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FOREWORD



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

Of particular importance this year has been the UK Government's support for the inclusion of family planning and the broader SRHR agenda in the sustainable development negotiations.

Other highlights include in-country progress on child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM). The UK Government has mandated UK key workers to collect FGM data to protect girls from the abuse and support survivors and I hope my Private Member's Bill (PMB) will finally bring the age of marriage to 18 in the UK up to international standards.

In the lead up to and following the UK General Election, the APPG on PDRH has been actively engaging with potential new members via letter writing, phone calls meetings and on a study tour to Sri Lanka. This resulted in the recruitment of 8 new members.

In 2016/17 the APPG on PDRH will continue to recruit 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.

Finally I want to thank the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists for the honorary fellowship I received this year for the development of women's healthcare services in the UK and in developing countries. In my acceptance speech I thanked Mette Kjaerby our advisor and all the members of our group for their contributions and hard work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Tonge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Baroness Jenny Tonge
Chair, UK APPG on PDRH

APPG ON PDRH COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

The UK APPG on PDRH committee, during the 2015 - 2016 financial year, 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.

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Lyn Brown MP (L)



Virendra Sharma MP (L)



Kirsty Blackman MP (SNP)



Cat Smith MP (L)



Victoria Prentis MP (C)



Baroness Barker (LD)



**Parliamentary and
Policy Advisor** Ann Mette Kjaerby

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Following a lengthy inquiry into APPGs in the UK Parliament, new rules and regulations were imposed on APPGs, which has resulted in more administration. These include new standardised APPG logos and disclaimers on invitations and reports. All financial records must now be published on APPG websites and most importantly the majority of APPG staff lost their parliamentary passes and privileges.

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended a three-day midwifery up-date training course in July 2015 at St Thomas' Hospital to remain on the Nursing and Midwifery register.

NEW APPG ON PDRH MEMBERS (APRIL 2015 - MARCH 2016)

After the General Elections (GE) in May 2015, the APPG on PDRH increased its parliamentary recruitment activities. Invitations to join the Group were sent to all new MPs with an updated APPG on PDRH leaflet and all parliamentarians received invitations to Group briefing meetings, report launches, receptions, and study tours.

This resulted in the recruitment of the following new members:

- Kirsty Blackman MP:** Kirsty Blackman MP was elected as Scottish National Party MP for Aberdeen North in 2015. She is SNP Spokesperson for the House of Lords (HoL), and sits on the Scottish Affairs Committee. Prior to her election to Parliament, Kirsty Blackman MP was a councillor in Aberdeen. She is an active campaigner on issues relating to international development, migration and refugees.
- Lord Cameron:** Lord Cameron of Dillington is a Crossbench member of the HoL, having joined in 2004. He is on the Science and Technology Committee in the HoL, and has previously sat on committees relating to the European Union (EU) and the environment. Lord Cameron has policy interests that include agriculture, the environment and international development. He was a member of the UK Round Table for Sustainable Development (1997-2000). He is currently Chairman of the Steering Board of Government's Global Food Security Programme and of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Agriculture and Food for Development.
- Holly Lynch MP:** Holly Lynch MP was elected as Labour MP for Halifax in 2015. She is Opposition Whip for the Labour Party and was previously a member of the Environmental Audit Committee. Her policy interests include international development and human rights. This year she visited Ethiopia to attend the UN Financing for Development conference in Addis Ababa and a study tour organised by the European Parliament Forum on Population and Development (EPF). Holly Lynch MP is a member of APPGs on Migration, Palestine and Kashmir, and is Vice-Chair of the APPG on PDRH.
- Victoria Prentis MP:** Victoria Prentis MP has been Conservative MP for Banbury since 2015. She is a member of the Justice Committee and the Statutory Instruments Committee, and is an Officer in the APPG on Baby Loss. Victoria Prentis MP trained as a barrister and worked for 17 years in the UK Civil Service. Her policy interests

include justice and human rights in the UK and abroad.

Cat Smith MP:

Cat Smith MP joined the House of Commons (HoC) as Labour MP for Lancaster and Fleetwood in 2015. She is Shadow Minister for Voter Engagement and Youth Affairs, is Junior Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities, and was previously a member of the Women and Equalities Committee. Prior to becoming an MP, Cat Smith MP worked for the British Association of Social Workers. She is an active campaigner on issues including LGBT, health and preventing violence against women and girls.

Karl Turner MP:

Karl Turner MP is a barrister and was elected as the Labour Member of Parliament for Hull East in 2010. He has been a member of both the Home Affairs and Justice Select Committees, and was also opposition assistant Whip (January 2013 – September 2015). He was the Shadow Solicitor General (December 2014 – January 2016) and is now Shadow Attorney General (from January 2016). He has an interest in poverty, crime, and human rights. He joined the APPG on PDRH after participating in the Sri Lanka study tour in November 2015.

Lord Steel:

Lord Steel was elected as an MP from 1965 and was the founder of the UK 1967 Abortion Act. From 1976-1988 he became the leader of The Liberal Party, which later became the Liberal Democrats, and joined the HoL in 1997. In 1999, he became a Member of the Scottish Parliament and became the first Presiding Officer (speaker) of the Scottish Parliament. He has particular interests in constitutional reform, the EU and International Affairs. He joined the APPG on PDRH after participating in the Sri Lanka study tour in November 2015

Lord Stephen:

Lord Stephen has been a Liberal Democrat member of the HoL since 2011. He is Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Scotland and his policy interests include education, transport, energy and the environment. Prior to joining the HoL, Lord Stephen was a Member of Scottish Parliament (1999-2011) and was leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats (2005-2008) and served as Deputy First Minister in Scotland (2005-2007).

Kirsty Blackman MP, Holly Lynch MP, Victoria Prentis MP, and Cat Smith MP were elected as officers of the APPG on PDRH at the Annual General Meeting in June 2015.

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 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 five committee meetings between April 2015 and March 2016:

15th June 2015 (Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Committee Meeting)

12th October 2015

23rd November 2015

18th January 2016

14th March 2016

Please find agendas and committee meeting minutes enclosed as appendix 1

APPG on PDRH Parliamentary Briefing Meetings

This year, 18 parliamentary briefing meetings/receptions were co-organised by the APPG on PDRH, where members were briefed on topical issues such as population, reproductive and maternal health, family planning and international development to support parliamentary advocacy activities.

International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Other Creative Ltd and APPG on PDRH luncheon with female business representatives, 22nd May 2015, HoC, London

The above event was held to engage female business leaders in family planning and SRHR. Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed all female business representatives in attendance to the innovative luncheon meeting. Saira Khan from BBC1's TV series "The Apprentice" was the keynote speaker and spoke passionately about her involvement with IPPF and its SRHR campaign work. A lively discussion followed during the luncheon amongst participants.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 2

IPPF and APPG on PDRH report launch: 'State of the World Fathers', 18th June 2015, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed all in attendance to above report launch. Key note speakers included: Jos Dusseljee, International Programmes Manager at Rutgers (IPPF Member Association); Adrienne Burgess, Joint Chief Executive & Head of Research at the Fatherhood Institute; Alice Welbourn, Founding Director at the Salamander Trust and Athena Network; Gary Barker, International Director, Promundo and Nikki van der Gaag, report author and feminist.

This new report noted that around 80% of the world's men and boys will become fathers in their lifetime, and virtually all men have at least some connection to children in caregiving relationships. Yet despite this, engaging men in caregiving is only just beginning to find its way onto the global gender equality agenda.

The State of the World's Fathers report was launched to provide a periodic, data-driven snapshot on the state of men's contributions to parenting and caregiving globally by addressing four issues related to fatherhood: unpaid care work in the home; SRHR, and maternal, new-born and child health; men's caregiving and violence against children and women; and child development. A global agenda for involving men and boys to achieve gender equality is outlined, in addition to

improving outcomes in women, children, and men's lives. The report was produced by MenCare, a global fatherhood campaign.

Please find enclosed invitation and front-, content-, and executive summary page of the report as appendix 3

APPGs on International Development round table briefing meeting: 'The UK's approach to Financing for Development: funding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)', 24th June 2015, HoC, London

The above event was jointly organised to update parliamentarians on the 13th July 2015 Addis Ababa UN Financing for Development (FfD) meeting. Key note speakers included UK senior officials leading on the UK's approach at the FfD conference: Barbara Hendrie, Deputy Director of the Global Partnerships Department (DFID); Christoph Merdes, Team Leader of Financing for Development (DFID); and Claire Darlington, Head of International Development Strategy and Spending at Her Majesty Treasury.

The Overseas Development Institute (ODI) recently estimated the cost of implementing the SDGs to be \$73bn a year – far beyond the \$25bn that the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries gave in aid last year. As such, the FfD laid down how other key stakeholders, including the private sector, could be brought into the post-2015 development framework. A question and answer session followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 4

APPG on International Development and BOND event with Bill Gates: 'Parliament's role in the Post-2015 Development Agenda', 24th June 2015, Speakers House, HoC, London

John Bercow MP, UK Speaker kindly agreed to host a conversation with Bill Gates. The event was organised to engage new and existing MPs in international development. Bill Gates provided an overview of the Foundation's strengths and priority work areas. A questions and answer session followed amongst the 61 MPs/Peers in attendance. At the end of the meeting, members were handed the re-printed APPG booklets with short summaries of all APPGs, working on international development activities.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 5

Care International meeting on Child Marriage in emergencies: "To Protect Her Honour", the fatal confusion between protecting girls and sexual violence, 2nd July 2015, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed participants to the above panel discussion into CARE International UK's forthcoming paper on Child Marriage in Emergencies, with the following key note speakers: John Plastow, Programme Director at CARE International UK; Danielle Spencer, Senior Humanitarian Advisor: Gender and Protection at CARE International UK; Lakshmi Sundaram, Executive Director at Girls Not Brides, report author and a DFID representative.

The paper was the first in CARE's Gender and Protection in Humanitarian Contexts: Critical Issues Series, designed for humanitarian workers, policy-makers and donors to: (1) highlight promising practices and/or gaps in programming; and (2) critically analyse work in the field of gender and protection in humanitarian contexts.

Child marriage increases during emergencies where the population use dowry and bride price, and where these practices are entrenched in issues of shame and so-called 'honour'. Reasons for child marriage are known and so are the short, medium and long-term effects of them. Yet, in emergencies, the issue is often ignored at worst, or reactive at best. A panel discussion following presentations, which made reference to: preventative interventions on child marriage to take place from the start of an emergency before dangerous levels are reached; current global efforts to tackle it; the challenges of addressing child marriage in emergencies; and the impact of ignoring the issue in emergencies in the short and long-term.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 6

APPG on PDRH briefing meeting with Hans-Peter Kohler, 8th July 2015, HoC, London

Prior to the world population day, Baroness Tonge and Baroness Uddin held a round table briefing meeting with Hans-Peter Kohler and IPPF. Hans-Peter, an economic demographer, presented his involvement with the Copenhagen Consensus, a group of leading economists who recognise SRHR as one of the few best buys in development assistance. They also listed indicators that they thought were best in population and demography terms for the post 2015 agenda. Their publications can be found here: www.copenhagenconsensus.com/publications
A discussion followed Hans-Peter Kohler's presentation.

IPPF and APPG on PDRH annual World Population Day reception, 8th July 2015, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed parliamentarians, ambassadors, NGOs, Trusts and all distinguished guests to the annual world population day reception. This year's theme was: 'vulnerable populations in emergencies'. Key note speakers at the event were: Nick Dyer, Director General for Policy and Global Programmes at DFID and Hans-Peter Kohler, Professor of Demography, Department of Sociology & Research Associate at the Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Nick Dyer spoke on the role of SRHR in development and the post-2015 development agenda. Hans-Peter Kohler made the economic case for the role of SRH in development.

Richard Ottaway also spoke at the event and launched the APPG on PDRH 2015 hearing report: 'Population Dynamics and the SDGs'. Tewodros Melesse, Director General at IPPF followed by introducing the role of IPPF and its new strategic framework in the next development framework. A networking event followed the presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme as appendix 7

UK Government Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting Unit meeting, 9th September 2015, Home Office, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Holly Lynch MP met with the UK Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Unit to discuss FGM and in particular to follow up on communications with the Unit and the UK police and boarder control in relation to young girls travelling on a flight from London to Addis Ababa, following concerns they had noticed on board the flight on route to the FfD conference in July 2015. The UK police, in connection with the concerns she raised, had already interviewed Baroness

Jenny Tonge. Following lengthy investigations, police confirmed that none of the girls on that particular flight had been victims of FGM.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 8

British Pregnancy Advisory Services (BPAS) board dinner, 14th September 2015, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed BPAS trustees to the above board dinner. The dinner was organised to thank board members for their support on the 'Back Off campaign' in particular. Over the year, the anti-choice movement had targeted BPAS relentlessly, which subsequently led to the launch of the campaign. At the dinner BPAS also launched a series of initiatives in celebration of 50 years of legal abortion in the UK.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 9

UK SRHR Network meeting, 14th September 2015, HoC, London

APPG on PDRH members met with UK SRHR Network representatives for a round table briefing meeting on their latest NGO campaign activities. UKSRHR Network representatives present were: Sarah Shaw, Marie Stopes International (MSI); Preethi Sundaram, IPPF; Heather Barclay, IPPF; Marianne Haslegrave, Commonwealth Medical Trust (Commat); Georgie Kane, HIV/AIDS Alliance; Carina Hirsch, Population and Sustainability Network (PSN); David Johnson, PSN; Sara Rydkvist, Amnesty International, and Aoife Nic Charthaigh, Plan UK.

The main agenda items were the SDG Summit: reflections on the process to date and key priorities for the Summit; and the SDG implementation and key priorities for the UK in the coming year.

At the meeting Baroness Jenny Tonge provided a quick update on changes to the APPG on PDRH membership since the GE, as requested by the UK SRHR Network along with priority issues for the APPG on PDRH going forward.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 10

UNFPA meeting, 12th October 2015, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge met with Dr Babatunde, UNFPA Executive Director, to discuss European parliamentary advocacy with particular reference to the decrease in funding to SRHR including family planning by many European donors.

Marie Stopes International '90 years of choice' meeting, 19th October 2015, HoC, London

Holly Lynch MP welcomed participants to this event and Lord Steel was the keynote speaker. The event was organised to celebrate 90 years of choice. 2015 marked 90 years since family planning pioneer Marie Stopes opened the doors of her clinic at Whitfield Street in central London. This was a courageous and ground-breaking move at the time, giving women in the UK reproductive choice and control over their bodies and lives.

Nine decades on, both the clinic and Marie Stopes' legacy have gone from strength to strength through Marie Stopes International (MSI). Today MSI provides access to a range of SRHR services for women, men and young people in 37 countries

worldwide, from Afghanistan to Sierra Leone. In 2014, 18 million women worldwide were using a method of contraception provided by MSI.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 11

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) project launch: 'Leading Safe Choices', 3rd November 2015, HoL, London

Lord Patel welcomed participants to above RCOGs event: 'leading safe choices' project, which was a three-year donor funded programme aiming to put evidence into practice by strengthening the competence and raising the professional standing of family planning and abortion care for professionals. Implementation in the initial pilot phase focussed on South Africa and Tanzania. This exciting new project was launched to bring about transformational change, not only for the women cared for, but for RCOG too.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 12

The Gates Foundation meeting, 9th December 2015, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Andrew Mace, senior UK Government Relations Officer to the Bill Gates Foundation (London Office) to discuss the Foundation's new funding to family planning and SRHR along with UK study tours, and parliamentary and press activities. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced in November 2015, that it would invest an additional \$120 million dollars in family planning programmes over the next three years, a 25% increase on its current family planning funding.

