with countries' priorities.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 299

Sex and Relationships Education, 24th November 2016

Baroness Donaghy asked when the Government would make sex and relationship education part of the national curriculum. Lord Nash responded saying that there were currently no plans to implement it into the national curriculum, and that PSHE and SRE delivery were actively under review with particular consideration being given to improving quality and accessibility.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 300

Istanbul Convention, 24th November 2016

Baroness Gale asked why the Government had not yet ratified the Council of Europe's (CoE) Istanbul Convention, and when they intended on doing so. Baroness Williams answered that the Government was committed to tackling VAWG, and that before ratifying it, they needed to address issues around extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 301

Aid and Trade, 28th November 2016

Lord Hannay asked whether the SS for ID's statement in Kenya, that she envisaged using the aid budget to promote the United Kingdom's bilateral trade agreements following its departure from the EU, was consistent with the International Development Act 2002. Lord Bates responded that DFID would continue to ensure that the assistance the UK provided complies with the requirements of the International Development Act 2002, and that economic growth and prosperity was an important focus.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 302

HIV: Barriers to Treatment, 1st December 2016

Lord Cashman asked what assessments the Government had made on the barriers to access the treatment to prevent the spread of HIV; and what steps they were taking to make PrEP accessible and affordable. Lord Prior answered that HIV treatment was expensive, and that NHS England and Public Health England would say more about their plans for a new programme in the next couple of days, regarding accessing treatment and the talks with Gilead the supplier of PrEP.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 303

HIV Diagnosis: Clinical Guidance, 1st December 2016

Baroness Gould asked what steps the Government was taking to ensure new national clinical guidance was adopted by the NHS and local authorities to reach people in the UK still living with undiagnosed HIV. Lord Prior of Brampton answered that the Government welcomed the guidelines and was still working with partners to use the guidelines to address HIV treatment and prevention.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 304

HIV Global Epidemic: Young People, 1st December 2016

Lord Collins of Highbury asked how the Government planned to tackle the global HIV epidemic among adolescents and young people from key populations, and if DFID was planning on reviewing its approach to HIV. Lord Bates answered that youth were at the centre of DFID development framework. Baroness Tonge asked whether prevention methods such as contraception would be promoted in DFID work in addition to treatment. Lord Bates replied that DFID would support this. Baroness Barker asked whether the Government would persuade the current US administration to continue its previous level of funding with respect to PREPFAR. Lord Bates responded that DFID would continue to work with USAID to tackle HIV.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 305

Gender-based Violence, 8th December 2016

Baroness Burt of Solihull asked what the Government was doing to bring down the number of women who were victims of GBV. Baroness Williams of Trafford answered that the Government had launched a new strategy supported by increased funding of £80 million. A new domestic abuse offence had been introduced on coercive control, in addition to new measures to protect victims of stalking. Baroness Hussein-Ece asked what measures the Government was taking to improve reporting. Baroness Williams of Trafford answered saying that more was being done to encourage an environment in which women could feel comfortable coming forward.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 306

Sudan, 23rd January 2017

Lord Chidgey and Lord Alton asked what the Government was doing to address the humanitarian situation in the Darfur, including sexual violence. Baroness Anelay responded saying that the Government had assisted in raising the sanctions in the region, however access issues remained a problem in terms of delivering aid.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 307

US Overseas Aid: Global Gag Rule, 21st February 2017

Baroness Barker asked what the Government's response was following President Trump's reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule and if DFID had assessed whether its reinstatement would affect its own programmes. Lord Bates answered that the UK would continue to fund SRH programmes including access to safe abortion, and that they would host a Family Planning summit in July to decide what steps to take next. Baroness Tonge asked if women in conflict situations would still be able to access abortion services. Lord Bates answered that the UK Government would continue to promote the prevention of sexual violence in war.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 308

Girl Effect: DFID Funding, 22nd February 2017

Baroness Sheehan asked why DFID's funding from the NGO Girl-Effect had been withdrawn. Lord Bates answered that the partnership had ended, and that women and girls' empowerment could be funded through more effective mechanisms. Baroness Sugg asked when DFID would publish its strategy on the SDGs and how it would monitor progress. Lord Bates answered that cross-government work was currently taking place, and their Agenda 2030 would be published shortly. Monitoring would be done through the Office for National Statistics.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 309

Women: Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, 13th March 2017

Baroness Donaghy asked what assessments the Government had made on the need for women's domestic violence and sexual violence services in the UK. Baroness Williams answered that the Government's news strategy had invested £80 million to support refugees, rape support centres, FGM and forced marriage units. Baroness Uddin asked how the Government's aims would translate into local councils' politics. Baroness Williams replied that the Government set national expectations on their implementation, which local councils must comply to, and that local authorities can bid into the VAWG transformation fund.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 310

Gaza Strip, 21st March 2017

Lord Hylton asked what assessments the Government had made on the state of public health in Gaza and whether they would continue providing water and electricity in the territory. Lord Bates answered that indicators for the territory were good compared to regional indicators, that the Government was funding the Gaza Reconstruction Mechanism and encouraging the Israeli Government to continue supplying infrastructure to Gaza. Baroness Sheehan asked whether the UK Government would support the UN Human Council's new resolution calling for accountability after the attacks on medical facilities. Lord Bates answered in addition to supporting resolution, other steps must be taken including stopping terrorism, and opening borders.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 311

Written Parliamentary Questions

Members of the House of Lords tabled a wide variety of family planning/SRHR/population written parliamentary questions this year on the following subjects, which are all available on the group's website:

- Abortion
- Africa: EU Aid
- Armed Conflict: Sexual Offences
- Bangladesh: Females
- Bangladesh: Marriage
- Bounty Services
- Breast Ironing
- Burma: Humanitarian Aid
- Burma: Rohingya
- Burma: Sexual Offences
- Burundi: Conflict Resolution
- Cervical Cancer: Developing Countries
- Childbirth
- Contraceptives
- Developing Countries: Abortion
- Developing Countries: Females
- Developing Countries: Health Services
- Developing Countries: Hepatitis
- Developing Countries: Human Papillomavirus
- Developing Countries: Nutrition
- Developing Countries: Sustainable Development
- Domestic Violence
- Education in Pakistan
- Family Planning in Gaza
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders
- Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence
- Gaza: Breast Cancer
- Genito-urinary Medicine
- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Gonorrhoea: Disease Control
- Greece: Migrant Camps
- Greece: Refugees
- Health Education
- Health Services
- Health Services in Developing Countries
- Hepatitis Screening
- HIV Infection
- HIV Infection: Drugs
- HIV Infection and Health Services
- In Vitro Fertilisation
- Infant Mortality
- International Planned Parenthood
- Iraq and Armed Conflict
- Malawi: Overseas Aid
- Malawi: Prosperity Fund
- Maternity Services
- Migrant Camps: Dunkirk
- Misoprostol
- Midwives
- Multiple Birth and Perinatal Mortality
- Nigeria: LGBT People
- North Korea: Sexual Offences
- Olympic Games: Brazil
- Overseas Aid
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
- Pregnancy: Screening
- Pregnancy and Air Pollution
- Rwanda and Abortion
- Rwanda Health Service
- Rwanda Rape
- Refugees: Females
- Refugees: Syria
- Sex and Relationship Education
- Sexual Dysfunction
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Sierra Leone: Hospitals
- Sierra Leone: Health Services
- Sierra Leone: Overseas Aid
- Sierra Leone and Health Services
- South Sudan and Maternity Services
- Sudan: Females
- Surrogate Motherhood
- UN Commission on the Status of Women
- UN Population Fund
- Uganda: HIV Infection

UK GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

The APPG on PDRH continues to hold the UK Government accountable to its promises and furthering the ICPD PoA. Members of the APPG on PDRH have met and spoken both formally and informally at meetings, receptions and conferences with DFID ministers and civil servants.

