

All-Party Parliamentary Group for Australia & New Zealand (A.N.Z.A.C.) and the Pacific Islands
INNAUGURAL MEETING
Monday 9th September 2024
Room T, Portcullis House
London, SW1A 0AA

Present:

Andrew Rosindell M.P.
The Rt Hon. The Lord Bellingham
Blake Stephenson M.P.
Alison Griffiths M.P.
Derek Twigg M.P.
The Rt Hon The Lord Watts
Bill Esterson M.P.
Matt Western M.P.
Emily Darlington M.P.
Michael Payne M.P.
Tim Roca M.P.
Shaun Davies M.P.
Chris Kane M.P.
The Rt Hon. David Mundell W.S. M.P.
Katrina Murray M.P.
Gregor Poynton M.P.
Samantha Niblett M.P.
Dan Carden M.P.
Douglas McAllister M.P.

The Rt Hon. The Lord Spellar P.C.
Helen Maguire B.E.M. M.P.
The Rt Hon. Mark Francois M.P.
Adam Jogee M.P.
Aphra Brandreth M.P.
Maureen Burke M.P.
Elaine Stewart M.P.
Kirsteen Sullivan M.P.
Lillian Jones M.P.
Cllr. Patricia Ferguson M.P.
Dan Aldridge M.P.
Peter Bedford M.P.
Lewis Cocking M.P.
Gurinder Josan C.B.E. M.P.
Lt. Col. Lincoln Jopp M.C. M.P.
Mark Garnier O.B.E. M.P.
Michael Payne M.P.
Shaun Davies M.P.

1. Opening of Meeting & Introduction

- 1.1 Andrew Rosindell M.P.** thanked all those for attending, especially those who were instrumental in keeping the APPG functioning over the last year. Congratulations was also given to APPG Co-Chair **Lord Spellar** on his ennoblement.
- 1.2 Andrew Rosindell M.P.** explained that due to the rule changes, which were agreed by Parliament on the governance of APPGs last year, offices registered on the registrar are limited to four.

2. Apologies

- 2.1** No apologies were received.

3. Election of Officers

- 3.1** Chairman: **Andrew Rosindell M.P.**
3.2 Co-Chair: **The Rt Hon The Lord Spellar**
3.3 Vice-Chair: **Adam Jogee M.P.**
3.4 Vice-Chair: **Alison Griffiths M.P.**

Agreed unanimously.

4. Adoption of the aims of the group

- 4.1** The group's aims were unanimously agreed by all present as follows:
- 4.1.1** *"To strengthen relations between the parliamentarians and peoples of Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific region; to discuss areas of mutual interest between the United Kingdom and the Pacific region; to host their respective politicians who are visiting the United Kingdom; and to constructively work with the High Commissions, Honorary Consuls, and Agents-General."*

5. Appointment of Clerk

- 5.1** Clerk – **Pierre-Louis Plumejeau-Wilby**

6. Establishment of Sub-Committees of the A.P.P.G. to be named as follows:

- 6.1** U.K.-Vanuatu Parliamentary Committee
6.2 U.K.-Solomon Islands Parliamentary Committee
6.3 U.K.-Norfolk Island Parliamentary Committee

7. Future Programme

- 7.1** A meeting with the High Commissioner for New Zealand has taken place to discuss areas of mutual interest.
- 7.2** It was also announced that a wine testing event will be taking place later in the year hosted by the New Zealand High Commission.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1** No further points made.

Meeting closed at 17:08.