Luncheon with the President of Sri Lanka Family Planning Association, 7th January 2016, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Pramilla Senanayake, President of Sri Lanka Family Planning Association, to discuss the APPG on PDRH November 2015 study tour to the country, which was hosted by the Association. Both delegates and Sri Lanka FPA were content with the outcome (please see study tour section for further information).

Child Marriage NGO meeting, 10th February 2016 HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with UK child marriage NGO representatives from the Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development (FORWARD), Girls not Brides and Agency for Culture and Change Management (ACCM) UK. The meeting was held to update and discuss Baroness Jenny Tonge's forthcoming Private Members' Bill (PMB) to bring the age of marriage up to 18 in the UK. Karma Nirvana, IKWRO and Cathy Rowe were unable to attend the meeting, but sent written updates and briefings in support of the PMB.

Please find enclosed NGO written briefings as appendix 13

APPGs on International Development meeting on Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief, 29th February 2016, HoC, London

The event and conversation with Rt Hon Stephen O'Brien, UN Under-Secretary-General (USG) for Humanitarian Affairs & Emergency Relief Coordinator, was organised ahead of the World Humanitarian Summit on 23rd – 24th May 2016 in Istanbul. Stephen O'Brien addressed parliamentarians with his expectations for the Summit and the opportunities and challenges ahead. Appointed as USG for Humanitarian Affairs in May 2015 and as a former Under-Secretary of State for

International Development (USS for ID), he reflected on the last nine months of working in the United Nations (UN).

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 14

MSI Malawi-, Nepal-, Myanmar country update meeting, 14th March, HoC, London

MSI advocates updated APPG on PDRH members on progress in family planning and SRHR in the above countries, which had been destinations for the Group's previous study tours. A brief discussion followed on recent developments Sierra Leone. Sri Lanka was also mentioned, as the APPG members had recently come back from their study tour there.

Update summaries are below:

Nepal Updates

- Progressive and positive SRHR policies are in place with strong government commitment. Key concerns: Lack of implementation of these policies; provision of services for young people; high rates of early marriage (41% of girls marry before they are 18) and limited access to SRHR in remote and rural areas, and amongst excluded communities (e.g. Dalits).
- Last year the government of Nepal announced that abortion services will be available free of charge at public health facilities. Positive news as the fees the government had been charging for services had been a major barrier.
- Last year Nepal's ruling political parties succeeded in ending a six-year deadlock on drafting a new constitution, following devastating earthquakes in April and May 2015 that needed an immediate and effective administrative response. Following the earthquake around 2 million people required humanitarian assistance and an already fragile health system was further weakened.
- In February 2016, a committee mandated by a 2007 Supreme Court decision published a long-overdue report recommending that the government recognise same-sex relationships. In line with the same Supreme Court decision and a subsequent court order, the government in August began issuing passports in three genders: "male," "female," and "other."

Malawi Updates

- In July 2015 a Special Commission appointed by the Malawi Law Commission completed a review to consider changes to the abortion law. This took a year and a half and the Commission was made up of 10 Special Commissioners drawn from the Malawi Law Commission, the College of Medicine, the Malawi Judiciary (Judge of High Court), the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Justice, the Law Society, the Muslim Association of Malawi, the Catholic Church (Episcopal Conference of Malawi) and a representative from the traditional leaders.
- The Special Commission's final report recommended a number of changes in the law and proposed an abortion bill ("Termination of Pregnancy Bill") that adds legal indications for protecting the mental and physical health of the woman, defilement, rape and incest and foetal anomalies. The current law only allows abortion to save the woman's life.
- There were several procedural steps required following the report from the special commission, including official release of the report (July 2015), official signing of the report (November 2015), official printing and gazetting

(happening currently), and finally presentation before cabinet and then presentation to parliament (hopefully during the May session).

- Formal opposition to the bill is beginning to emerge, mainly from Catholic leadership and one or two US-based anti-abortion groups, which are likely to increase their voice and presence.
- There is some concern that the President's health and the economic challenges the country is facing may complicate the process of law reform if he becomes unable to act, or if there is pressure within cabinet to address other urgent issues.

Myanmar Updates

- Politically there is a huge amount of change and uncertainty although progress so far has been reassuring and positive; a highly restrictive environment for both access to family planning and safe abortion influenced by a pro-natalist approach. Many services (e.g. IUDs, TLs) face unnecessary bureaucratic and clinical restrictions that restrict access and choice for women and girls.
- Race and religion remain unresolved flashpoints. The Rohingya Muslim minority, who have been targets of government repression, were disenfranchised during recent elections. According to Human Rights Watch, following the Human Rights Council (HRC) negotiations in Geneva, the European Union and other governments seemed ready to relax international scrutiny before the new government has even taken office. However this is the wrong time to relax international scrutiny and the HRC has an important opportunity to fully engage on rights in Myanmar by working with the new government to address deeply entrenched rights violations.

A discussion followed in response to Sierra Leone's President's recent refusal to sign a Bill legalising abortion, saying it should be put to a referendum. The law would allow women to terminate a pregnancy in any circumstances up to 12 weeks and in cases of incest, rape and foetal impairment up to 24 weeks.

Please find enclosed invitation and handouts as appendix 15

Other Briefing Meetings

APPG on PDRH members and staff attended 12 external family planning and SRHR briefing meetings this year.

ActionAid, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) UK and British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Parliamentary Summit on Ending Violence against Women and Girls and drinks reception, 24th June 2015, HoC, London

Several members attended the above events, which looked at the global problem of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) and how it can be tackled, including the role of the UK Government. The event was chaired by Baroness Fiona Hodgson and included speeches by senior politicians, women who had been affected by violence and VAWG practitioners. An evening reception was also held with informal networking for politicians, diplomats, charity workers and others with an interest in ending VAWG. The events marked the launch of ActionAid UK's 'Fearless' campaign, a campaign that called for an ambitious target to tackle VAWG as part of the post-2015 SDGs in September 2015, and for the UK Government to take a lead – alongside other Governments from the Global North and South - to ensure the target is met by putting plans into place.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 16

DFID High-level breakfast meeting: Taking Stock of Reproductive Health in the Current Humanitarian Context: Key findings from the Inter-agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in crises' 2013 – 2014 Global Evaluation, 5th August 2015, DFID, London

Several members attended the event. At the meeting, speakers presented key findings from their research and discussed ways forward to address the gaps, challenges and opportunities identified. Speakers included: Dylan Winder, Head of Humanitarian Policy and System Group at The Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department (CHASE), DFID; Chris Lewis, Health and Humanitarian Advisor in the Research and Evidence Department, DFID; DFID representatives from the IAWG on Reproductive Health in Crises and researchers involved in the global study. The evaluation was set up to identify existing reproductive health services, quantify progress, document gaps and determine direction for future programmes, advocacy and funding.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 17

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Ministry of Defence (MoD), DFID event: UK progress on the Women, Peace and Security agenda, 15th September 2015, FCO, London

Several members attended the event, which was chaired by Baroness Stern, Vice-chair of the APPG on Women, Peace and Security. Key note speakers included: Baroness Anelay, Minister of State (MoS), FCO; Baroness Verma, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (PUSS) DFID; Penny Mordaunt MP, MoS, MoD; and Lt General Messenger Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, MoD who explained their department's current and future work to implement Security Council Resolution 1325 (SCR1325), as well as that to support the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative. A question and answer session followed with the participation of the audience.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 18

Population Matters (PM) AGM, 10th October 2015, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge was the keynote speaker at Population Matters' (PM) AGM. She presented the APPG on PDRH 2015 hearing report: 'Population Dynamics and the SDGs'. Simon Ross, Chief Executive at PMs presented the organisation's annual review and strategy thereafter and a question and answer session followed.

Please find enclosed invitation, presentation and press release as appendix 19

International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) event: 'Making Change from Cash: Do economic incentives work to increase the value of girls?', 14th October 2015, HoC, London

Several members attended the event chaired by Baroness Hayman. A programme: 'Our Daughters, Our Wealth from India', funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) was evaluated and presented. It provided insight on how effective the programme was at increasing the value of girls, delaying marriage, and keeping girls in school. Key note speakers were: Dr Sarah Degnan Kambou, ICRW; Dr Priya Das, ICRW; Dr Charlotte Watts, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM); and Dr Sarah Cook, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Innocenti Research Center.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 20

Royal College of Midwives (RCM) 2015 State of Maternity Services Report launch, 27th October 2015, HoC, London

Several members attended the launch, which was hosted by the Rt Hon Andrew Smith MP. The report highlighted all the latest changes in NHS maternity care, including how many babies were born in each part of the UK, midwife numbers, as well as the latest calculation of whether the UK has enough midwives. Midwives and staff from the RCM were available during the event to answer questions about maternity care issues.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 21

RCOG dinner, 19th November 2015, RCOG central office, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the annual dinner for fellows', members and trainees. Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer for England was the evening's guest speaker and outlined the difficulties facing young doctors in the NHS.

RCOG awards ceremony, 20th November 2015, RCOG central office, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge was awarded an honorary fellowship from the RCOG for the highest level of dedication and achievement in clinical care and her support to the development of women's healthcare services.

Please find enclosed award letter and sample communications as appendix 22



Baroness Jenny Tonge

UNFPA State of the World Population report launch: 'Shelter from the Storm: A transformative agenda for women and girls in a crises - prone world', 3rd December 2015, The Royal Society, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Ben Hunter attended the launch, where Dr Babatunde, UNFPA Executive Director (ED) was 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 arena of sexual and reproductive health (SRH).

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 human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), and maternal health problems increasing rates of maternal mortality and morbidity to unacceptably high levels.

The report calls 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 23

CPA and UK Girls Not Brides launch of Parliamentarians' toolkit on Ending Forced Marriage, 16th December 2015, HoC, London

Baroness Tonge moderated the event and Baroness Verma was the keynote speaker, outlining the UK Government's approach to child marriage. Tanya Barron provided an overview of the Parliamentarians' Toolkit on Ending Child Marriage being launched. Mariya Ahmed Didi MP outlined how the Government and Parliament of the Maldives approached early and forced marriage and how it was ended. A discussion followed the presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 24

APPG on Global Health and University of Oxford launch: Policy paper on Women's health – linking maternal health and non-communicable diseases, 10th February 2016, HoC, London

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the event on women's health: A new global agenda, which was introduced by Dan Poulter MP, Co-chair UK APPG on Global Health. The newly published policy paper by the Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford outlined how the global efforts to improve the health of women have largely focused on reducing unacceptably high levels of maternal mortality and morbidity. However, the leading causes of death and disability for women in almost all countries in the world are now non-communicable diseases (NCDs). For many years, it was widely assumed that the occurrence and outcomes of disease were the same for men and women, and that results from studies involving only men would be equally relevant for women. An increasing body of evidence suggests that this is not the case, and that we can improve our knowledge about disease occurrence and disease outcomes – for both men and women – by undertaking analyses of health data disaggregated by sex and informed by a gender perspective, as well as by including women in scientific studies.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 25

ActionAid, CPA and the British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU) International Women's Day (IWD) event, 8th March 2016, Speakers House, HoC, London

Several members attended above evening of solidarity with women and girls around the world. The rally heard from key UK politicians on how to make the SDGs, agreed in New York September 2015, a reality for women and girls around the world. The meeting was hosted by Jon Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons and heard speeches from, Justine Greening, Secretary of State for International

Development (SS for ID); Diane Abbott, Shadow SS for ID; Angus Robertson, SNP's Parliamentary Group Leader; Sal Brinton, LD Party President; Natalie Bennet, Green Party Leader; Sophie Walker, Women and Equalities Party Leader and Daisy Amdany, Executive Director, Community Advocacy and Awareness (CRAWN) Trust (ActionAid partner from Kenya).

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 26

European Meetings

European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)



EPF Executive Committee Members and EPF staff

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

Baroness Jenny Tonge completed her term as President of the EPF in April 2015 and Ulrika Karlsson, MP from Sweden was elected the new EPF President.

In June 2015 EPF published a charter on APPG secretariats with input from European APPGs including the UK APPG on PDRH. The finished publication is called 'Rights and Responsibilities' and is available to all secretariats.

In July 2015 EPF received an update on UK parliamentary advocacy as a follow up to the Stockholm IPCI ICPD PoA. The conference outcome statement had been disseminated to all relevant UK Ministers and APPG on PDRH members. It was also referenced in the HoL debate available at column 990 here:

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2015-01-15/debates/15011576000502/DevelopingWorldMaternalAndNeonatalMortality>

In September 2015 communications related to the forthcoming APPG on PDRH Sri Lanka study tour and possible MEP involvement, and UK press coverage relating to The Gates Foundation.

In November 2015 John Mann MP attended the EPF study tour to Senegal (further information available in the study tour section) and in December 2015 he participated

in the 4th Annual meeting of the Ouagadougou Partnership, Cotonou, Benin (further information available in the conference section).

In November 2015 Baroness Jenny Tonge signed the EPF's letter on Sweden cutting ODA, and she also signed the EPF 'She matters' appeal letter to Chancellor Merkel in the lead up to her international "G7 Women Dialogue" on 16th – 17th September 2015 in the context of her G7 presidency.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 27

In February 2016 EPF's India study tour invitation was disseminated to all UK APPG on PDRH members, but unfortunately no one was available to participate.

At the end of February 2016, the EPF forwarded an anti-choice online petition targeting UK MP Caroline Lucas, which was forwarded to her office to monitor.

The APPG on PDRH received an inquiry in February 2016 from Teresa Franitza, a student conducting research on the link between EPF and UK APPG on PDRH. She was referred to the APPG on PDRH annual reports, which summarises collaborative activities.

In March 2016 EPF circulated the UN resolution: 'Immediate and complete halt to acts of sexual violence against women and girls in conflict zones', which Baroness Jenny Tonge supported.

In March 2016 the APPG on PDRH sent EPF the UK Government's new Violence against Women and Girls strategy 2016 – 2020, which was subsequently referenced in the EPF newsletter.

Later in March 2016 communications related to World Health Organisation's (WHO) Essential Medicines list and the inclusion/exclusions of misoprostol, were circulated. Letters were sent to WHO, endorsing the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) letter, to include misoprostol (800 mcg sublingual) for the treatment of post-partum haemorrhage.

Please find enclosed communications relating to WHO's list of Essential Medicines as appendix 28

In March 2016 EPF sent out an alert in connection with the Council of Europe (CoE) voting on the Report: "Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy" prepared by Ms Petra De Sutter MP (Belgium). A request was made for national APPGs on Population and Development to send out voting alerts to national CoE members. The UK disseminated the alert and received positive feedback from UK MPs.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 29

EPF conference for European APPG Secretariats, 30th November – 1st December 2015, Malta.



APPG on Population and Development secretariats meeting, Malta

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the annual parliamentary secretariat retreat in Malta. The objective of the gathering was to reflect on the year's activities and to look ahead to population and development parliamentary advocacy in Europe for the coming year.

Thirty-seven participants gathered in Malta for the annual secretariat meeting and discussed their work over the past year and looked ahead to opportunities in 2016.

Participants also received an update from UNFPA, on supporting parliamentary work, and from IPPF, on their new strategic framework. Other topics discussed were: UN processes, communication activities and ways of combatting national anti-choice initiatives.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme as appendix 30

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 or standard mail throughout the year from the APPG on PDRH secretariat (please see general written briefing section for further information).