DFID team

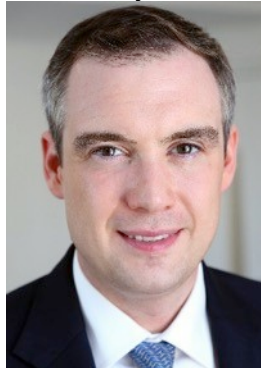
The DFID ministerial team in 2016 – 2017 were:



Priti Patel MP, SS for ID, July 2016 – November 2017



Nick Hurd MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for ID, November 2015 – July 2016



James Wharton MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for ID, July 2016 – June 2017



Rory Stewart MP, Minister of State (MoS) for ID (jointly with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office), July 2016 – present date



Lord Bates, MoS for ID, October 2016 – present date



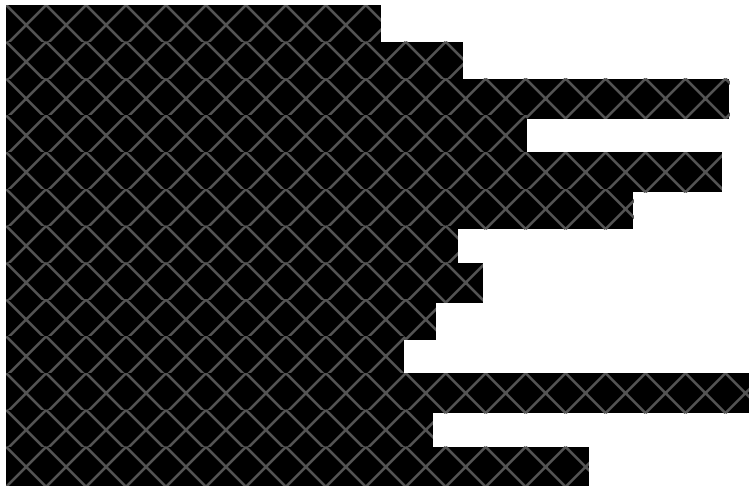
Mark Lowcock, Permanent Secretary (resigned May 2016)



Nick Dyer, New Permanent Secretary July 2017 – todays date

The latest DFID organogram is available here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-organogram>

DFID's AIDS and Reproductive Health Team, Human Development Group continue to be the APPG on PDRH's focal point and have the following team members:



DFID Meetings

The APPG on PDRH met with Nick Hurd MP, PUS for ID and staff in April 2016 at DFID's head office in London. At the meeting Nick Hurd MP outlined his DFID responsibilities and thinking on family planning and SRHR; and Baroness Jenny Tonge, Baroness Anne Jenkin, Baroness Barker, Baroness Uddin, John Mann MP summarised the APPG on PDRH's past, present and future parliamentary activities.

A discussion followed on the subjects: DFID funding priorities including funding to family planning and SRHR, the World Humanitarian Summit, UK and EC ODA, GBV and abortion in conflict, and DFID's support to West Africa.

As a follow up to the discussions, Will Niblett received information on EPF and the West African Ouagadougou Partnership, along with GJC briefings on rape in war zones and abortion services.

After the GE in May 2016, Baroness Jenny Tonge sent a letter congratulating Priti Patel MP, SS for ID, on her appointment and requested a meeting to discuss her priorities for DFID.

Whilst Baroness Jenny Tonge and Liz McInnes MP were in Sierra Leone, they coincidentally met her at the UK Ambassador's residence and discussed the importance of family planning and SRHR for economic and social empowerment. She recommended that the APPG on PDRH members meet with her upon her return to London to elaborate on the discussions held. A meeting was scheduled for March 2017, but the GE was announced and the meeting was re-scheduled for October 2017 with Alistair Burt MP, the new MoS for ID.



Alistair Burt MP, MoS for ID June 2017 – present date

In March 2017 Baroness Jenkin and Baroness Tonge held an informal meeting with Lord Bates to discuss the impact of the extended Global Gag Rule, rape in war zones and safe abortion services amongst other topical issues.

Later in March 2017 James Wharton MP, PUSS for ID invited APPGs Chairs, working on international development, to a round table meeting in Parliament to discuss DFID priorities and collaborative activities. Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the meeting with other APPG Chairs.

In June 2016 Ann Mette Kjaerby attended DFID's one day meeting on project results from 11 countries. The projects related to volunteer training of health workers in the Maternal & Newborn Health Programmes in Africa and Asia.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 312

UK Government Correspondence

The majority of correspondence between the APPG on PDRH and DFID Ministers this year related to the G7 meeting, the pricing of emergency contraception in the UK and the UK Government's SDG follow up activities.

In May 2016 the G7 Global Parliamentary declaration was sent to relevant cabinet members and civil servants in the lead up to the G7 conference. The declaration is available here: <https://www.afppd.org/view-event.php?event=1>

A letter was sent to the Jeremy Hunt MP, SS for Health in response to a letter received from HRA Pharma in May 2016, requesting a price drop and equilibrium in costing of the emergency contraception in the UK. A favourable reply was received in June 2016 from George Freeman MP, PUSS for Health. A lot of campaigning on this issue including from BPAS, finally resulted in UK outlets dropping and equalising outlet prices in 2017.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 313

In September 2016 Baroness Jenny Tonge communicated with the FCO regarding Mr Tsege's detention in Ethiopia.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 314

In December 2016 Priti Patel MP, SS for ID, disseminated to all stakeholders the long awaited UK Aid Review publications.

The documents had welcoming points on family planning/SRHR, including the following quote: *"The UK will maintain our international leadership on girls and women and expand family planning access to millions more women."*

Please find enclosed documents as appendix 315

In March 2017, Baroness Jenny Tonge initiated and co-signed a letter with other APPG on Health Chairs, requesting clarification on the progress made in embedding the SDGs across the UK Government's work, which was sent to Priti Patel MP, SS for ID.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 316

Numerous correspondence and conversations were also held in connection with DFID and the Family Planning Summit to be held in July 2017.

UK Government Publications

Below is a list of important and relevant Family Planning and SRHR UK Government documents published this year:

The UK Home Office's VAWG Policy Paper 2016 – 2020, published in March 2016:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-2016-to-2020>

The UK Government's DFID annual report: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-annual-report-and-accounts-2016-17>

The UK Government's DFID annual statistics report:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statistics-on-international-development-2016>

The UK Government's agenda for delivering the global goals:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agenda-2030-delivering-the-global-goals>

The UK Government's publications on leaving no one behind:

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

The UK Government's report on WPS 2014 – 2017:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-national-action-plan-on-women-peace-and-security-2014-17-report-to-parliament-december-2016>

The UK Government's statement on its opposition to FGM:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statement-opposing-female-genital-mutilation>

The UK Government's DFID department plan for 2015- 2020:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-single-departmental-plan-2015-to-2020>

The UK Government's DFID consultation summary on the ministerial champion role on tackling VAWG overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-summary-on-the-ministerial-champion-role-on-tackling-violence-against-women-and-girls-overseas>

The UK Government's DFID agenda on young people:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfids-youth-agenda-putting-young-people-at-the-heart-of-development>

The UK Government's DFID first Economic Development Strategy published January 2017 with extracts on family planning: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfids-economic-development-strategy-2017>

The UK Government's Statement on the Family Planning Summit 2017:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-planning-in-humanitarian-crises>

The UK Government's Family Planning summary commitments:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-planning-summit-summary-of-uk-commitments>

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

DFID continues to support UNFPA with a core contribution of £20 million. In 2016/2017 UNFPA received £87.8 million in non-core funding.

NGOs including IPPF and MSI's core funding via the DFID Programme Partnership Agreement stopped in December 2016. Due to the UK General Election and a delay in DFID's UK Aid review, neither IPPF nor MSI were able to apply for DFID core funding until DFID launched their NGO call for applications in July 2017 via the new UK Aid Connect mechanism. Funding applications are being processed in the autumn of 2017.

In 2016/17 UNICEF received £48 million in core funding and £276.3 million in non-core funding. WHO received £14.5 million in core funding and £96.55 million in non-core funding. UN Women received £12.5 million in core funding and £6.8 in non-core funding. The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) received £15 million in core funding.

Women and Children First UK received £40.000 in 2016/17 from DFID's Global Poverty Action Fund.

DFID Core contributions to International Organisations, 2009/10 – 2016/2017 (£thousands)

Organisation	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	Funding Stream
UNFPA	20,000	20,100	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	22,060	DFID– Core Funding
WHO	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	12,500	27,240	28,723	26,967	DFID and Other Govt. Depts. - Core Funding
UNICEF	48,000	48,000	48,000	46,000	47,800	40,000	23,600	21,000	DFID and Other Govt. Depts. - Core Funding
UNAIDS	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	11,030	DFID– Core Funding
IPPF*	6,500	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	6,450	12,015	7,500	Programme Partnership Agreement
MSI	37,200	41,700	34,000	-	-	-	1,063	0	CSCF – Non Core Bilateral Funding;
	3,300	4,400	4,400	4,300	4,353	4,353	-	-	Programme Partnership Agreement
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	152,900	100,000	285,000	543,044	127,908	128,100	296,600	163,400	DFID Programme – Core Funding
UN Women	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	-	-	-	-	DFID– Core Funding

****This includes funding from the Governance and Transparency Fund***

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting HIV and AIDS, 2009/10 – 2015/16 (£millions)

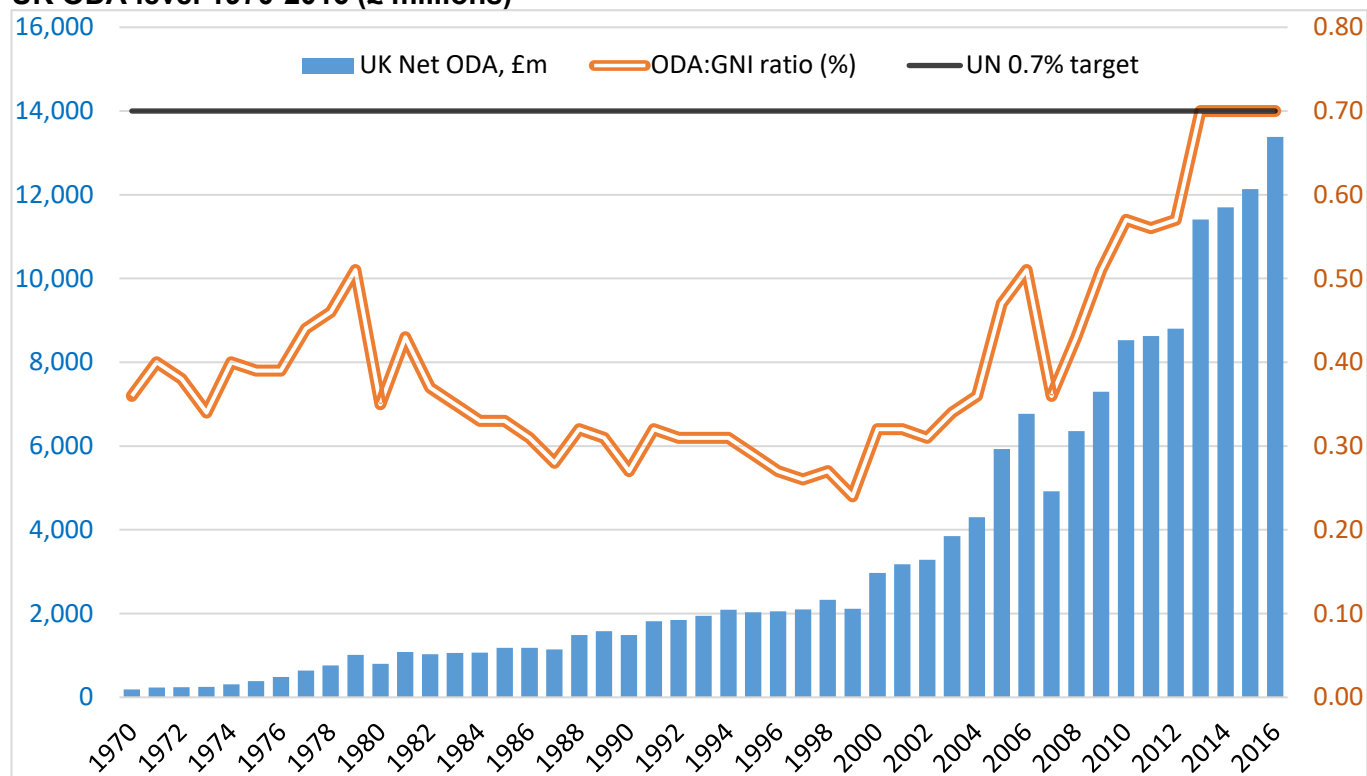
Input Sector Code	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
13041 HIV/AIDS including STI Prevention	122	119.1	69	50.3	37.5	25.7	21.5
13042 HIV/AIDS including STI Treatment and Care	24	52.7	27.3	40.2	10.9	8.1	5.7
Grand Total	146	171.8	96.3	46.1	48.4	33.8	27.2

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health, 2009/10 – 2015/16 (£millions)