In June 2015 communications evolved around EuroNGO and its new strategy and in March 2016 Ann Mette Kjaerby completed the EuroNGO survey, as requested, to evaluate the organisations information-sharing activities with members.

EuroNGOs workshop: Strategising and moving forward beyond 2015, 2nd November 2015, Oslo, Norway

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the above workshop aimed at stimulating a strategic discussion within the SRHR community on three hot topics directly affecting advocacy work at the European and international level: sexual rights, climate change and FfD. While looking forward at strategies for implementing the newly adopted 2030 agenda on sustainable development, the workshop also looked back at lessons

learnt from the post-2015 journey, as well as current climate change negotiations and the FfD process.

The event brought together 89 participants, representing 62 civil society organisations from 31 countries. The programme was designed around three thematic sessions, focusing on the following themes:

- 1) Can Europe continue to lead a progressive sexual rights and abortion agenda?
- 2) Climate change: strategic opportunities to position SRHR, and
- 3) FfD: After Addis, What's On the Table for SRHR?

Full information can be found here: <http://www.eurongos.org/we-do/learning-training/eurongos-workshop-strategising-and-moving-forward-beyond-2015.html>

EuroNGOs AGM: 2nd – 4th November 2015, Oslo, Norway

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the EuroNGOs AGM in Oslo, 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, Oslo

This year's AGM, hosted by the EuroNGOs member Sex og Politikk- the Norwegian Association for SRHR gathered 160 participants from 85 organisations representing 29 European and 14 non-European countries, confirming again the convening and mobilising role that EuroNGOs plays with this annual event.

The AGM was the first major civil society led convening event after the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in September 2015. It aimed at identifying ways in which civil society could work together within the new framework, advance both the components of SRHR envelope that had been positioned within the SDGs and those that had been left out.

The conference saw 21 speakers and skilled moderators, and offered a space to the SRHR community to map the way forward as it transitioned from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the SDGs era. This was done with six fast paced conversations organised around panel discussions, question and answer sessions and group work. The conference unpacked the 'post-2015 deal' and extrapolated lessons learnt to guide work from 2016 onwards. Participants looked at future trends and scenarios likely to shape the future in the next 15 years, focused on inroads and hindrances in achieving the new goals, as well as specific roles and responsibilities.

Full conference information is available here: <http://www.eurongos.org/we-do/conferences/2015-eurongos-international-conference.html>

Study Tour

Senegal study tour, 17th - 20th August 2015



John Mann MP and fellow parliamentarians in Senegal

John Mann MP participated in the EPF study tour along with nine parliamentarians from other European and African countries. The three-day study visit focused on reproductive health (RH) and family planning (FP).

The MPs came from Belgium, Benin, Cameroon, Finland, Ivory Coast, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Togo and the UK, to gain valuable insights into family planning and reproductive health, by visiting community health centres in both rural and urban areas.

The main focus of the visit was the political and financial response aimed at achieving universal access to SHRH and coverage for essential services for women and girls.

The parliamentary delegation held meetings with a wide range of stakeholders including the Minister of Health and Social Action, Senegalese members of parliament, government officials from relevant ministries, local authorities, financial and technical partners, civil society representatives, youth, and beneficiaries with a view to discuss the progress made by Senegal on key indicators for family planning and reproductive health.

Budgetary allocations for family planning have doubled in Senegal since 2012 and new laws and policies are being implemented by the Ministry of Health and Social Action with significant support from several partners. Despite recent improvements, maternal mortality remains high in Senegal and universal access to SHRH is still a challenge.

Upon returning from their visit, parliamentary delegates will carry out relevant follow-up actions in their respective parliaments in order to reinforce the importance of investing in family planning and to ensure the full implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action in Senegal and worldwide.

The parliamentary visit was organised by the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF) in collaboration with the Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit (UCPO). Full information available here: <http://www.epfweb.org/node/384>

Please find enclosed study tour programme as Appendix 31a

Sri Lanka study tour, 11th – 17th November 2015



UK Parliamentary delegation visiting Jayawardenepura hospital

The UK APPG on PDRH organised a study tour to Sri Lanka, from the 11th – 17th November for a cross party UK parliament delegation. The delegation included: Baroness Jenny Tonge, Heather Wheeler MP, Holly Lynch MP, Baroness Anne Jenkin, Virendra Sharma MP, Nigel Evans MP, Lord Steel and Karl Turner MP.

The study tour was hosted by the Family Planning Association (FPA) of Sri Lanka, IPPF's member association in Sri Lanka.



UK delegation welcome dinner with FP/SRHR stakeholders in Sri Lanka, Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo

The aim of the study tour was to introduce UK Parliamentarians to family planning, SRHR, and international development in a post- conflict state. The study tour was intended to deepen understanding and strengthen parliamentarians' knowledge of core family planning/SRHR issues and to enhance the membership of the UK APPG on PDRH.



Baroness Anne Jenkin speaking to staff and obstetric clients at Badulla Hospital

Prior to departure, the UK parliamentarians were briefed by representatives from the UK FCO and IPPF, and whilst visiting Sri Lanka met and were briefed by the UK Deputy High Commissioner, Sri Lanka; the Deputy MoH and Minister for Water and Sanitation; Sri Lankan health officials, government and private hospital directors and staff; rural health clinicians and staff; a representative from the UNFPA, and representatives from NGOs.



UK delegation at UK High Commission, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Delegates also met community leaders and volunteers; clients and UK medical students volunteering and working temporarily in Sri Lanka Government maternity hospitals, as well as local NGO representatives and community groups including Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT+) and people living with HIV/AIDS.



Heather Wheeler MP and Lord Steel meeting hospital staff, Castle Street Hospital, Colombo

The UK delegation visited the Castle Street Maternity Hospital in Colombo; Peradeniya Teaching Hospital, Kandy; FPA Sri Lanka's static clinic in N'Eliya; Badulla District General Hospital; Batticaloa Teaching Hospital, Population Services Lanka (PSL) clinic in Trincomalee; private tertiary care hospital Hemas Thalawathugoda; semi-government hospital Jayawardanepura; specialised private maternity hospital Nine Wells; De Soyza Government Maternity Hospital in Colombo, FPA Sri Lanka Head office in Colombo and local pharmacies.

Study tour delegates were exposed to an array of family planning and maternal health care related services, including for ante-natal, intra-partum and post-partum care, treating unsafe abortion and its consequences, premature babies, emergency obstetric care, reproductive cancers, gender-based violence, HIV/AIDS and minority groups' needs. The delegates were exposed to Sri Lanka's healthcare system and workforce, as well as to broader international development issues.

Additional topics included the UK Government and other stakeholder's priorities and initiatives in the country, and the political, economic, cultural and social challenges facing Sri Lanka post-conflict to strengthen its health system and deliver prosperity for its population.



UK Parliamentary delegation visiting slum area in Colombo

Participants felt the study tour was informative, educational and successful in stimulating plans to engage in family planning/SRHR parliamentary advocacy to further the ICPD PoA and new SDGs.

The UK delegation expressed their gratitude to EPF for its financial support to the study tour, FPA Sri Lanka and IPPF staff and in particular Pramilla Senanayake, President FPA Sri Lanka and Madushe Dissanayake, Director of Policy Advocacy & HIV FPA Sri Lanka for their in-depth knowledge and expertise, and Ann Mette Kjaerby, Parliamentary and Policy Advisor APPG on PDRH, for her advice and organisational skills.

Please find enclosed study tour programme as appendix 31b

In February 2016 the study tour delegates met with FCO and IPPF representatives to discuss and provide feedback on the November 2015 study tour. Members were particularly keen for the FCO to follow up, in country, on the latest developments with regards to abortion provisions in the country and the registration of misoprostol.

Karl Turner MP and Lord Steel joined the APPG on PDRH following the study tour.

The APPG on PDRH received numerous inquiries and communications from various offices and constituents in connection with the above study, including one just prior to departure from Gareth Thomas MP's office. A constituent had contacted him wanting details of the study tour schedule with explanations of the visit, which was forwarded as requested.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 32b

General Written Briefings

97 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.

Members received one to one briefings as requested on specialised subjects, in addition to weekly updates on parliamentary advocacy opportunities via future 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. Many questions related to the SDG negotiations and conferences leading up to the September 2015 Summit were tabled. A full list of oral and written parliamentary questions can be found on the APPG on PDRH website and in The Parliamentary Statements, Legislation, Debates, Early Day Motions and Parliamentary questions section.

Please find enclosed all future business circulated as appendix 33

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

14th April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received DFID's updated Abortion policy paper.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 34

14th April: All members received a letter from Baroness Jenny Tonge, thanking them for their annual APPG on PDRH support.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 35

16th April: All members received a press release on UN Women's new flagship report: 'Progress of the World's Women 2015 – 2016'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 36

17th April: Select members received EPF press release on the G7 Parliamentary conference in Berlin.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 37

21st April: Select members received the information that the Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) executive director Valerie DePhillipo had died.

Please find enclosed press release as appendix 38

30th April: Select members received information on the newly appointed FP2020 executive director, Beth Schlachter.

Please find enclosed press release as appendix 39

30th April: All members received IPPF's summary briefing on the UN Women flagship report: Progress of the World's Women <http://progress.unwomen.org/en/2015/>

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 40

5th May: Select members received an article on the new five-day emergency contraception.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 41

6th May: Select members received a summary of all references to family planning and SRHR in UK GE manifestoes.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 42

20th May: Viscount Janric Craigavon received a briefing on population dynamics and ODA as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 43

22nd May: Select members received the latest Global Justice Centre (GJC) summary of progress on abortion services in conflict situations.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 44

26th May: Viscount Janric Craigavon received a briefing on population dynamics and the post-2015 agenda.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 45

12th June: Lord Nic Rea received a briefing for HoL SDG debate on 16th June 2015.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 46

18th June: Baroness Barker received a link to the IPPF report as requested: 'The State of the World's Fathers'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 47

30th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing for HoL 2nd July 2015: Addressing the challenges of terrorism, conflict, mass migration and climate change.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 48

1st July: Baroness Jenny Tonge and Holly Lynch MP received IPPF briefing in preparation for FfD conference in Addis Ababa.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 49

1st July: Baroness Anne Jenkin and Baroness Manzoor received MSI and UNFPA briefings in support of HoL 2nd July debate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 50

1st July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received Central and Eastern European Women's Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health (ASTRA) newsletter with European SRHR update.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 51

5th July: Baroness Jenny Tonge and Holly Lynch MP received FfD conference update on SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 52

6th July: Heather Wheeler MP and Cat Smith MP received a copy of the APPG on PDRH's latest hearing report and follow up oral Parliamentary Questions PQs to SS for ID question time.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 53

6th July: All members were alerted on Fiona Bruce MP's anti-choice parliamentary activities in relation to the Scotland Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 54

7th July: Kirsty Blackman MP received follow up information to an amendment to the Scotland Bill on abortion.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 55

14th July: Select members received Ben Hunter's British Medical Journal (BMJ) article on DFID's support to private hospitals, along with topical written PQs.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 56

14th July: All members received the UNFPA article: 'When Disaster Strikes, Women and Girls Are the Backbone of Resilience'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 57

14th July: All members received a copy of the final draft UN Summit document on the Post-2015 Development Agenda – Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Global Action along with SRHR extracts.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 58

17th July: All members received The Guardian article: ‘DFID to pump £735 million into investment arm for private sector projects’.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 59

21st July: All members received a link to DFID’s 2014 - 2015 Annual Report and Accounts with extracts on family planning and SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 60

23rd July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a PowerPoint slideshow on Population Growth from John Guillebaud and Richard Ottaway.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 61

3rd August: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information regarding the NHS being paperless by 2020.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 62

4th August: All members received a link to and summary of the revised UN World Population Prospects Report 2015.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 63

4th September: Committee members received a briefing from EuroNGO on the SDGs and family planning and SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 64

4th September: Viscount Janric Craigavon received information on the EPF Bosnia conference as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 65

8th September: Baroness Flather received a briefing for HoL SDG debate 17th September.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 66

9th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing for HoL SDG debate on 17th September.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 67

9th September: All members received the BBC article: ‘Where does UK’s aid currently go?’

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 68

10th September: Committee members received a copy of a letter sent to the UK Prime Minister thanking him for his support on family planning and SRHR within the SDG negotiations.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 69

14th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information regarding BPAS' forthcoming dinner in Parliament.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 70

15th September: Select members received a written update on FGM from the UK FGM Unit.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 71

15th September: Committee members received an invitation to the press launch of WHO's report: 'European Health report, 2015'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 72

16th September: Select members received a letter from the GJC regarding EU policy change that recognises the rights of female victims of rape in armed conflict to be provided with all necessary medical care, without discrimination, including abortions, under international humanitarian law irrespective of local laws.

Please find enclosed letter as appendix 73

16th September: All members received The Times letter on population growth and the SDGs.

Please find enclosed letter as appendix 74

17th September: Viscount Janric Craigavon and Baroness Anne Jenkin received UNFPA briefing on the SDGs for a HoL debate on the subject.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 75

21st September: All members received The Economist article on the SDGs.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 76

21st September: Baroness Jenny Tonge and Heather Wheeler MP received a copy of STOPAIDS Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIPs) summary concerns.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 77

24th September: All members received extracts on family planning and SRHR in DFID Select Committee report on DFID performance and Annual Report 2013 - 2014 and UK Government response to DFID Select Committee Report.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 78

24th September: All members received information regarding Lord McConnell, chair APPG on SDGs event on the Millennium Bridge along with their SDG briefing.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 79

24th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on country success stories on family planning and economic growth.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 80

25th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge and Holly Lynch MP received information from Simon Ellershaw, Detective Inspector Specialist Crime & Operations regarding FGM.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 81

28th September: All members received information regarding the adoption of the SDGs.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 82

28th September: Lord Patel and Baroness Jenny Tonge received information regarding the SDG indicators to be agreed upon in 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 83

28th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the article: 'Australian women will now be able to access medical abortions without visiting a doctor or pharmacist with the launch of a new telephone service'.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 84

30th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received follow up information from UNFPA regarding family planning and an increase in Gross National Income (GNI).

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 85

1st October: All members received a link to PM David Cameron's speech at the SDGs summit.

Please find enclosed briefing with link as appendix 86

5th October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on actual number of people living in poverty.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 87

6th October: Committee members received information from EPF on European and USA anti-choice parliamentary activities.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 88

6th October: All members received PSN briefing on the SDG indicators to be agreed upon by March 2016.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 89

6th October: UK FPA's parliamentary advisor received EPF briefing on anti-choice parliamentary activities in Europe and USA.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 90

7th October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a draft PowerPoint presentation and notes for PM AGM and the Bali Family Planning conference.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 91

10th October: All members received an invitation to Oxford Martin School 15th October event: 'Demographic change – the evolving health challenges' disseminated to members'.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 92

15th October: All members received the article: 'Devolution of abortion laws in Scotland prompts Labour warning'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 93

16th October: Committee members received the July 2015 interview and article with Baroness Flather: 'Brave woman who dares to shatter a toxic taboo: British Pakistanis are THIRTEEN times more likely to have disabled children because of intermarriage'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 94

23rd October: Baroness Flather received follow up information to the ICRW briefing event: 'Making change from Cash'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 95

30th October: All member were informed that the ending of China's one child policy featured in the radio programme The World Tonight (20 mins. into broadcast) and included a commentary by Hans Rosling.