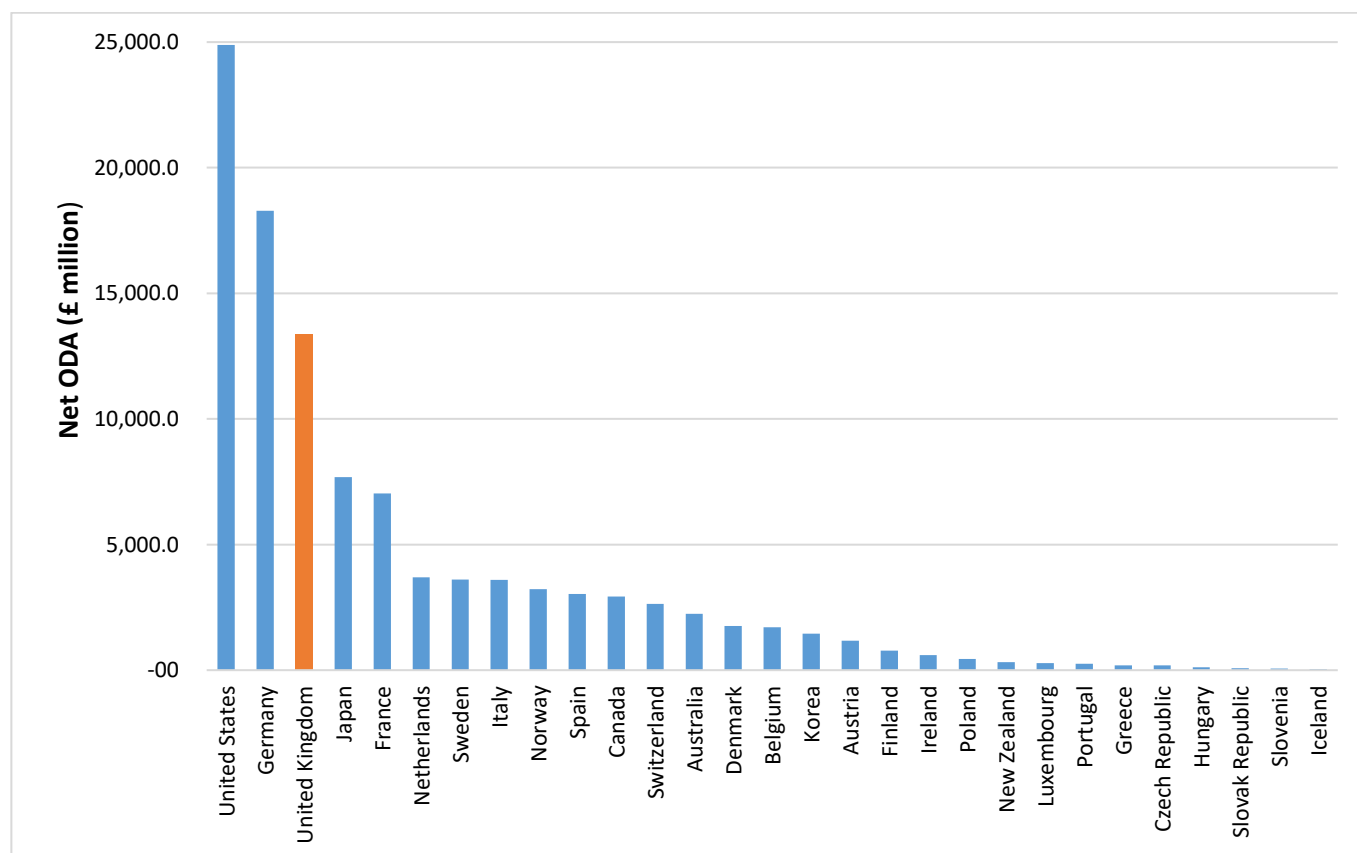
Input Sector Code	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
13010 Population Policy and Administrative Management	2.9	7.1	6.1	5.4	11.5	4.3	3.1
13021 Reproductive Health Care	43.2	48	108.9	36.7	49.4	55.4	46.3
13022 Maternal and Neonatal Health	49.4	50	121.4	125.8	163.4	207	124.7
13030 Family Planning, Health	15.3	31.1	43.8	109.7	127	124.5	121
13081 Personnel Development for Population and Reproductive Health					9.3	12.9	18.6
Grand Total	110.8	136.1	280.1	277.6	360.6	404.1	313.7

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.

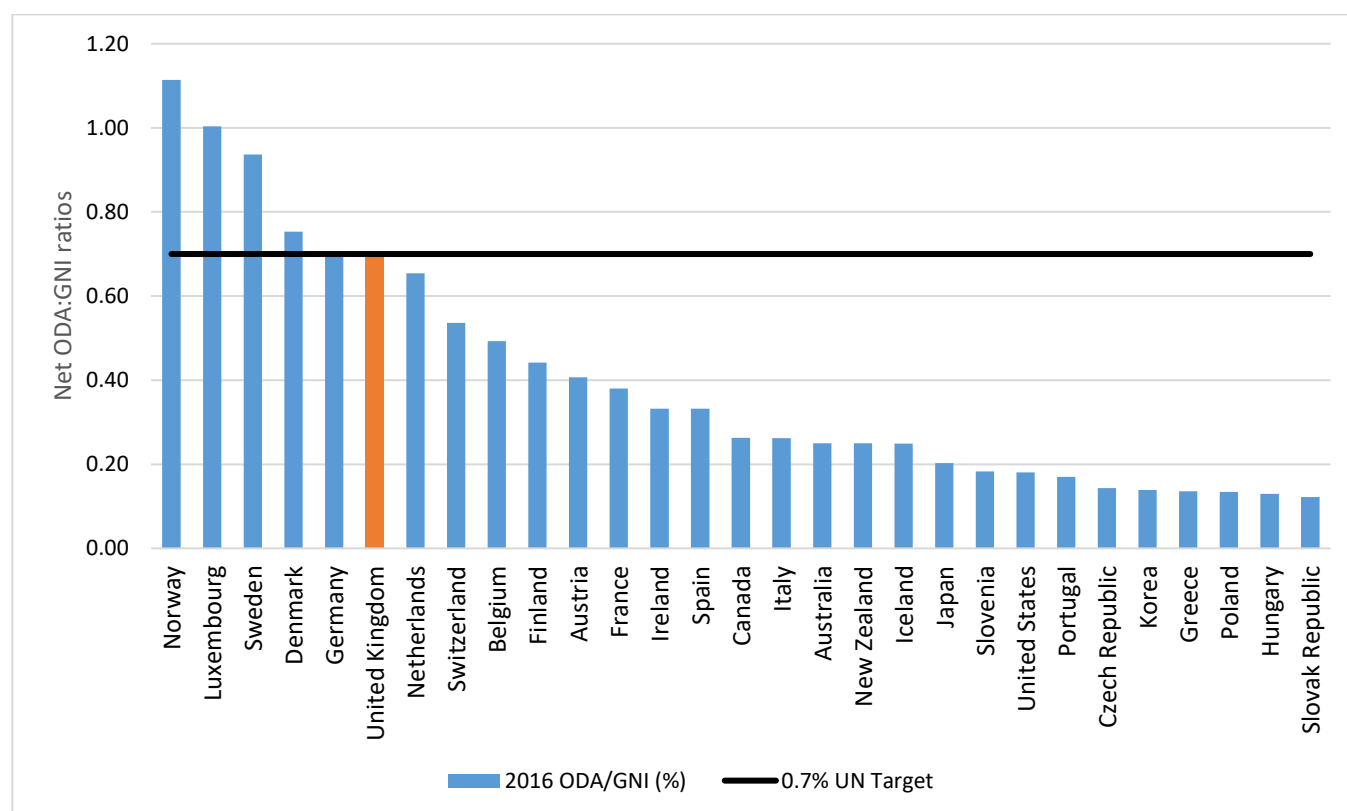
UK ODA level 1970-2016 (£ millions)