18th November: All HoL members received a briefing on climate change for a HoL debate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 96

19th November: All members received IPPF's report on the SDGs and SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 97

20th November: All members received The Guardian article: 'While all eyes are on human numbers, it's the rise in farm animals that is laying the planet waste!'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 98

23rd November: Committee members received an invitation to SafeHands for mothers film launch on FGM.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 99

24th November: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on ODA allocated to refugees in the UK and Development Assistance Committee (DAC) codes.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 100

25th November: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on child tax credits.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 101

2nd December: Select members received The Daily Mail article: 'New hydrogel condom could 'revolutionize' HIV fight and heightens sexual pleasure'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 102

4rd December: All members received a link to UNFPA State of the World Population (SWOP) report and select members received hard copies of the report also.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 103

4th December: All members received the article: 'Analysis – more countries want more babies'.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 104

10th December: All members received headlines on UK statistics on international development.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 105

19th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on The Gates Foundations' November 2015 extra funding pledge to family planning.

Please find enclosed press release as appendix 106

22nd December: All members received Christmas greetings with information on '10 things about world population'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 107

4th January: Committee members received a copy of the drafted APPG on PDRH annual report April 2014 – March 2015.

Please find enclosed correspondence as appendix 108

20th January: Select members received information on the Microbicides Ring study Trial Results.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 109

22nd January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received MSI and Ipas letter on Abortion legislation in Sierra Leone.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 110

28th January: Baroness Barker received a copy of job description and contracts for APPG staff as requested.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 111

29th January: Baroness Jenkin received drafted oral PQs for HoL debate on 4th February on FGM.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 112

10th February: Caroline Lucas MP received EPF analysis of anti-choice online petition targeting her.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 113

11th February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a summary of all joint APPG on PDRH and RCOG activities in support of a forthcoming RCOG interview and article.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 114

11th February: All members received the article: 'Bid to ease Northern Ireland abortion laws voted down.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 115

12th February: Heather Wheeler MP and Craig Whittaker MP received information on Keizo Takemi - Japanese MP and chair Japan APPG on PD in preparation for Japan G8 Parliamentary conference.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 116

22nd February: All members received the article: 'Zika virus: Pope hints at relaxation of contraception ban'.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 117

26th February: All members received a list of the latest draft SDG Indicators.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 118

3rd March: All members received The Guttmacher article: 'U.S. unintended pregnancy rate falls to 30-year low'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 119

3rd March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received Countdown2015 funding report to family planning and SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 120

4th March: All members received a link to Internal Women Day fact and figures.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 121

7th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received MSI briefing for HoL IWD debate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 122

7th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received IPU chart on women in parliament globally for the HoL IWD debate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 123

11th March: Baroness Jenkin received a briefing on domestic violence and influencing factors.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 124

14th March: Select members received briefing on future population growth and world religions.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 125

15th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information regarding FGM arrests in UK airports.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 126

16th March: All members received an article on halving of teenage pregnancy rate since 1998 in the UK.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 127

18th March: Committee members received MSI briefing update on Malawi, Nepal and Myanmar.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 128

18th March: All members received an article on breast ironing.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 129

General Collaboration, Meetings, Correspondence and Consultations

The APPG on PDRH continue to campaign and advocate for the full implementation of the ICPD PoA, with a continued focus on family planning and population dynamics and its inclusion into the SDGs.

Enquiries to and about the APPG on PDRH and its parliamentary activities have been dealt with regularly via e-mails, over the phone and face-to-face.

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

UNFPA; IPPF; MSI; UK SRHR Network; RCOG, BPAS; Plan UK; FORWARD; Girls not Brides; ACCM UK; ActionAid, WHO; PSN, PM; GJC; YouAct; 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 Osotimehin, ED for UNFPA and other UNFPA staff at various meetings and conferences again this year. The APPG on PDRH secretariat was in regular contact with UNFPA Head Office in New York in connection with the UNFPA SWOP report launch in the UK, parliamentary debates, regional/international conferences and the Sri Lanka study tour.

UNFPA briefings were circulated to members, including on UNFPA recommended SDG indicators and UNFPA structural changes.

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the 10th September 2015 UNFPA and EPF one-day parliamentary consultation “Working together to advance a common ICPD strategy” in Geneva. Discussions were held on the ICPD Beyond 2014, parliamentary involvement, ensuring accountability and engagement in the implementation of the SDGs. Of particular interest was the conversation on the correlation between individual rights, including SRHR and sustained economic growth and the technical distinction between correlation and causality.

On 12th October 2015 Baroness Jenny Tonge met with Dr Babatunde in the UK Parliament to discuss strategic direction for parliamentary advocacy in Europe.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 130

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 again this year.

The APPG on PDRH secretariat remained in regular contact with IPPF Head Office in London. The majority of correspondence was in connection with collaborative parliamentary events and briefings for parliamentary debates. The Sri Lanka study tour this year also resulted in numerous meetings to ensure a successful trip and in January 2016 Baroness Jenny Tonge hosted a luncheon for IPPF Sri Lanka President to discuss study tour outcome (please see study tour section for further information).

The joint event with Other Creative Ltd on 22nd May 2015 for high net worth women who support family planning and SRHR was a first step towards forming an IPPF executive appeal team.

In the lead up to the launch of the new APPG on PDRH hearing report, IPPF also provided technical input and IPPF kindly assisted Baroness Jenny Tonge at the Family Planning conference in February 2016, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 131

MSI

Throughout the year the APPG on PDRH was in regular communications with MSI. Several briefing papers pertinent to HoC and HoL debates were received and

disseminated and joint parliamentary briefing events were organised (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information).

Discussions evolved around the GEs, new ministers and their support for family planning and SRHR, the UN FfD conference in Addis Ababa and press activities.

In November the APPG on PDRH communicated with MSI Nepal country representative on DFID funding to the country and ex Meg Munn's MP contact details.

MSI kindly provided technical input to this year's hearing report.

In April the APPG on PDRH sent its condolences to Nepalese colleagues in April 2015 after the devastating earthquake and human loss in the country.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 132

UK SRHR Network

The APPG on PDRH remained in regular contact with the UK SRHR Network and its member organisations and staff. Of particular interest this year was the collaboration on its manifesto for motherhood, which was disseminated prior to the GEs and in September 2015 UK SRHR Network briefed APPG on PDRH members in preparation for the forthcoming meeting with the new UK PUSC for ID.

A list of new MPs interested in family planning and SRHR was sent to the SRHR Network to assist members in setting up individual briefing meetings, to discuss the ICPD PoA.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 133

RCOG

The APPG on PDRH was in regular contact with RCOG representatives to organise report launches and events. This year was particularly exciting as Baroness Jenny Tonge received an honorary fellowship from the RCOG for her global work and outreach on women's maternal health and rights (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information).

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 134

BPAS

The APPG on PDRH remained in regular contact with BPAS. This year saw continued anti-choice activities in the UK Parliament and collaborative efforts ensured pro-choice members attended intern anti-choice meetings and spoke in debates. The BPAS Trustees celebration in September 2015 highlighted their allies over the years that protected and progressed abortion rights.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 135

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

APPG on PDRH members were regularly updated on FGM press activities and parliamentary advocacy opportunities. In February 2016 all FGM NGOs were invited to a round table meeting with Baroness Jenny Tonge to provide guidance to her drafted Private Member's Bill (PMB) to increase age of marriage to 18 in the UK. The PMB saw

its 1st reading in May 2016 and 2nd reading is expected in the autumn 2016 along with a campaign by child marriage NGOs.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 136

Action Aid

Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Anne Quesney, Senior Women's Rights Advocacy Adviser, ActionAid to discuss collaboration in connection with their new campaign on Violence against Women and Girls. Several briefings were sent to members in support of debates to combat violence against women and furthering women's rights.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 137

Correspondence

Dr Marleen Temmerman, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO

The APPG on PDRH contacted Dr Temmerman, Director of Reproductive Health and Research at WHO and ex-MP this year in connection with WHO's Essential Medicines List and academics applying to exclude misoprostol from the list for post-partum haemorrhage. A letter from the FIGO endorsing 800mcg of misoprostol to be added to the Essential Medicines List was sent with an accompanying letter. Communications on this topic also took place with EPF, Reproductive Health Matter, RCOG, and MSI.

The 800mcg of misoprostol was finally added to the WHO Essential Medicines List and the lower dose/prescription was removed.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 138

Population Sustainability Network

The APPG on PDRH communicated regularly throughout the year with PSN staff in connection with the SDGs, and Baroness Jenny Tonge was scheduled to speak at their COP21 side event in December 2015, this was however cancelled due to the terrorist attacks. Baroness Jenny Tonge also agreed to be a referee to the organisation this year.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 139

Population Matters

The APPG on PDRH communicated with PM representatives in October 2015 in connection with their AGM as Baroness Jenny Tonge was presenting the latest APPG on PDRH hearing report: Population Dynamics and the SDGs. The presentation subsequently generated numerous communications with members of the organisation.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 140

Malaria Consortium

The Malaria Consortium contacted the APPG on PDRH for its involvement in their conference in December 2015: 'Breaking the silence for a healthier planet – addressing reproductive health matters to build climate resilient communities'. The conference was subsequently cancelled. The APPG on PDRH also communicated with the Malaria Consortium in relation to briefing meetings.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 141

Global Justice Center

APPG on PDRH members along with many other UK Parliamentarians received numerous briefing papers from the GJC this year on women raped in armed conflict and abortions under the Geneva Conventions. In April 2015 communications related to above and the Universal Peer Review, in June 2015 the APPG on PDRH shared HoL debates on the topic.

Please find enclosed sample communications and briefings as appendix 142

YouAct

The APPG on PDRH sent a YouAct representative information about the newly constituted FP2020 reference group on youth in February 2016, and in March information about the opportunity to apply for grants to the March 2016 Women Deliver Conference in Copenhagen for youth delegates.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 143

International Fund for Animal Welfare

Kevin Flack from the International Fund for Animal Welfare contacted the APPG on PDRH this year regarding UK MPs study tour to Ethiopia. He was directed to the organisers.

International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion

The APPG on PDRH replied to the coordinator of Women's Right to Safe abortion Marge Berer's concern in August 2015 regarding a lack of reference to safe abortion services in the latest Hearing Report: Population Dynamics and the SDGs. She was reassured and sent all references to abortion in the report. Communications in early 2016 also related to WHO's Essential Medicines List and academics applying to exclude misoprostol from the list for post-partum haemorrhage.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 144

HIV/AIDS Alliance

The APPG on PDRH was contacted by Leila Zadeh, Senior Advisor: Policy and Government Affairs for the HIV/AIDS Alliance in January 2016 in response to written parliamentary questions by Baroness Jenny Tonge. She was referred to the APPG on PDRH annual reports, which all have a breakdowns of DFID bilateral family planning and SRHR and HIV/AIDS funding.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 145

Inter-Parliamentary Union

IPU has contacted the APPG on PDRH throughout the year in connection with parliamentary delegations visiting the UK Parliament. This year members met with Nepal MPs to discuss family planning and SRHR activities.

University of Pennsylvania

The APPG on PDRH communicated with Frances Kissling, currently a visiting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania in June 2015, in response to inquiries regarding health workers in Europe and late terminations. She was referred to Christian Fiala an expert in the field.

Consultations

The APPG on PDRH submitted its new Hearing Report on Population Dynamics and the SDGs to the DFID Select Committee inquiry into the SDGs in July 2015

Full final report is available here:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/international-development-committee/news-parliament-20151/sustainable-development-goals-report-published-16-17/>

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 146

The APPG on PDRH submitted its new Hearing Report on Population Dynamics and the SDGs to DFID Select Committee inquiry into Syrian refugees in September 2015.

Full report is available here:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmselect/cmintdev/463/463.pdf>

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 147

Press

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

The APPG on PDRH has tweeted regularly in connection with parliamentary activities including events hosted or attended and in connection with parliamentary debates. Topics include: SDGs, Guttmacher Institute research on cost-effectiveness of family planning and research on contraception, ODI event on population growth, IPPF #womencount campaign, MSI reception in Parliament, sexual violence in conflict committee, RCOG's Leading Safe Choices campaign launch, EuroNGOs conference, International Day to End Violence Against Women, World AIDS Day, climate change and reproductive rights, abortion laws in Sierra Leone and Northern Ireland, study tour to Sri Lanka and final report, and access to contraception, UK funding and programmes for HIV, abortion laws in Northern Ireland, International Conference on Family Planning, personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) in UK schools, oral questions on FGM and the Zika virus in HoL, response to Zika and Vatican guidance, sexual assault in UK schools, honour killings in Pakistan, and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea (please see APPG on PDRH website for full tweet strapline on front page).

In April 2015 Baroness Jenny Tonge wrote a letter to The Guardian in response to an article on the GE in the UK and ODA.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 148

In April 2015 Baroness Jenny Tonge published an opinion article on ODA, which was published in Euractiv.

Please find article enclosed as appendix 149

In July 2015 Baroness Jenny Tonge circulated an article to all APPG on PDRH members on her personal view on the FfD conference in Addis Ababa. The article was also sent to the House Magazine. The flight to Addis Ababa had raised concern in connection with young girls and FGM, which resulted in a UK police investigation and an

article in The Independent with a quote from Baroness Jenny Tonge. Numerous correspondences followed in response to the article.

Please find enclosed article and communications as appendix 150

In August 2015 The Guardian published an article on a DFID meeting where Baroness Jenny Tonge was quoted in relation to discussions on abortion in war zones.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 151

Later in August 2015 The Stanford University blog Millennium Alliance from Humanity and the Biosphere featured an article prepared by PSN on the APPG's Hearing Report: Population Dynamics and the SDGs.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 152

In November 2015 Hilary Budge launched her book on FGM and the APPG on PDRH's work on FGM was referenced.

The book is available here: <https://www.routledge.com/products/isbn/9781472419941>

In January 2016 'Parliament Today' received a press release in connection with the APPG on PDRH Hearing Report on Population Dynamics and the SDGs, which was presented at the International Family Planning Conference in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 153

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

The UK Coalition Government remained 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 amendments to Bills, debates, Early Day Motions (EDM) and PQs. Below are a list of relevant statements, legislation, debates, EDMs and PQs (please see APPG on PDRH website for full information). Note only some are attributed to the APPG on PDRH and its activities. Of particular importance this year has been activities on gender based violence including FGM, child marriage and rape in war zones, defending reproductive health budgets and services and abortion rights, and the inclusion of universal SRHR services within the new SDGs.