Provisional Net ODA from DAC Donors, 2016 (£ millions)



Provisional Net ODA/GNI ratios from DAC Donors, 2016



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The APPG on PDRH and its members have attended several international conferences this year, including:

The World Bank/International Monetary Fund 2016 Global Parliamentary Conference, Washington DC and 49th Session of the UN Commission on Population and Development (CPD), New York, USA, 10th – 15th April 2016



Baroness Uddin with European colleagues

Baroness Uddin joined the EPF parliamentary delegation, and attended the above two important conferences to discuss avenues for further investments in sustainable development. Baroness Uddin was greeted along with colleagues from Belgium, Spain and Turkey. The delegation began their mission with participation in the 2016 edition of the Global Parliamentary Conference, which took place on 10th -12th April 2016 in Washington DC, co-organised by the World Bank Group (WBG), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF. The Global Conference brought together some 150 Parliamentarians from the World Bank and IMF member countries. This year's agenda focused on tackling inequality through growth and job promotion, climate change, transparency and governance and the implementation of the SDGs.

Later during the week, the EPF delegation travelled to New York to take part in the CPD. This year's edition of the CPD considered the priority theme: "Strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda". Notably, the Commission undertook a review of actions for the further implementation of the PoA of the ICPD. A selection of side-events also addressed existing opportunities for harnessing the demographic dividend via rights-based approaches to population and development challenges. Other delegation activities included briefings with experts and bilateral meetings with diplomatic representatives.

Please find enclosed invitation and article as appendix 317

Women Deliver 4th Global Conference, 16th – 19th May 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark



Parliamentarians in the Danish Parliament. Copenhagen, Denmark

Baroness Jenny Tonge, Virendra Sharma MP and Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the above global conference, which saw many high profile speakers, including Princess Mary of Denmark, Melinda Gates, The Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation, Dr Babatunde, UNFPA ED and Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director General. The Women Deliver 2016 Conference was the largest gathering on girls' and women's health, rights, and wellbeing in more than a decade, and one of the first major global conferences following the launch of the SDGs. The focus of the conference was on how to implement the SDGs so they matter most for girls and women, with a specific focus on health – in particular maternal, SRHR – and on gender equality, education, environment, and economic empowerment.

Delegates attended many plenary sessions and side events and also the Parliamentarians' Forum, which saw 80 parliamentarians from 53 countries from all regions of the world. A number of high profile speakers addressed the MPs, including HRH Princess Sarah Zeid, Dr Babatunde, Mr Tewodros Melesse, Mr David Nabarro, UN Special Advisor on Agenda 2030, Dr Chris Elia, President of the Global Development Programme, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Ms Julia Buntin, Population Council President, Ms Katja Iversen, Women Delivery CEO, Ms Beth Schlachter, ED of FP2020, and Ms Priya Agarwal, Merck for Mothers.

The Forum included targeted thematic sessions followed by open discussions, a private interaction session with key selected leaders delivering for women & girls, and presentation of ground-breaking legislative and funding initiatives from parliamentary champions. The gathered parliamentarians engaged in a productive and structured dialogue on the successes, challenges and obstacles in advancing women's and girl's health, and rights and delivering solutions for their advancement on a global scale. It enabled participants to focus in-depth on the most

critical issues surrounding the rights, health, empowerment and wellbeing of women and girls, develop strategies and sharpen programmes that improve these aspects. All parliamentarians also visited the Danish Parliament and a meeting was hosted by the Danish APPG on SRHR.

Members of parliament played a central role in advancing the SDGs, improving the lives of women and girls in their home countries and abroad. The Parliamentarians' Forum was an excellent opportunity for young and motivated parliamentarians to meet with well-known champion MPs in advancing SRHR at regional, national and global levels.

Women Deliver conference website with full conference details is available here:
<http://womendeliver.org/>

Please find enclosed invitation and EPF programme enclosed as appendix 318

World Humanitarian Summit 2016, 24th – 25th May 2016, Istanbul, Turkey



Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit. It was a global call to action by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. It brought together governments, humanitarian organisations, people affected by humanitarian crises and new partners, including the private sector, to propose solutions to the most pressing challenges and set an agenda to keep humanitarian action fit for the future.

The Summit had three main goals:

- To re-inspire and reinvigorate a commitment to humanity and to the universality of humanitarian principles.
- To initiate a set of concrete actions and commitments aimed at enabling countries and communities to better prepare for and respond to crises, and be resilient to shocks.
- To share best practices which can help save lives around the world, put affected people at the centre of humanitarian action, and alleviate suffering.

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended several side events and spoke on the importance of universal SRHR at an event organised by the Palestinian Network.

One of the positive outcomes of the Summit was the energy generated around localisation and gender. It was noted that the SRHR of people living in emergency situations, particularly women and girls, require urgent attention. Of some 100 million people who were targeted in 2015 with humanitarian aid, an estimated 26 million were women and girls of reproductive age.

The Summit resulted in three main outcome documents: 1) The Chair's Summary reflecting the main discussions and commitments emerging from the Summit and the way forward beyond Istanbul; 2) The Commitments to Action document including a concrete set of actions and commitments in support of the Agenda for Humanity; and 3) A report from the Secretary-General on the outcomes of and a follow up to the Summit will be prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/106.

Full information is available here: <http://agendaforhumanity.org/summit>

In April 2016, members of the APPGs working on health sent a joint letter to the backbench business committee requesting a debate on the conference.

Please find enclosed letter sent as appendix 319

In May 2016 Priti Patel MP, SS for ID made a statement on the Summit available here: <https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2016-05-26/debates/16052641000041/WorldHumanitarianSummit>

Baroness Jenny Tonge made reference to the Summit in the HoL debate: 'Sexual Violence in Conflict (Select Committee Report), 10th October 2016. The commitments of the conference were mentioned (prevent and end conflict; uphold norms that safeguard humanity; leave no one behind; change people's lives; manage risks and crises differently; invest in humanity and in particular women and girls), and statistics including (125 million people in need of humanitarian assistance worldwide, over 75% are women and children. Globally, 35% of women have suffered from GBV and this increases significantly during conflict).

See full HoL debate here: [https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2016-10-10/debates/362BC883-1F36-4083-81F7-682596548B28/SexualViolenceInConflict\(SelectCommitteeReport\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2016-10-10/debates/362BC883-1F36-4083-81F7-682596548B28/SexualViolenceInConflict(SelectCommitteeReport))

Portsmouth NHS and Innovation Conference: 'Bringing ideas to life', 15th June 2016, Portsmouth Marriott Hotel, Portsmouth, UK



Heather Wheeler MP was invited to address NHS staff at the above one day conference to bring innovative ideas to life. The conference was chaired by Peter Mellor, secretary of Portsmouth NHS Hospitals Trust, and all participants were welcomed by Ursula Ward, CE, Portsmouth NHS Hospital Trust.