House of Commons

Oral Ministerial Statements

Climate Change Agreement, 14th December 2015

Amber Rudd MP described the new global climate change agreement agreed in Paris. She highlighted the role of the UK Government in supporting negotiations, and a commitment of £5.8 billion for climate finance over the next five years.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 154

Written Ministerial Statements

Tackling violence against women and girls overseas, 10th December 2015

Desmond Swayne MP provided an update on progress at tackling violence against women and girls overseas. He highlighted Baroness Verma's appointment as

Ministerial Champion for Tackling Violence against Women and Girls and set out the objectives for the Ministerial Champion in her new role.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 155

UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, 16th December 2015

James Duddridge MP announced the publication of a progress report on the UK's third National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. He explained how the report outlined progress against the four pillars of women, peace and security, and noted the momentum generated by an upcoming high level review of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in October 2015.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 156

Zika virus, 5th February 2016

Jane Ellison MP provided an update on the Zika virus and its possible link to microcephaly. She highlighted that the UK is the second largest donor to WHO and is playing an important role by supporting research on Zika virus. She also explained that the risk to the UK population is extremely low and noted travel guidance relating to travel to Zika-affected areas.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 157

Violence against women and girls, 8th March 2016

Theresa May MP announced the publication of the UK Government's Violence against Women and Girls Strategy for this parliament. She explained that the UK had made progress since the original strategy in 2010, but noted the continued burden of violence against women and girls and explained the UK Government would provide £80 million in dedicated funding to support services.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 158

Legislation

Ovarian Cancer (Information) Bill – first reading, 29th June 2015

Peter Bone MP led the first reading of a PMB that would require the NHS to provide information about ovarian cancer symptoms when informing women about the results of cervical smear tests and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read a first time, however the Bill did not receive a second reading.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 159

Personal Social Health Education Plus (PSHE+) Statutory Requirement Bill – first reading, 15th July 2015

Caroline Lucas MP led the first reading of a Ten Minute Rule Bill that would require PSHE+ be a statutory requirement for all state-funded schools; for PSHE+ to include Sex and Relationships Education and education on ending violence against women and girls; to provide for initial and continuing teacher education and guidance on best practice for delivering and inspecting PSHE+ and Sex and Relationships Education; and for connected purposes. She explained the importance of Sex and Relationships Education for children and highlighted substantial support among parents for her proposals.

The HoC voted on a motion to introduce the Bill (183 for and 44 against), and the Bill was read a first time. The Bill did not receive a second reading.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 160

Perinatal Mental Illness (NHS Family Services) – first reading, 14th October 2015

Rehman Chishti MP led the first reading of a PMB to make provision about the appropriate level of access to NHS services and accommodation for mothers with perinatal mental illness; and for connected purposes. He highlighted the burden of mental illness during pregnancy and following childbirth and a lack of dedicated provision in England and Wales.

The Bill was read a first time, however the Bill did not receive a second reading.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 161

Debates

Britain in the World (Queen’s Speech debate), 1st June 2015

MPs participated in the Queen’s Speech debate on foreign affairs and international development. Mary Creagh MP and Justine Greening MP highlighted issues including climate change, sexual rights, migration and FfD.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 162

SDGs, 16th June 2015

Patrick Grady MP led a debate on the negotiation and implementation of the SDGs. He noted the importance of inclusive development and disaggregated data, and highlighted upcoming international summits that would guide development for years to come.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 163

SDGs, 10th September 2015

Stephen Phillips MP introduced a debate on the SDGs. He described the findings of a new published report by the International Development Committee and drew attention to issues including migration, implementation of the goals and financing to achieve sustainable development.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 164

Maternity units: bereavement care, 2nd November 2015

Will Quince MP used the debate to highlight support for bereaved parents in maternity units. He described his personal experience of using a maternity unit’s bereavement suite and highlighted the need for similar facilities and compassion at other hospitals in the UK.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 165

Maternity discrimination, 3rd November 2015

Stuart McDonald MP led a debate on workplace discrimination during pregnancy. He highlighted the prevalence of such discrimination and how changes to legal aid in the UK had made it harder for women to challenge discrimination.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 166

World Prematurity Day, 24th November 2015

Chris Heaton-Harris MP introduced a debate on care for premature births in the UK. He described the experiences of women who had given birth prematurely, and argued that neonatal intensive care units need to be better staffed to prevent avoidable deaths.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 167

Sexual exploitation: protection of 16 and 17-year-olds, 17th December 2015

Kit Malthouse MP drew attention to the findings of The Children's Society's report *Old Enough to Know Better?* which examined the sexual exploitation of 16 and 17 year olds. He explained that sexual exploitation at that age can cause profound damage and suggested that UK law be strengthened to provide better protection, particularly for children in care.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 168

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 12th January 2016

Nick Herbert MP led a debate on the importance of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in combating those three diseases. He described the continued global burden of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, the role of the UK as a leading donor and requested that the UK Government continue to support The Global Fund.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 169

In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF): welfare of women, 20th January 2016

Siobhain McDonagh MP introduced a debate to encourage greater support for women undergoing IVF treatment. She highlighted the risks to women's health from IVF treatment and suggested amendments to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act (HFEA) in order to improve monitoring and strengthen the regulatory powers of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 170

Preventing violence against women: role of men, 4th February 2016

Gavin Newlands MP led a debate on the role of men in preventing violence against women. He described the burden of violence against women in Scotland and in the UK more widely, and asked the UK Government to address falls in funding for women's refuges.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 171

International Women's Day, 8th March 2016

Mims Davies MP drew attention to the importance of IWD. She described gender-based inequality in the UK and highlighted the need to ensure more women reached senior positions in organisations and politics. Jess Phillips MP highlighted the issue of domestic violence. Valerie Vaz MP noted the use of rape and sexual violence by the Burmese army and the issue of sexual violence in India. Helen Grant MP drew attention to the missing Chibok schoolgirls in Nigeria, while Stephen Doughty MP noted the similar capture of Yazidi women by Daesh. Fiona Mactaggart MP highlighted human trafficking and FGM as important forms of violence against women and girls. Cheryl Gillan MP pointed to falls in maternal global mortality over

the past 20 years. Paula Sherriff MP reiterated the importance of removing Value Added Tax from women's sanitary products. Caroline Spelman MP noted the issue of pregnant women living in immigration detention facilities in the UK. Deirdre Brock MP highlighted the lack of women's rights in Saudi Arabia. Tom Brake MP emphasised the need for mandatory PSHE+ in order to tackle FGM. Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP noted the dangerous settings for women in and near conflict-affected areas in the Middle-East. Alison Thewliss MP criticised the government's two-child policy on tax credits. Jake Berry MP highlighted the issue of breast ironing, and Tania Mathias MP described the prevalence of, and problems caused by, FGM.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 172

Burma, 23rd March 2016

Paul Scully MP led a debate on the political situation in Burma. Other speakers in the debate highlighted use of sexual violence against members of Rohingya communities and the need for investigations into those abuses.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 173

Oral Parliamentary Questions SDGs, 3rd June 2015

Kate Green MP asked about recent progress in negotiations for the SDGs and progress in achieving universal health coverage. Justine Greening MP replied that the UK Government was determining its negotiating stance based on the Zero Draft document and that the UK Government was strongly advocating for universal health coverage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 174

Forced marriage, 2nd July 2015

Bob Blackman MP, Graham Evans MP and James Berry MP asked what steps are being taken to successfully prosecute forced marriage in the UK. Robert Buckland MP replied that the first successful prosecution took place earlier in the year, and noted that the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) had provided legal guidance and learning support to its prosecutors.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 175

Female genital mutilation, 2nd July 2015

Stephen Phillips MP asked about steps being taken to prevent girls being taken abroad to undergo FGM. Karen Bradley MP replied that FGM Protection Orders would soon be introduced and that the Border Force and police would conduct joint operations over the summer.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 176

Violence against women, 6th July 2015

Gerald Jones MP and Keir Starmer MP asked about the implications for policy of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women's findings regarding violence against women in the UK. Theresa May MP replied that the UK has some of the strongest protections for women in the world, and the violence against women strategy would be updated annually.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 177

Pregnant women: alcohol consumption, 7th July 2015

Bill Esterson MP asked about the implications for policy of the Chief Medical Officers guidance regarding alcohol consumption during pregnancy. Jane Ellison MP replied that they were planning to consult on the guidance in September.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 178

Mediterranean migration, 8th July 2015

Stephen Metcalfe MP asked DFID about its role in tackling conditions in countries from which migrants are trying to reach Europe. Justine Greening MP replied that DFID is providing support worth £217 million to help refugees and vulnerable in African countries, and £100 million for those displaced by the war in Syria.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 179

Crown Prosecution Service: rape and domestic violence, 15th October 2015

Karen Lumley MP and Karl McCartney MP asked the Crown Prosecution Service about actions taken to improve conviction rates for rape and domestic violence over the last two years. Robert Buckland MP replied that the number of referrals, charges, prosecutions and convictions were at its highest ever.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 180

Pregnancy and maternity discrimination, 15th October 2015

Rebecca Long Bailey MP and Angela Rayner MP asked what steps are being taken to tackle pregnancy and maternity discrimination in the workplace. Nicky Morgan MP replied that the UK Government was supporting the largest independent research project of its kind to understand the problem, and would respond to the final report when published later in the year.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 181

Women's refugees, 15th October 2015

Paul Blomfield MP asked what steps are being taken to increase the number and accessibility of women's refuges. Marcus Jones MP replied that the Chancellor had announced an additional £3.2 million to increase specialist accommodation support for victims.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 182

Migration, 28th October 2015

Chris Davies MP asked how much of DFID's budget is directed at tackling the root causes of migration. Justine Greening MP replied that the causes of migration are complex but that they are providing support for refugees affected by the Syria war and support for job creation in developing countries.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 183

Topical questions (International Development), 28th October 2015

Stuart Blair Donaldson MP asked about implementation and coordination for the SDGs and Justine Greening MP replied that the UK would work on the goals domestically. Jake Berry MP asked for an update on tackling the practice of breast

ironing. Justine Greening MP replied that women and girls are at the heart of DFID's work and would continue to be so.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 184

Abortion legislation, 4th November 2015

Jo Cox MP asked what discussions had taken place regarding the devolution of abortion legislation to the Scottish Parliament. David Mundell MP replied that abortion legislation would be devolved in the Scotland Bill, and that there would be on-going engagement with women's groups as the matter went forward.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 185

Paris Climate Change Conference, 19th November 2015

Nick Thomas-Symonds MP asked whether the UK Government would support proposals for a goal on adaptation at the Paris Climate Change Conference. Amber Rudd MP replied that the Government supported setting out a long-term direction on adaptation for all countries.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 186

Immigration detention of pregnant women, 26th November 2015

Caroline Spelman MP asked about discussions that had taken place regarding the immigration detention of pregnant women. Karen Bradley MP replied that the Home Office policy states that pregnant women should not normally be detained unless there is a prospect of early safe removal, and that the Government was conducting a review of the policy's implementation that would be published shortly.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 187

Non-invasive pre-natal treatments, 5th January 2016

Tulip Siddiq MP asked about progress in expanding access to non-invasive pre-natal treatments. Ben Gummer MP replied that non-invasive pre-natal screening for Down's syndrome and other trisomy conditions was not offered routinely within the NHS, but that a review of the policy was underway and results would be released shortly.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 188

Paris Climate Conference, 7th January 2016

Debbie Abrahams MP and Caroline Lucas MP asked about the implications of the UK Government's policies for achieving the goals set out in the Paris Climate Change Conference agreement. Amber Rudd MP replied that that were currently considering the implications of the agreement domestically and with EU partners.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 189

Paris Agreement on Climate Change, 7th January 2016

Margaret Ritchie MP asked about the financial implications for the UK Government of its commitments under the Paris Climate Change Conference agreement. Amber Rudd MP replied that the cost of UK action was already committed to through setting of carbon budgets, and that the Paris agreement would ensure a level playing field with other countries.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 190

COP21 Climate Conference, 7th January 2016

James Berry MP and David Mackintosh MP asked about outcomes and responses for the UK based on the Paris Climate Change Conference agreement. Amber Rudd MP replied that almost 200 countries committed to climate action, which they agreed to review every five years and to be held accountable.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 191

Violence against women and girls, 11th January 2016

Maggie Throup MP asked what steps had been taken to tackle violence against women and girls. Theresa May MP replied that they had introduced a new offence of domestic violence, were consulting on new measures to protect victims of stalking, and would soon publish a revised strategy on support for victims of violence.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 192

Sexual violence, 14th January 2016

James Berry MP asked what steps had been taken to improve coordination between prosecutors and the police when handling cases involving sexual violence. Robert Buckland MP replied that a national steering group had been established and met regularly.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 193

Domestic violence, 14th January 2016

David Hanson MP asked what steps had been taken to improve the conviction rate for rape and domestic violence. Robert Buckland MP replied that they had strengthened training for prosecutors on rape and serious sexual offences, updated domestic abuse legal guidance, and were working closer with the police.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 194

Sanitary products: Value-added Tax (VAT), 14th January 2016

David Hanson MP asked what progress the UK Government was making in negotiating the removal of VAT on women's sanitary products. David Gauke MP replied that they had written to the European Commission to advocate for full discretion over VAT for sanitary products.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 195

Domestic violence, 14th January 2016

Keir Starmer MP asked what discussions had taken place to secure long-term funding for domestic violence services. Karen Bradley MP replied that the Government had announced £40 million of funding for domestic abuse services, a £2 million grant to Women's Aid and SafeLives, and would shortly publish an updated strategy to support victims of violence.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 196

Detainees: pregnancy, 14th January 2016

Stuart McDonald MP and Callum McCaig MP asked about discussions on the treatment of pregnant women detained for immigration purposes. Karen Bradley MP

replied that a review of the welfare of vulnerable people in detention would be published later that day, and that the Government would take appropriate action.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 197

Sexual health and family planning, 20th January 2016

Cat Smith MP asked what discussions had taken place with the Northern Ireland Executive on the adequacy of women's access to sexual health and family planning services. Ben Wallace MP replied that no such discussions had taken place and that sexual health advice and services in Northern Ireland are a devolved matter.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 198

Zika virus, 2nd February 2016

Diane Abbott MP asked what support DFID would provide to help countries worst affected by the Zika virus. Justine Greening MP replied that they are a major contributor to WHO and had made an additional contribution to support global health security. Follow-up questions and answers highlighted the importance of protecting pregnant women and the difficulty in creating a vaccine that would need to be tested on pregnant women.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 199

Female economic empowerment: poorest countries, 3rd February 2016

Oliver Heald MP asked what steps DFID is taking to promote female empowerment. Justine Greening MP replied that improving the prospects for women and girls was at the heart of DFID's work, and that she had been appointed to the UN Secretary General's new high-level panel on women's economic empowerment.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 200

Modern Slavery Act, 22nd February 2016

Jeremy Lefroy MP asked what assessment had been made of the effectiveness of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. Theresa May MP replied that it was too early to make a full assessment but that slavery and trafficking prevention orders had been used to stop offences occurring and some businesses had published statements on steps taken to prevent modern slavery in their supply chains.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 201

Sexual offences: conviction rates, 25th February 2016

Paul Blomfield MP asked what steps had been taken to improve the conviction rate for rape and serious sexual offences. Robert Buckland MP replied that the CPS had engaged 102 specialist prosecutors to ensure effective prosecution of serious cases.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 202

Violence against women, 8th March 2016

Patrick Grady MP asked about discussions to reduce the level of violence against women. Caroline Dinenage MP replied that Justice Ministers attend the regular inter-ministerial group on that matter, and that the Government would shortly publish its updated strategy for ending violence against women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 203

Malawi: development support, 16th March 2016

Richard Arkless MP asked what support DFID would provide to Malawi over the current spending review period. Justine Greening MP replied that they provide support for essential services including health and education, and support increasing access to justice for women and vulnerable groups.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 204

ODA, 16th March 2016

Tom Blenkinsop MP asked what assessment had been made of the potential effect to UK aid of changes to the definition of ODA. Justine Greening MP replied that they did not expect a significant shift in the disbursement of UK aid.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 205

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 16th March 2016

James Davies MP asked what assessment had been made of the effect of cost savings in The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria on its work. Nick Hurd MP replied that the money saved by The Global Fund could be used to save lives.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 206

Yazidi communities, 16th March 2016

Anne McLaughlin MP asked about support for Yazidi communities in Iraq, Turkey and Syria. Desmond Swayne MP replied that DFID had committed £2.3 billion to the Syria crisis, and additional £79.5 million to Iraq, but that all aid is distributed according to need and is irrespective of ethnicity.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 207

Topical questions, 16th March 2016

Jim Cunningham MP asked about departmental responsibilities for the SS for ID. Justine Greening MP replied that she had just returned from heading the UK delegation at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and had also taken part in the first meeting of the UN Secretary-General's high-level panel on women's economic empowerment.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 208

HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis, 22nd March 2016

Catherine West MP asked about the timetable for launching a public consultation on HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis for adults at high risk of contracting HIV. Jane Ellison MP replied that NHS England was investing £2 million over two years to run early implementer test sites to see the most cost-effective and integrated way for pre-exposure prophylaxis to be rolled-out.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 209

Written Parliamentary Questions

MPs tabled a wide variety of family planning and SRHR written PQs this year on the following subjects, which are all available on the APPG on PDRH website:

- Abortion
- Abortion: congenital abnormalities
- Abortion: costs
- Abortion: foetal tissue
- Abortion: gender selection
- Abortion: harassment
- Abortion: lobbying
- Abortion: maternal mortality
- Abortion: Northern Ireland
- Abortion: Scotland
- Accident and Emergency Departments: Genito-urinary Medicine
- Adoption
- Afghanistan: females
- Afghanistan: offences against children
- Africa: conflict prevention
- Antidepressants: pregnant women
- Armed conflict: sexual offences
- Babies: death
- Baby care units
- Burma: sexual offences
- Cervical cancer: health education
- Cervical cancer: old people
- Cervical cancer: screening
- Cervical cancer: young people
- Childbirth: gender
- China: family planning
- Climate change: overseas aid
- Conferences
- Contraceptives
- Contraceptives: children
- Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- Crimes of violence: females
- Darfur: rape
- Developing countries: abortion
- Developing countries: climate change
- Developing countries: crimes of violence
- Developing countries: disease control
- Developing countries: employment
- Developing countries: family planning
- Developing countries: female genital mutilation
- Developing countries: females
- Developing countries: gender
- Developing countries: health services
- Developing countries: HIV infection
- Developing countries: microcephaly
- Developing countries: nutrition
- Developing countries: older people
- Developing countries: registration of births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships
- Developing countries: sanitation
- Developing countries: sustainable development
- Domestic violence
- Domestic violence and sexual offences: victim support schemes
- Egypt: females
- Erythromycin: pregnant women
- Family planning
- Family planning: lobbying
- Female genital mutilation
- Human papillomavirus: vaccination
- Human trafficking
- Human trafficking: females
- In vitro fertilisation
- In vitro fertilisation: costs
- In vitro fertilisation: donors
- In vitro fertilisation: immigrants
- India: offences against children
- India: rape
- Interdepartmental Ministerial Group on Modern Slavery
- International assistance
- International Conference on Financing for Development
- International Women's Day
- Liberia: health services
- Maternal mortality
- Maternity services
- Maternity services: closures
- Maternity services: EU nationals
- Maternity services: expenditure
- Maternity services: insurance
- Maternity services: multiple births
- Maternity services: standards
- Mediterranean sea: refugees
- Mental health services: female genital mutilation
- Mental health services: pregnant women
- Middle East: job creation
- Midwives: recruitment
- Midwives: students
- Nigeria: female genital mutilation
- North Korea: females
- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Obesity: babies and pregnant women
- Offences against children
- Ovarian cancer
- Ovarian cancer: health education
- Overseas aid
- Overseas aid: health services
- Pakistan: forced marriage
- Perinatal mortality
- Perinatal mortality: screening
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education: standards
- Postnatal depression
- Pregnancy: HIV infection
- Pregnancy: safety
- Pregnancy: screening
- Pregnancy: sodium valproate
- Pregnant women: alcoholic drinks
- Pregnant women: conditions of employment
- Pregnant women: discrimination
- Pregnant women: mental health
- Pregnant women: mental health services
- Pregnant women: mental illness
- Prisons: rape
- Rape: victim support schemes
- Refugees: Calais
- Sanitary protection: VAT
- Schools: sexual offences

- Female genital mutilation and forced marriage
- Female genital mutilation: convictions
- Female genital mutilation: emergency calls
- Females: crimes of violence
- Fertility
- Fertility: aspirin
- Fertility: males
- Folic acid: females
- Forced marriage
- Forced marriage and female genital mutilation
- Forced Marriage Unit
- Forced Marriage Unit: telephone services
- Forced marriage: convictions
- Gender: equality
- Genito-urinary medicine
- Genito-urinary medicine: females
- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Health education: sex
- Health: climate change
- Health: screening
- HIV infection
- HIV infection: drugs
- HIV infection: health services
- HIV infection: medical treatments
- HIV infection: screening
- Human embryo experiments
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Mitochondrial Donation) Regulations 2015
- Human papillomavirus: children
- Human papillomavirus: older people
- Sex and Relationship Education
- Sexual assault referral centres
- Sexual assault referral centres: children
- Sexual Health Forum
- Sexual offences
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Sexually transmitted infections: mental health
- Sexually transmitted infections: older people
- South Sudan: females
- Sub-Saharan Africa: HIV infection
- Sub-Saharan Africa: life expectancy
- Suicide: females
- Surrogate motherhood
- Surrogate motherhood: international cooperation
- Sustainable development: international assistance
- Syria: refugees
- Syria: sexual offences
- Transvaginal mesh implants
- Transvaginal mesh implants: surgery
- UN Commission on the Status of Women
- UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women: membership
- UN Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
- UN Sustainable Development Summit
- United Arab Emirates: females
- Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre: pregnant women
- Zika virus

Early Day Motions

EDM 162 – Closures of abortion clinics, 22nd June 2015

Diane Abbott MP, 29 signatures

'That this House is deeply concerned that anti-abortion clinic protests are escalating and having a significant impact on women's ability to access safe, legal reproductive healthcare services and advice; is alarmed to hear that one abortion clinic is to close due to intimidating protests and others have been unable to open due to local fears about anti-abortion activity; notes that groups of threatening protesters continue to harass and film women on a regular basis across the country, displaying graphic banners, and distributing medically inaccurate and deliberately distressing material; further notes that police have stated they are unable to use existing legislation to protect women, clinic staff, and local residents in response to these protests; recognises the right to protest peacefully but asks that this is balanced against women's legal right to access medical care free from intimidation; and calls on the Government to establish abortion clinic buffer zones only to be used in cases where women are being forcefully prevented from accessing treatment, to ensure women are able to access healthcare free from intimidation, and to issue national guidance to local police forces to provide clear advice about dealing with intimidating protesters whose aim is to prevent women from exercising their legal right to access medical treatment.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 210

EDM 172 – Buffer zones around abortion clinics, 23rd June 2015

Caroline Lucas MP, 36 signatures

'That this House notes with concern the recent escalation in anti-abortion activity targeted at women and staff attending abortion clinics and pregnancy advisory services; further notes that approaching and recording women and staff, alongside the distribution of misleading information and distressing

images, intimidates women and jeopardises access to legal healthcare services; believes in upholding the right to peaceful protest; further believes that the right to peaceful protest should not interfere with the fundamental right for women to make individual reproductive choices; further notes that campaigns against women exercising their sexual health rights can continue without occupying the space immediately outside clinics; supports the British Pregnancy Advisory Service's Back Off campaign to implement buffer zones outside reproductive health clinics as a means of ensuring that women are not harassed or obstructed from accessing confidential advice and treatment; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to protect the rights of women to access lawful healthcare by enabling the introduction and implementation of buffer zones around clinics offering abortion and sexual health services.'

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EDM 239 – Action Aid's Fearless campaign on violence against women and girls, 2nd July 2015

Angela Crawley MP, 46 signatures

'That this House welcomes the launch of Action Aid's Fearless campaign; understands that the campaign, launched last week, aims to create far-reaching change and encourage governments, women and men to take concerted action to tackle violence against women and girls around the world; notes with concern that one in three women across the world will experience violence in their lives and understands that violence against women is one of the most widespread violations of human rights; believes that violence against women has a widespread impact, not just holding back the women it affects, but holding back their families and communities too; understands that the Fearless campaign will put women front and centre, giving the public the opportunity to hear their stories, and contribute to the growing conversation; and commends Action Aid for its Fearless campaign and its efforts to give women a platform for their voices to be heard.'

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EDM 271 – Public health and access to contraceptive services, 8th July 2015

Ann Clwyd MP, 5 signatures

'That this House is extremely concerned about the proposed £200 million cuts to public health budgets this year; is alarmed that already stretched contraceptive care and services are likely to be at risk, leaving women without good access to a full range of contraceptive options that can allow them to plan for their families and avoid unintended and unwanted pregnancies; questions the rationale of these cuts when the Department of Health itself has said that £1 spent on contraception averts £11 in associated costs; and calls on the Government to work with local authorities to ensure that decisions are not taken that inadvertently lead to an increase in the number of unintended pregnancies and the considerable associated costs to individuals, families and society as a whole.'

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EDM 303 – Prevention of FGM, 14th July 2015

Virendra Sharma MP, 46 signatures

'That this House notes that the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) is an illegal practice in the UK and that legislation includes the offences of taking a British national or a permanent resident abroad for FGM; further notes that FGM still is an offence under the Human Rights Act; recognises that an estimated 20,000 girls under the age of 15 are at risk of FGM and a further 66,000 women in the UK are living with the horrific consequences of FGM, which may cause severe health implications later on in life; understands that FGM has been a criminal offence in the UK since 1985 under the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act but the hidden nature of the practice means that it still exists; and urges professionals, politicians and communities across the UK to strive towards ending the barbaric practice of FGM.'

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EDM 464 – Gender-neutral HPV vaccination, 16th September 2015

Danny Kinahan MP, 14 signatures

‘That this House believes that the public health case for including adolescent boys, as well as girls, in the national HPV vaccination programme is now irrefutable because it is the only certain way of protecting both sexes against a range of cancers, genital warts and recurrent respiratory papillomatosis; considers that the current girls-only programme is inequitable and unfair as it leaves many males at risk and females to carry the burden of responsibility for vaccination; notes that gender-neutral vaccination has very wide support, including from the 40 member organisations of HPV Action, the BMA, Jo’s Cervical Cancer Trust and the wide range of individual clinicians, scientists and other experts who recently signed an HPV Action statement calling for gender-neutral vaccination; further believes that the current timescale for a decision in 2017 on vaccinating both sexes is far too long; and calls on the Government to introduce HPV vaccination for both sexes as soon as possible.’

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EDM 663 – UK nursing and midwifery, 5th November 2015

Virendra Sharma MP, 15 signatures

‘That this House recognises the dedication and hard work of nurses and midwives across the UK; acknowledges the disparity that exists between the regulation of nurses and midwives and other regulated health professionals; believes that action is required to ensure that the regulation of nurses and midwives keeps pace with the constantly evolving health and social care environment; notes that the Government previously pledged to implement comprehensive legislative reform for health professional regulation; further notes that the current outdated legislative environment leads the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to spend around 80 per cent of its budget on fitness to practise; and calls on the Government to publish its timetable for implementing comprehensive legislative reform to enable the NMC better to allocate its resources, better regulate nurses and midwives, and better protect the public.’

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EDM 752 – White Ribbon and International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, 24th November 2015

Greg Mulholland MP, 31 signatures

‘That this House recognises White Ribbon and International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women which takes place on 25 November 2015; believes that committing violence against women is a human rights abuse, and accordingly recognises the 16 Days of Action against Gender Violence, which runs from White Ribbon Day to 10 December 2015, International Human Rights Day; encourages hon. Members to show their support by attending White Ribbon UK’s drop-in session on 18 November 2015 from 16.00 to 18.00 in Room A in 1 Parliament Street; praises the fantastic work of White Ribbon UK, a campaign launched in October 2005 which engages men in working to end violence against women, and operates in 55 countries around the world; notes the success of White Ribbon UK in promoting positive male role models with 12 leading rugby league and rugby union clubs now wearing the White Ribbon on their kit, while 30 sports clubs, organisations and schools have supported White Ribbon UK’s Sports campaign; appreciates the involvement of high-profile sportsmen and musicians in promoting and supporting the campaign, with figures such as Amir Khan and Labrinth becoming involved with White Ribbon UK; further recognises the importance of dealing with violence against women in the UK, with up to three million women experiencing violence every year; is disturbed by the amount of violence against women across the world with 1.4 million women suffering domestic abuse in 2014; and commits to ending violence against women both in the UK and abroad.’

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EDM 770 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, 24th November 2015

Angela Crawley MP, 34 signatures

'That this House welcomes the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, taking place on 25 November 2015; understands that the day marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, which in 2015, for the first time, has prevention as its theme; notes that one in three women will experience physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime but believes such violence and abuse is preventable; acknowledges that major progress has been made around the world in terms of laws to protect women and girls; further notes in particular Guatemala's recent decision to ban child marriage, and that between 1995 and 2013 the percentage of countries that established a legal minimum age of marriage for girls of at least 18 years increased from 76 per cent to 89 per cent; further welcomes Nigeria's decision in May 2015 to ban female genital mutilation and hopes that its decision will set a bench-mark on the issue for other African countries; further understands the challenge in changing the cultural and societal attitudes that support child marriage and female genital mutilation and notes that although substantial progress has been made in recent years, violence against women is still a prevalent issue; further acknowledges the calls for government investment and engagement with civil society, especially women's groups, and notes the concerns of the activists who put the issue of global violence against women and girls on the map are increasingly being left out of the discussions; believes the people being excluded from the expanding conversation are the people who will identify emerging issues and ensure that the development of policies and services remain responsive to the needs of women and girls; and calls on the Government to recognise campaigners' importance in policy making and believes their voices are critical for future progress.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 218

EDM 793 – World AIDS Day 2015, 30th November 2015

Margaret Ferrier MP, 60 signatures

'That this House recognises World AIDS Day 2015 which takes place on 1 December 2015; further recognises that the day allows for people throughout the world to unite in support of the fight against HIV; notes that many parliamentarians, as well as the wider public, have shown their support for the initiative by wearing a red ribbon; further notes that approximately 100,000 people are currently living with HIV in the UK, whilst an estimated 34 million people have HIV worldwide; commends the Scottish Government for spending £28 million this year to deliver its revised framework on this issue and to tackle the stigma around HIV infection; and calls on the Government to show its support for World AIDS Day by committing to fight prejudice and improve education concerning HIV.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 219

EDM 807 – Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting Women's Forum, 2nd December 2015

Valerie Vaz MP, 14 signatures

'That this House commends the historical first meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Women's Forum; notes that there are approximately one billion women and young girls throughout the commonwealth; further notes the statement from the conference that our granddaughters will not achieve wage parity unless there is significant national and international action implemented on equality; recognises the importance of the Bechdel test as a good indication for equal gender representation and notes the benefits of applying it to areas of society other than media; and calls on the Government to establish an independent Technical Working Group of Experts on Gender Equality to enable women's empowerment through transformative systems for education, health and employment opportunities to follow-up on priorities for gender equality and women's empowerment in

alignment with the targets for the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to report progress to subsequent CHOGMs.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 220