Please find enclosed the full programme as appendix 320

Heather Wheeler MP introduced the audience to her work with a short introductory film by Hans Rosling on Population Growth and a PowerPoint presentation on Population Growth and SRHR and overseas development projects.

Please find enclosed presentation as appendix 321

HIV/AIDS Alliance, MSI, LINKUP and Athena Day Event: Improving SRH for Young People: Learning from Link UP, a Youth-led Programme – One Day Meeting, 14th September 2016, London

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the above one day meeting. The International HIV/AIDS Alliance, MSI, and the ATHENA Network, invited SRHR stakeholders to this one day event to brief and celebrate the success of the Link Up project, which had reached 940,000 young people most affected by HIV with integrated HIV/SRHR services in Bangladesh, Burundi, Ethiopia, Myanmar and Uganda. The day event shared programmatic learning, innovations and research findings from the Link Up project. Participants, including donors, technical experts, researchers and programmers, discussed how the project's findings and approaches contribute to current good practice, and how programmes need to evolve to effectively reach young people with SRHR and HIV information, education and services.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme as appendix 322

UNFPA and EPF Parliamentary Consultation: Working together to ensure consistency between government policy & positions taken in UN settings, 19th – 20th September 2016, Geneva, Switzerland.



Parliamentarians at the UNFPA and EPF consultation meeting, Geneva

Holly Lynch MP and Baroness Uddin received NGO written briefings on the UK Government's positions on SRHR in UN settings prior to attending above consultation along with 22 Parliamentarians from 17 countries in Africa, Europe and Asia. Over the two days parliamentarians strategised on how public representatives can counter misinformation and hold governments accountable for commitments made on SRHR. The consultation was chaired by Kwabena Osei-Danquah, Director of the Division for Governance and Multilateral Affairs in UNFPA. Nkeiruka Didigu of UNFPA discussed the key themes of ICPD Beyond 2014 and their linkages to national development goals, while EPF Secretary Neil Datta made a presentation on the importance of investments in adolescent girls. The attending parliamentarians also benefited from presentations made by external speakers. Christina Zampas of the Center for Reproductive Rights talked about the application of human rights to SRHR issues, while Luisa Cabal of UNAIDS spoke about the role of parliamentarians in ending AIDS by 2030.

Please find enclosed invitation and concept note as appendix 323

Portugal APPG Parliamentary colloquium on SRHR and the SDGs, 26th October 2016, Lisbon, Portugal



Baroness Barker, Portugal Parliament

Baroness Barker was invited to speak at the above meeting in the Portugal Parliament by the Portugal APPG on SRHR on the subject of SRHR and the SDGs. The meeting was opened by Teresa Caeiro, Vice-President of the Portuguese Parliament and Maria Antonia A. Santos, Chair of the Portugal APPG on SRHR. Speakers at the meeting also included: Catarina Marcelino, Portugal SS for Citizenship and Equality; Francisco George, DG of Health, Graca Campinos Pocas, Population and Development (PD) Factor President; Alda Carvalho, President of the National Statistics Institute, Kwabena Osei-Danquah, Director of Division of Governance and Multilateral Affairs, UNFPA; Luis Cabaco, DG of External Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA); and Teresa Ribeiro, SS for Foreign Affairs (FA) and Corporation.

Baroness Barker's presentation included a short video clip with Hans Rosling's population graphs and a PowerPoint presentation on her UK parliamentary advocacy activities. A discussion followed presentations.

Please find enclosed Baroness Barker's PowerPoint presentation as appendix 324

COMMAT and Bond Workshop on the Interlinked Agenda, 12th December 2016, British Medical Association, London

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the above workshop on the interlinked SDG agenda. The workshops saw around 35 participants from the SRHR community briefed and discussing the implications of the new SDG agenda and the way forward for SRHR in the UK and abroad. Presentations were from: Paula Lucci, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Dominic White, World Wide Fund (WWF), Nienke Palstra, UNICEF UK, and Preethi Sundaram, IPPF.

Communications followed the workshop between COMMAT and Ann Mette Kjaerby, and Baroness Jenny Tonge was briefed on the workshop and subsequently tabled numerous written PQs on the UK Government's implementation of the new SDG agenda.

All written PQs are available here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/page32.html>

Please find enclosed invitation and full programme here as appendix 325

5th Annual Ouagadougou Partnership Meeting, 12th – 14th December 2016, Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire



Group picture with MENET representatives





John Mann MP speaking at 5th Annual Ouagadougou Partnership meeting, Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire

John Mann MP with support from EPF participated in the above conference. 16 Members of Parliament from African and European countries participated in this year's annual meeting, which focused on the needs of young people under the moto: "promoting contraception equals ensuring a better future for young people."

In organising the delegation, EPF teamed up with the African Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development and the UNFPA country office in the Ivory Coast. Over the four days, John Mann MP was active in a number of areas, including a presentation on the UK APPG on PDRH and EPF activities, panel interventions on mobilising resources and creating an enabling environment for family planning and briefings with UNFPA, the Ivory Coast Ministry of Education and youth representatives. The delegation also visited UNFPA projects in Abidjan and rural areas. These projects focused on involving men in the community and informing them of the benefits of family planning, community-based distribution of contraceptives, social franchising schemes and school-based teenage pregnancy prevention programmes.

During a plenary intervention at the closing ceremony, John Mann MP invited all participants to be bold and courageous in order to ensure the success of the partnership during the four coming years in a context of ongoing and emerging global challenges to family planning.

In an appeal released on the last day of the annual meeting, the EPF parliamentary delegation called on all development partners "to maintain their vital support to the Ouagadougou Partnership in order to win the fight against maternal mortality, sexual mutilations, early marriage and pregnancies. And to promote easy and affordable access to contraception as a means of ensuring a better future for young people."

Please find enclosed invitation to above conference and mini study tour and John Mann MP's presentation as appendix 326

RCOG, International Women's Day 2017: 'Abortion Care – Our Responsibility', 3rd March 2017, RCOG, London



Baroness Jenny Tonge and Mette Kjaerby attended the above one day conference. Each year in England and Wales around 200,000 women have an abortion, making this the most common medical or surgical procedure performed in this country. Around one-third of British women will have had an abortion by the time they reach the age of 45. Fifty years after the Abortion Act 1967, the RCOG identified as a key priority the need to ensure this meeting addressed the sustainability of abortion services in the UK now and in the future. Discussed were changes to the way abortion care is commissioned, delivered and having an impact on both doctors' access to training and women's access to services.

The aim of the conference was to ensure that abortion is seen as a core part of women's health services, not 'somebody else's business'. Expert speakers and advocates for abortion care provided insights into the challenges experienced in providing training in this area, what it's like to work in abortion care, and the wider environment in which abortion services are delivered.