EDM 827 – Women's Global Call for Justice, 7th December 2015

Caroline Lucas MP, 21 signatures

'That this House welcomes the Women's Global Call for Justice and the inspiring role played by women and girls in advance of and during the UN Climate Conference taking place in Paris; recognises that women and girls are not only facing severe impacts of climate change, but are central to the implementation of real solutions that produce meaningful and just action at local, regional, national and global levels; and urges UK Ministers and negotiators at the Paris climate talks to heed the demands for system change not climate change, for avoiding more than a 1.5 degree temperature rise, for embedding gender equality and human rights in all climate actions and in the Paris Protocol, for keeping the vast majority of fossil fuels in the ground, transitioning to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2050 at the latest, for implementing energy efficiency and conservation measures everywhere, by everyone, for dramatic and urgent production and consumption patterns, including and especially by those who have contributed the most to this problem from the developed world, for commitment by developed countries to take the lead in the fight to address the climate crisis and to provide developing countries with the means to mitigate and adapt to climate change, in a spirit of solidarity and justice.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 221

EDM 903 – Sexual violence in conflict in Darfur, 17th December 2015

Mark Durkan MP, 17 signatures

'That this House is deeply concerned that sexual violence is a persistent and endemic part of the conflict in Darfur; is disturbed by the findings of the recent report by Waging Peace Rape in Darfur: A History of Predation on the use of rape as a weapon of war; is alarmed that perpetrators of sexual violence in Darfur mostly act with impunity due to the low levels of reporting and prosecution of these crimes; deplores that in order to prosecute a rape in Sudan, a victim is required to bring four male witnesses who will confirm that the act was without consent; is perturbed that victims of sexual violence rarely receive the necessary physical or psychological medical support; calls on all armed actors operating in Darfur to respect international humanitarian law and ensure that preventative mechanisms are established to eradicate acts of sexual violence perpetrated by their forces; underscores the vital mandate of the joint United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) to provide protection to the civilian population of Darfur; notes that reported sexual abuses often occur immediately outside of UNAMID-controlled areas; further calls for an immediate improvement in UNAMID's capacity to patrol and provide protection to the civilians of Darfur outside of UNAMID-controlled areas; and encourages UNAMID to investigate the possibility of introducing community liaison assistants in UNAMID camps whom residents can consult about their protection needs.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 222

EDM 1007 – Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 26th January 2016

Virendra Sharma MP, 32 signatures

'That this House welcomes the contribution that the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria has made to tackling these three epidemics since its creation in 2002; notes that investments from the Fund have saved 17 million lives to date, and led to a one-third decline in deaths from the three diseases in countries where it invests; further notes that investments have put 8.1 million people on antiretroviral treatment for HIV, treated 13.2 million people for tuberculosis and 515 million people for malaria; understands, however, that each year 1.2 million people continue to die from HIV/AIDS, 1.5 million people from tuberculosis and 400,000 people from malaria; recognises the role of the Fund

as the principal international financing institution geared towards accelerating the end of these epidemics; further recognises that, in working towards this, the Fund has encouraged effective partnership between governments, the private sector, civil society and people affected by the diseases; notes that international finance is essential if the epidemics are to be ended by 2030, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals; appreciates that donors should commit according to their ability to contribute; further welcomes the leadership that the Government has shown through its contributions to the Fund's previous replenishments and its membership of the Fund's Board; and calls on the Government to continue its support for the Fund by contributing to its upcoming replenishment and pressing other donors to do the same.'

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EDM 1052 – Sexual abuse and sexual violence awareness week, 2nd February 2016

Margaret Ferrier MP, 44 signatures

'That this House notes that 1 to 7 February 2016 is the inaugural Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week, which aims to ensure that, throughout the UK, a public discussion can be held about sexual abuse and violence; recognises that children, women and men can all be victims of sexual abuse and sexual violence; further recognises that approximately 85,000 women and 12,000 men are raped in England and Wales every year, whilst over half a million children are abused throughout the UK per year; highlights the #ItsNotOk campaign on social media, which seeks to address how such types of abuse should not be tolerated in society; asks for those who are victims of sexual abuse and violence to seek help so that they do not have to suffer alone; commends the work done by organisations like NSPCC, Victim Support, Women's Aid, among many others, which offer vital support to those who have been victims of sexual abuse and violence; and calls on the Government to work with other devolved administrations to tackle sexual violence on a UK-wide scale.'

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EDM 1198 – IWD and the Istanbul Convention, 3rd March 2016

Gavin Newlands MP, 70 signatures

'That this House celebrates International Women's Day which is marked on 8 March 2016; acknowledges that this day helps celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women the world over; recognises that women still face a significant amount of inequality, with one in four women being subject to violence during their lifetimes; notes that on 8 June 2012 the Government signed the Istanbul Convention on violence against women and domestic violence, and once ratified this will ensure that a series of policies are introduced to help tackle sexual and domestic violence against women; appreciates the progress that has been made in implementing legislation on female genital mutilation, psychological violence and forced marriage; welcomes that the Government is to publish a new violence against women and girls strategy; and further notes that the Government is yet to ratify this Convention and urges it to do so as a matter of urgency.'

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EDM 1208 – IWD and human rights violations against women human rights defenders, 7th March 2016

Ann Clwyd MP, 34 signatures

'That this House commends the vital work of Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) in light of International Women's Day and more generally; is very concerned about serious and systemic violence against WHRDs around the world, such as the recent murder of WHRD Berta Cáceres in Honduras; is appalled by such heinous crimes, which are often specifically gender-targeted; notes the importance of continuing to fight against impunity for those who commit such crimes, whether the

alleged perpetrators are state officials or private individuals; and calls on the Government, along with the international community, to strengthen efforts to work with the UN, (I)NGOs, such as Peace Brigades International, and EU and UK embassies, towards the adoption of appropriate measures to protect and support WHRDs.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 226

EDM 1007 – Dowry burnings in the Indian subcontinent, 22nd March 2016

Patricia Gibson MP, 40 signatures

'That this House condemns what it believes is the murderous, misogynistic and barbaric practice of dowry burnings in the Indian subcontinent; understands that these incidents, which are also known as bride burnings, have multiplied tenfold over the last two decades; recognises that they happen when a wife is murdered by her husband or his family because of her family's refusal to pay an additional dowry; further understands that the woman is usually doused with kerosene, petrol or another flammable liquid and set alight; believes that, although this horrific practice and the dowry system itself are illegal in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, the laws are never seriously enforced, with only around one in 800 cases leading to conviction; is shocked at reports that these burnings account for the deaths of more than 8,000 women each year, equivalent to one woman every hour, with thousands of others maimed; further believes that because of families' fear of scandal destroying their other daughters' chances of marriage, the scope of the problem is likely to be wider than the figures suggest; and urges India, Pakistan and Bangladesh to deal seriously and urgently with these appalling and sickening crimes.'

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House of Lords

Oral Ministerial statements

Paris Climate Change Conference, 15th December 2015

Lord Bourne described the new global climate change agreement agreed in Paris. He highlighted the role of the UK Government in supporting negotiations, and a commitment of £5.8 billion for climate finance over the next five years.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 228

Legislation

Welfare of Women (Fertility Treatments) Bill, 10th June 2015

Lord Alton (on behalf of Baroness Grey-Thompson) led the first reading of a PMB that would amend the HFEA 1990 to ensure the welfare of women receiving fertility treatment.

The Bill was read a first time, however the Bill did not receive a second reading.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 229

International Development (Population Dynamics) Bill, 15th June 2015

Baroness Tonge led the first reading of a PMB that would amend the International Development Act 2002 to require the SS for ID to consider the likely impact of UK aid on population dynamics.

The Bill was read a first time, however the Bill did not receive a second reading.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 230

Debates

Queen's Speech – debate (2nd day), 28th May 2015

Earl Howe introduced a debate on the Queen's Speech, and specifically on issues relating to Europe, international development and foreign affairs. He highlighted the growth of security issues in Eastern Europe, the Middle-East and Africa, and emphasised the importance of working with NATO and supporting the UK's armed forces.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 231

Developing world: women, 11th June 2015

Lord Loomba led a debate on empowering women in the developing world in order to ensure sustainable development. He highlighted upcoming UN International Widows Day, and discussed the discrimination faced by women in developing countries.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 232

UN: Sustainable Development Goals, 16th June 2015

Lord McConnell introduced a debate on the UK Government's priorities for the SDGs. He emphasised the importance of conflict resolution and peace-building in achieving development, and the need for stronger targets regarding gender equality and women's rights.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 233

Global Challenges, 2nd July 2015

Lord Ashdown led a debate on the UK's role in addressing global challenges posed by terrorism, conflict, climate change and mass migration. He explained the importance of creating effective global governance mechanisms and of the UK maintaining close relationships with other countries across the world.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 234

UK: population, 16th July 2015

Lord Green introduced a debate on the UK population size and its sustainability. He suggested that immigration into the UK is too high and needs to be stopped.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 235

SDGs, 17th September 2015

Lord Chidgey led a debate on the UK Government's objectives for the SDG Summit. He highlighted progress made against the MDGs, but noted that further progress needs to be made.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 236

Global climate change, 29th October 2015

Lord Hunt introduced a debate on global climate change and its impact on urban environments in the UK. He pointed towards the impact of air pollution worldwide and the number of deaths caused by heatwaves, and suggested that the UK Government should take further steps to reduce carbon emissions.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 237

International development policies, 19th November 2015

The Earl of Sandwich led a debate on the effectiveness of the UK Government's international policies. He highlighted the challenge of ensuring UK aid helped those most at need and focusing on the quality of aid, not the quantity of aid provided.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 238

Paris Climate Change Conference, 17th December 2015

Baroness Miller introduced a debate on the achievements of the Paris Climate Change Conference. She described the negotiations leading up to the conference, and emphasised changes needed to achievement sustainable development including better farming practices, forest management and support for renewable energy.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 239

HIV and AIDS, 18th January 2016

Baroness Barker led a debate on a report by the APPG on HIV & AIDS, called *Access Denied*. She noted global progress in reducing the number of deaths due to HIV, and highlighted the importance of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the emerging challenges facing middle-income countries that are experiencing donor withdrawal.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 240A

Women Representation and Empowerment, 7th March 2016

Baroness Williams of Trafford led this debate to mark International Women's Day, to discuss on-going challenges and barriers that need to be overcome to achieve women's empowerment and representation. She noted the various forms of violence and discrimination that women face today.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 240B

Children: Maternal Care, 17th March 2016

The Earl of Dundee asked what steps the government was taking to promote maternal care for children. Lord Nash replied saying the government had substantially increased childcare funding and will support families that are socially disadvantaged.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 240C

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Women: domestic violence, 16th June 2015

Baroness Gale asked about access to legal and emotional support for women who have suffered domestic violence. Lord Bates replied that the Government has allocated £7.5 million to fund local services for victims of domestic violence.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 241

Health: multiple pregnancies, 13th July 2015

Baroness Hodgson asked about plans to improve care and outcomes for mothers and children in cases of multiple pregnancies. Lord Prior replied that the Government was working with partners to deliver a programme to prevent stillbirths and neonatal deaths, and that an independent review would assess provision to consider how services could best meet women's needs.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 242

Women: dishonour-based violence, 15th July 2015

Baroness Cox asked about the Day of Remembrance for victims of dishonour-based violence and steps being taken to prevent such acts. Lord Bates commended those who raise awareness on that issue and stated that the Government had criminalised forced marriage and are committed to supporting survivors and those at risk.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 243

Trafficking: children, 15th October 2015

Baroness Doocey asked whether there had been an increase in the reported number of cases of child trafficking since the 2015 Modern Slavery Act. Lord Bates replied that the number of cases had increased year on year in the past but that it was too early to tell if the Modern Slavery Act had an effect.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 244

UN: Global Goals, 29th October 2015

Lord McConnell asked when the Government would publish plans to achieve the SDGs. Baroness Verma replied that strategic objectives would be finalised after spending and strategic defence and security reviews, and alongside the bilateral aid, multilateral aid and civil society reviews.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 245

Women: refugees, 5th November 2015

Baroness King asked whether the Government had plans for sustainable and long-term funding for women's refuges after emergency funding ends in March 2016. Baroness Williams replied that funding arrangements are a matter for the spending review.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 246

Domestic abuse, 25th November 2015

Baroness Prosser asked what action the Government would take to reduce the number of women being killed by domestic abuse. Lord Bates replied the Government is committed to tackling domestic abuse and had made domestic homicide reviews statutory.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 247

Violence against women, 25th November 2015

Baroness Gale asked whether the Government was considering appointing a National Adviser for Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence. Lord Bates replied that they welcome all initiatives to tackle violence against women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 248

Gender-based violence: women with HIV, 25th November 2015

Baroness Gould asked what action has been taken to assist women with HIV who are experiencing gender-based violence. Lord Prior replied that sexual health and

HIV services were sensitive to the risk of domestic abuse and sexual violence, and that the Government had put £40 million into specialist domestic and sexual violence support services and national helplines.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 249

Sustainable Development Goals: HIV, 1st December 2015

Lord Cashman asked how the Government plans to support key populations in middle-income countries to help achieve the SDGs. Baroness Verma replied that they had pledged up to £1 billion for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and £9 million to support key population networks through the Robert Carr fund.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 250

Women and girls: HIV, 1st December 2015

Lord Collins asked how HIV would be incorporated as a priority in work to improve the lives of women and girls. Baroness Verma replied that they had pledged up to £1 billion for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 251

UN World Humanitarian Summit, 2nd December 2015

Lord McConnell asked what priorities they had agreed for the UN World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016. Baroness Verma replied that they wanted a renewed commitment to the protection of civilians in conflict, smarter financing, a new approach to building resilience to natural hazards before they take place, and a stronger focus on protecting and empowering women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 252

Sex-selective abortion, 7th December 2015

Baroness Knight asked whether action was planned to protect unborn girls from abortion on the basis of sex. Lord Prior replied that abortion on the grounds of gender is illegal, and that the situation would be monitored.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 253

Syrian refugees: settlement in the UK, 7th December 2015

Lord Roberts asked about progress to resettle 1,000 Syrian refugees before Christmas. Lord Bates replied that they were on track to achieve that goal.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 254

Nigeria, 17th December 2015

Baroness Cox asked about the Government's assessment of recent development in northern states in Nigeria. Baroness Anelay replied that the security situation had improved but that Boko Haram remains a threat. In subsequent questions Lord Alton asked how kidnapped girls who escape Boko Haram can be rehabilitated and supported to go back into education. Baroness Anelay replied that they supported the safe school initiative in northern Nigeria and fund a UNICEF programme to reintegrate victims of conflict-related sexual violence.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 255

Pregnancy: neural tube defects, 21st December 2015

Lord Rooker asked if there were any proposals to minimise risk of neural tube defective pregnancy in women of reproductive age. Lord Prior replied that they were looking at all aspects of preconception health including uptake of folic acid.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 256

Health: hormone pregnancy tests, 21st January 2016

Lord Kennedy asked about the timeframe for the inquiry into the safety of hormone pregnancy tests. Lord Prior replied that a report of the expert working group's findings would be published before the end of 2016.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 257

Population increase: migration, 28th January 2016

Lord Green asked the Government for their assessment of projected UK population increases by 2030. Lord Bates replied that the projections do not account for changes in policy or economic circumstances, and that the Government is committed to reducing net migration from outside the EU and reducing the pull factors for migration within the EU.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 258

FGM: education in schools, 4th February 2016

Baroness Featherstone asked how many schools are using PSHE+ to raise awareness of female genital mutilation. Baroness Evans replied that female genital mutilation is child abuse and a crime, and that schools have the autonomy to tailor their Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education to reflect the needs of their pupils.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 259