Professor Lesley Regan, RCOG President, and Dr Asha Kasliwal, Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (FSRH) President welcomed all. Speakers and titles were as follows:

- The moral case for abortion - Ms Ann Furedi, Chief Executive, BPAS
- Training and working in abortion care - Dr Tracey Masters, Vice President (Specialty), FSRH
- Why I'm passionate about my job as an abortion care provider- Dr Vinita Nair, Consultant Gynaecologist, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
- The effect of unintended pregnancy and abortion on mental health and wellbeing - Dr Edna Astbury-Ward, Senior Lecturer, School of Social and Life Sciences, Glyndwr University
- Recent technical advances in abortion care - Dr Patricia Lohr, Medical Director, BPAS and Treasurer, British Society of Abortion Care Providers
- Commissioning abortion services in the UK - Mr Nigel Acheson, Regional Medical Director, NHS England South

All attendees took part in a panel discussion looking at current clinical controversies in abortion care, as well as an interactive workshop exploring attitudes to abortion. Please see further information here: <https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/news/campaigns-and-opinions/international-womens-day/international-womens-day-2017-abortion-care---our-responsibility/>

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 via e-mails and telephone conversations, face-to-face meetings in the UK and other Parliaments and at external meetings, workshops and conferences.

UK APPG working on Health i.e. Global Health - Malaria & Neglected Tropical Diseases (MNTD) – HIV/AIDS and Global TB

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended several meetings this year to discuss collaborative activities with the above UK APPG secretariats (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meetings section for further information). Joint letter writing by the APPG chairs also took place (please see section for further information).

In September 2016, a meeting was held with Aparna Barua, the new coordinator of the APPG on MNTD to discuss APPG on PDRH strategies and activities.

In January 2017 a meeting was held with Tom Addison, the temporary coordinator of the APPG on HIV/AIDS to discuss APPG on PDRH strategies and activities.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 327

Australian APPG on PD

This year Sharman Stone, ex-Australia MP and now Australia's Ambassador for Women and Girls contacted Baroness Jenny Tonge to obtain information about successful projects with indigenous people on family planning and SRHR in the Asia – Pacific region. MSI and IPPF were contacted and a mission was organised in the region by the NGOs.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 328

Portugal APPG on PD

In October 2016 the Portuguese APPG on PD contacted the UK APPG on PDRH via EPF to invite a speaker to their Colloquium on family planning and SRHR and the SDGs. Baroness Barker kindly agreed to speak (please see conference section for further information).

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 329

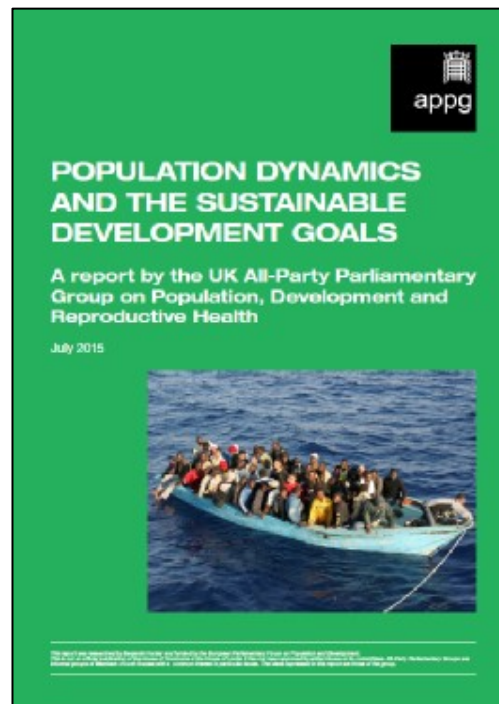
Rwanda APPG on PD

The UK APPG on PDRH continues to send relevant funding opportunities to this group.

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HEARINGS

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

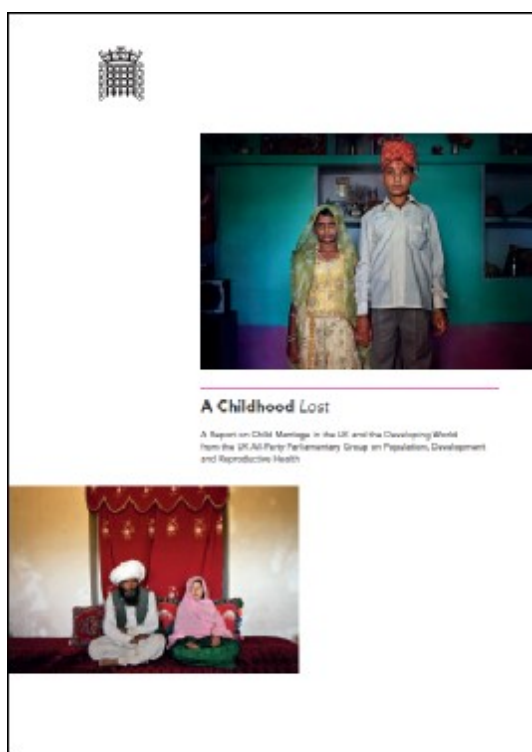


The APPG on PDRH continues to highlight the important linkages between population dynamics and the SDGs, as per hearing report above, in parliamentary debates and at meetings and conferences. Hard copies of the report is also brought to conferences attended by members and Ann Mette Kjaerby.

An example of parliamentary debates can be found here and others can be found on the APPG on PDRH website: <https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2016-09-15/debates/2C78FF90-F5B8-485C-8AC0-B7836A41A6A8/ConflictInFragileStates>

There have also been numerous external inquires relating to the hearing report and its recommendations. In December 2015 Julie Hill from the recently-formed London Branch of PM requested a copy and in January 2017 Lord Willetts received a copy in support of his radio series on Population Dynamics.

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. Baroness Jenny Tonge's re-tabled her PMB in May 2016, to bring the age of marriage up to 18 in the UK.

In July 2016 a meeting was held with NGOs working on child marriage to discuss forthcoming and supportive campaign and press activities. All were supportive of the PMB, which received its second reading in November 2016, 3rd reading and report stage in December 2016.

Numerous NGO briefings were received prior and circulated to members in support of the debates.

Full information on the PMB can be found here: <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/marriageandcivilpartnershipminimumage.html>

In January 2017 all HoC members of the APPG on PDRH were contacted to ensure the PMB progression in the HoC. Unfortunately due to the HoC's timetable, lack of Government support and the early GE, the bill was not read in the HoC.

Several press articles coincided with the bill being read in the HoL and can be found here: <http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/723836/Government-opposes-bid-raise-legal-age-marriage>

<https://researchingreform.net/2016/05/27/bill-raises-minimum-age-of-consent-for-marriage-civil-partnerships-but-is-it-just-immigration-control/>

<http://www.marilynstowe.co.uk/2016/10/24/house-of-lords-blocks-raising-marriage-age/>

<http://www.girlsnotbrides.org/british-legal-loop-hole-continues-sanction-child-marriage/>

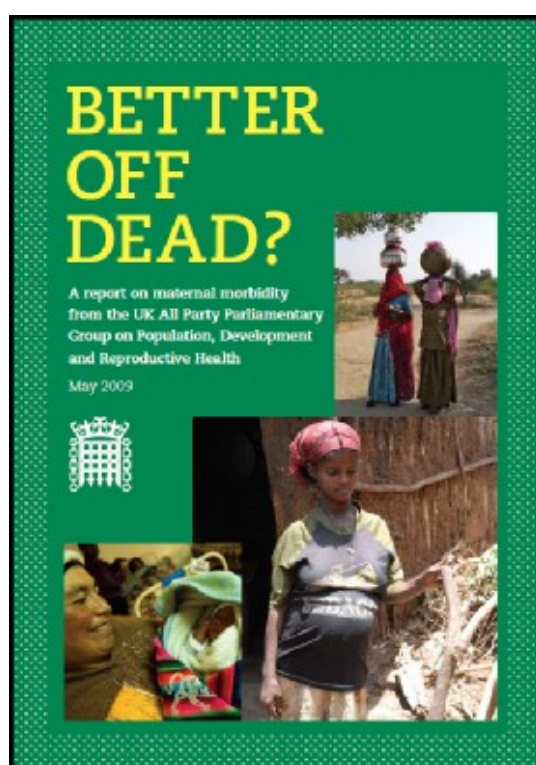
Baroness Jenny Tonge plans to re-table the bill in the new Parliament.

In January Human Rights Watch contacted the APPG on PDRH, requesting an update on the progress of the PMB and information on future support needed.

Dr Eylem Atakav, Senior Lecturer in Film and Television Studies, School of Art, Media and American Studies, University of East Anglia, also contacted the APPG on PDRH, wanting to showcase her film on child marriage in connection with the PMB (please see General Collaboration, Meetings, Correspondence and Consultations section for further information).

Baroness Jenny Tonge will continue her parliamentary activities during 2017 – 2018 to increase the age of marriage to 18 in the UK.

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



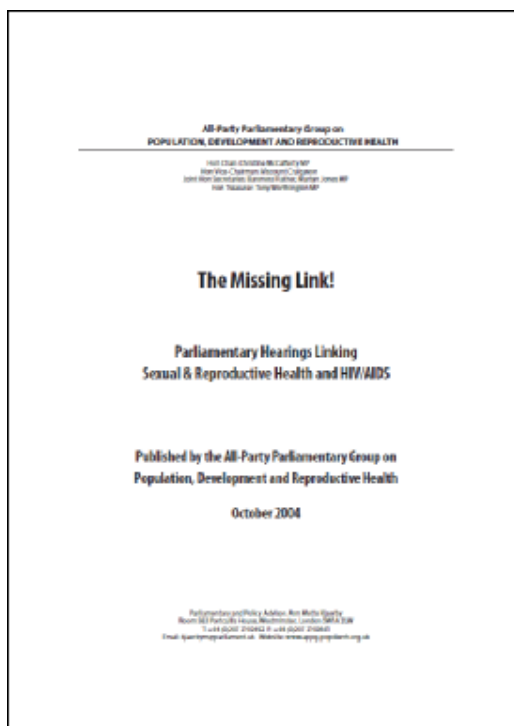
The APPG on PDRH continued to promote its 2009 Maternal Morbidity Hearing Report: ‘Better off Dead?’ The report can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

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



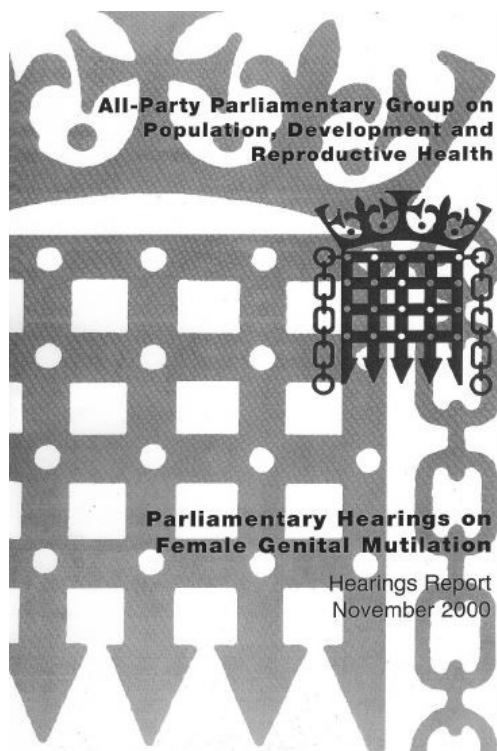
The APPG on PDRH 2007/2009 Hearing Report: 'Return of the Population Growth Factor and its Impact upon the MDGs' and 2009 updated summary leaflet can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

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



The APPG on PDRH 2004 Hearing Report: 'The Missing Link' can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: FGM, November 2000



The APPG on PDRH continued to raise the problem of FGM in Parliamentary debates and via written PQs as a follow up to the FGM hearing report. Mandatory reporting to police has been introduced if a girl under the age of 18 is found to have undergone an act of FGM or if there are physical signs that an act of FGM may have been carried out on a girl under the age of 18. For details on what is required of professionals, please see here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/female-genital-mutilation-fgm/legislation-policy-and-guidance/>

The UK however has still not seen a successful FGM prosecution, but publicity around FGM remains high. All FGM debates and written PQs can be found here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/InParliament.html>

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

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

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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 (the Group)
BPAS	British Pregnancy Advisory Service
C	Conservative
CAFOD	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
CoE	Council of Europe
CDC	Commonwealth Development Corporation
CE	Chief Executive
COMMAT	Commonwealth Medical Trust
CPD	Commission on Population and Development
CPS	Crown Prosecution Service
DFID	Department for International Development
ED	Executive Director
EDCTP	European and Developing Countries Trial Partnerships
EDM	Early Day Motion
EPF	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
FA	Foreign Affairs
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FIAPAC	International Federation of Professional Abortion and Contraceptive Associates
FORWARD	Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development
FP2020	Family Planning 2020
FSRH	Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GE	General Elections
GJC	Global Justice Center
GNI	Gross National Income
HoC	House of Commons
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HLPF	High Level Political Forum
HoL	House of Lords
HM	Her Majesty's
HMG	Her Majesty's Government
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ID	International Development
IDA	International Development Association
IEC	Information, Education and Communication

IKWRO	Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IVF	In-Vitro Fertilisation
IWD	International Women's Day
L	Labour
LD	Liberal Democrat
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MDM	Doctors of the World
MEP	Member of European Parliament
MoFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MMR	Maternal Mortality Rate
MNTD	Malaria & Neglected Tropical Diseases
MP	Member of Parliament
MSD	Merck & Co
MSI	Marie Stopes International
MSM	Men who have sex with men
MSP	Member of Scottish Parliament
MSSL	Marie Stopes Sierra Leone
MoS	Minister of State
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NHS	National Health Service
NMC	Nursing and Midwifery Council
NTD	Neglected Tropical Diseases
ODA	Official Development Assistance
ODI	Overseas Development Institute
PoA	Programme of Action
PACT	Programme of Action or Cancer Therapy
PC	Plaid Cymru
PD	Population and Development
PMB	Private Member's Bill
PPASL	Planned Parenthood Association for Sierra Leone
PQ	Parliamentary Question
PrEP	Pre-exposure Prophylaxis
PSHE	Personal Social Health Education
PSN	Population 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
SC	Security Council
SD	Sustainable Development
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SFPA	Syrian Family Planning Association
SNP	Scottish National Party
SRE	Sexual and Relationship Education
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
SS	Secretary of State
STI	Sexual Transmitted Infection

SWOP	State of the World Population
UK	United Kingdom
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USG	Under-Secretary-General
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAW	Violence Against Women
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas
WHO	World Health Organization
WPS	Women, Peace and Security
WWF	World Wide Fund
XB	Cross Bencher

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