FGM: international action, 4th February 2016

Lord Chidgey asked the Government what assessment they made of the effectiveness of current campaigns to eliminate FGM in African countries. Baroness Verma replied that the UK is the largest donor on FGM, and that the UN estimates 13,000 communities representing 10 million people have declared that they will abandon the practice.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 260

Health: Zika virus, 4th February 2016

The Earl of Selborne asked for the Government's assessment of the WHO warnings on the spread of Zika virus. Lord Prior replied that they welcomed the warnings but noted that the current travel advice was highly precautionary. During subsequent questions Baroness Jenny Tonge asked if the Government would put pressure on the Brazilian Government to allow safe abortion. Lord Prior replied that he would raise the issue with the Minister for Public Health.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 261

PSHE+, 10th February 2016

Baroness Massey asked what steps were proposed to make PSHE+ compulsory. Baroness Evans replied that the quality, not availability, of that teaching was more important and that the Government was taking steps to improve the quality of teaching in the subject.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 262

Women: discrimination, 8th March 2016

Baroness Kinnock asked what assessment the Government made of the UN framework with the aim of preventing violence against women, gender inequality, discriminatory practices and harmful cultural and social norms. Baroness Verma replied that they championed the goal on gender equality and welcomed the framework.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 263

LGBT: Human rights conference, 21st March 2016

Baroness Barker asked what representatives would be sent to the 2016 Global LGBTI Human Rights Conference. Baroness Anelay replied that the UK delegation had not been finalised but that it would include selected officials with experience in that area.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 264

Written Parliamentary Questions

Peers tabled a wide variety of family planning and SRHR written PQs this year on the following subjects, which are all available on the APPG on PDRH website:

- Abortion
- Abortion: Northern Ireland
- Afghanistan: females
- Africa: infectious diseases
- Africa: refugees
- Antenatal care
- Armed conflict: rape
- Armed conflict: sexual offences
- Artificial insemination
- Asylum: pregnant women
- Bangladesh: females
- Bangladesh: marriage
- Burma
- Burma: health services
- Burma: sexual offences
- Central African Republic: armed conflict
- China: family planning
- Conflict resolution: females
- Contraceptives
- Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- Crimes of violence: females
- Darfur: rape
- Darfur: sexual offences
- Developing countries: climate change
- Developing countries: discrimination
- Developing countries: females
- Developing countries: female genital mutilation
- Developing countries: health services
- Health education: sex
- Health: finance
- HIV infection
- Human papillomavirus: vaccination
- Humanitarian aid: females
- In vitro fertilisation
- India: Dalits
- International assistance
- International Conference on Financing for Development
- Maternity leave: discrimination
- Maternity services
- Middle East: refugees
- Migration
- Multiple births
- NATO
- Nigeria: Boko Haram
- Overseas aid
- Overseas aid: health services
- Paracetamol: pregnant women
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
- Peru: sterilisation
- Pregnancy
- Pregnancy: alcoholic drinks
- Pregnancy: screening
- Pregnant women: exercise
- Pregnant women: nutrition
- Prostitution
- Refugees: Yazidis

- Developing countries: HIV infection
- Developing countries: LGBT people
- Domestic violence
- Domestic violence: Asians
- Eritrea: human rights
- Female genital mutilation
- Females: equality
- Females: human rights
- Fertility: males
- Forced marriage
- Forced marriage and honour based violence: education
- Forced Marriage Unit
- Gambia
- Gaza: neonatal mortality
- Gender: equality
- Genito-urinary medicine
- Sierra Leone: abortion
- South Sudan: armed conflict
- South Sudan: international assistance
- Sub-Saharan Africa: migration
- Sudan: rape
- Syria: females
- Syria: peace negotiations
- UN Commission on the Status of Women
- UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- UN High-level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment
- World Humanitarian Summit
- Yazidis: females
- Yazidis: refugees
- Zika virus
- Zika virus: pregnant women

UK GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

The APPG on PDRH continue to hold the UK Government accountable to its promises and furthering the ICPD PoA via PMBs, amendments to legislation, debates, EDMs and PQs. Members of the APPG on PDRH have also met and spoken both formally and informally at meetings, receptions and conferences with DFID ministers and civil servants.

DFID team

The DFID ministerial team after the UK GE in May 2015 was as follows:



Justine Greening MP, SS for ID, May 2015 – July 2016



Desmond Swayne MP, Minister of State for ID, May 2015 – July 2016



Grant Shapps MP, Minister of State for ID, May 2015 – November 2015



Nick Hunt MP, Minister of State for ID, November 2015 – July 2016



Baroness Verma, PUS for ID – HoL spokesperson, May 2015 – July 2016



Mark Lowcock, Permanent Secretary

The latest DFID organogram is available here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/545674/Ministers-Senior-Man-Organogram-August16.pdf





DFID Meetings

The APPG on PDRH contacted Justine Greening MP, SS for ID soon after the GE in May 2015 to congratulate her on her re-appointment as SS for ID and a meeting was requested with her and the team to discuss:

- DFID funding and support to family planning and SRHR;
- Progress on FP2020;
- Family planning and SRHR and the SDGs;
- APPG on PDRH support to DFID.

A meeting was scheduled with Grant Shapps MP, MoS for ID in November 2015, but this was postponed due to his sudden resignation and a new meeting was finally scheduled with the new Minister Nick Hurd MP in April 2016, so will be reported on in the 2016/17 annual report.

UK Government Correspondence

The majority of correspondence between the APPG on PDRH and UK Ministers, this year, were in connection with the family planning and SRHR and the SDGs, the Human Rights Council, COP21 and special briefing meetings and events of mutual interest.

Letters with NGO briefings were sent in July and September 2015 to relevant Ministers and UK SDG negotiators to support their family planning and SRHR negotiations.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 265

A letter was sent in July 2015 to support UK negotiators with the three resolutions being negotiated at the 29th session of the Human Rights Council.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 266

In December 2015 DFID UK representatives were sent NGO briefings on SRHR to support them in their COP21 climate negotiations in Paris.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 267

Replies were received to all sent letters, reiterating the UK Government's support for universal access to family planning and SRHR services.

UK Government Publications

Here is the September 2015 updated list of those who signed up to the Girl Summit charter following the UK Girl Summit in July 2014:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-girl-summit-charter>

Here is one of DFID's guidance notes published May 2015 on violence against women and girls, which focuses on addressing violence against women and girls through Economic Development: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/violence-against-women-and-girls-economic-development-and-womens-economic-empowerment>

Here is the UK Government's 2010 – 2015 policy paper updated in May 2015: Women and Girls in Developing Countries: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2010-to-2015-government-policy-women-and-girls-in-developing-countries>

Here is the UK Government's 2010 – 2015 Policy Paper, updated in May 2015: Humanitarian Emergencies: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2010-to-2015-government-policy-humanitarian-emergencies>

Here is UK Home Office new violence against women and girls Policy Paper 2016 – 2020, published March 2016: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-2016-to-2020>

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

DFID has provided UNFPA with £20 million of core funding each year for the period 2010/11 to 2015/16 and in 2015/16 £92.6 million was provided as non-core funding.

Funding for 2016/17 is currently being reviewed by the new UK Government.

In 2015/16 DFID provided IPPF with £8.6 million of funding through its Programme Partnership Arrangement.

In 2015/16 DFID provided MSI with £4.35 million through its Programme Partnership Arrangement and in 2015/2016 MSI received £39.58 million as non-core funding.

In 2015/16 UNICEF received £48 million in core funding and £274.8 million in non-core funding. WHO received £14.5 million as core funding in 2015/16 and £265.8 million as non-core funding (note: WHO operates a biennial budget cycle; as such the non-core funding figure for the 2014/15 financial year covers the 2015/16 financial year also). UN Women received £12.5 million as core funding in 2015/16 and £2.7 as non-core funding. The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) received £15 million as core funding in 2015/16.

Women and Children First UK received £161,487.40 in 2015/16 from DFID's Global Poverty Action Fund.

DFID Core contributions to International Organisations, 2008/09 – 2015/2016 (GBP thousands)

Organisation	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09	Funding Stream
UNFPA	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	22,060	20,038	DFID – Core Funding
WHO	14,500	14,500	14,500	12,500	27,240	28,723	26,967	23,824	DFID and Other Govt. Depts. – Core Funding
UNICEF	48,000	48,000	46,000	47,800	40,000	23,600	21,000	16,151	DFID and Other Govt. Depts. – Core Funding
UNAIDS	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	11,030	10,000	DFID – Core Funding
IPPF*	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	6,450	12,015	7,500	8,600	Programme Partnership Agreement
MSI	39,580	-	-	-	-	1,063	0	770	CSCF – Non Core Bilateral Funding;
	4,350	4,350	4,300	4,353	4,353	-	-	-	Programme Partnership Agreement
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	100,000	285,000	543,044	127,908	128,100	296,600	163,400	50,000	DFID Programme – Core Funding
UN Women	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 – 2014/15 (GBP millions)

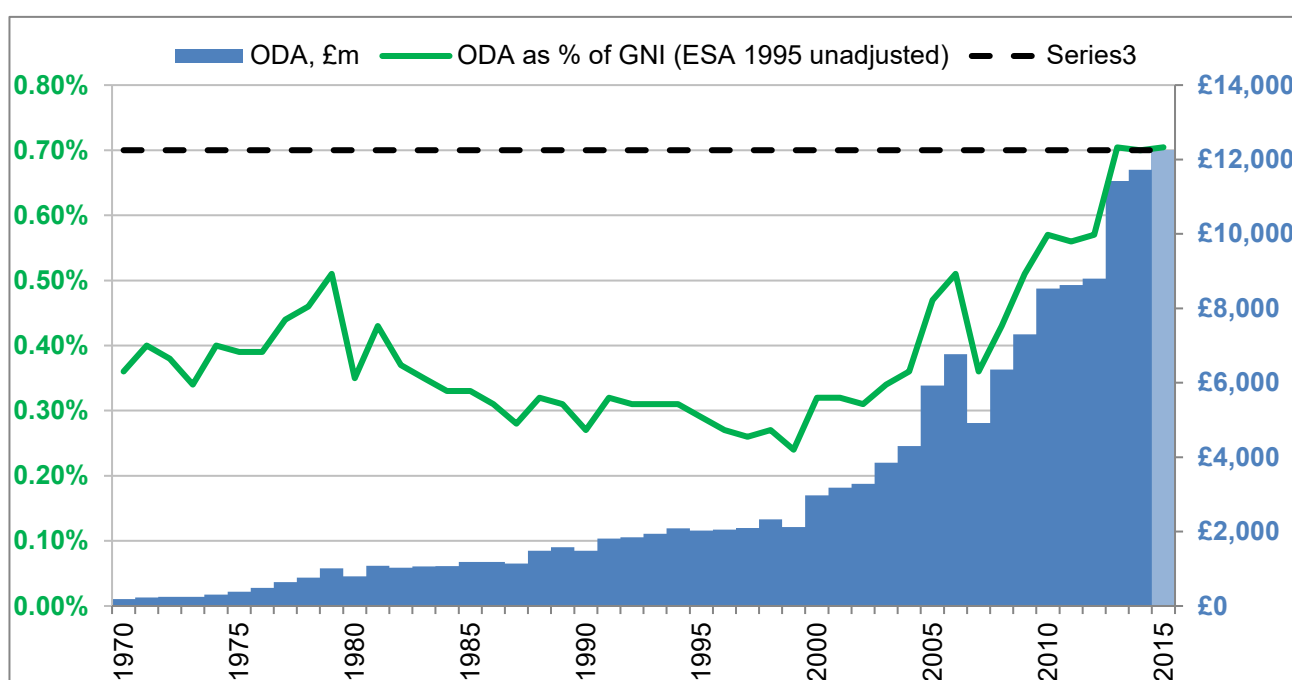
Input Sector Code	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
13041 HIV/AIDS including STI Prevention	122	119.1	69	50.3	37.5	25.7
13042 HIV/AIDS including STI Treatment and Care	24	52.7	27.3	40.2	10.9	8.1
Grand Total	146	171.8	96.3	46.1	48.4	33.8

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health, 2009/10 – 2014/15 (GBP millions)

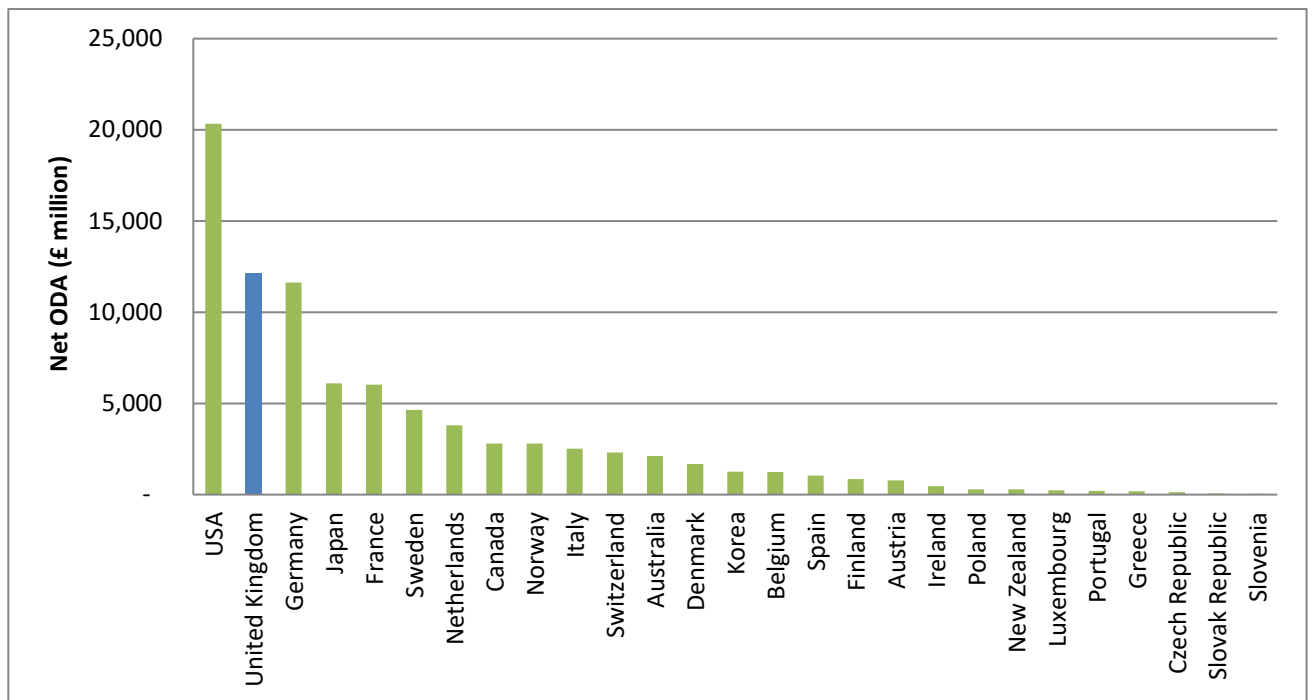
Input Sector Code	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
13010 Population Policy and Administrative Management	2.9	7.1	6.1	5.4	11.5	4.3
13021 Reproductive Health Care	43.2	48	108.9	36.7	49.4	55.4
13022 Maternal and Neonatal Health	49.4	50	121.4	125.8	163.4	207.0
13030 Family Planning, Health	15.3	31.1	43.8	109.7	127	124.5
13081 Personnel Development for Population and Reproductive Health					9.3	12.9
Grand Total	110.8	136.1	280.1	277.6	360.6	404.1

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.

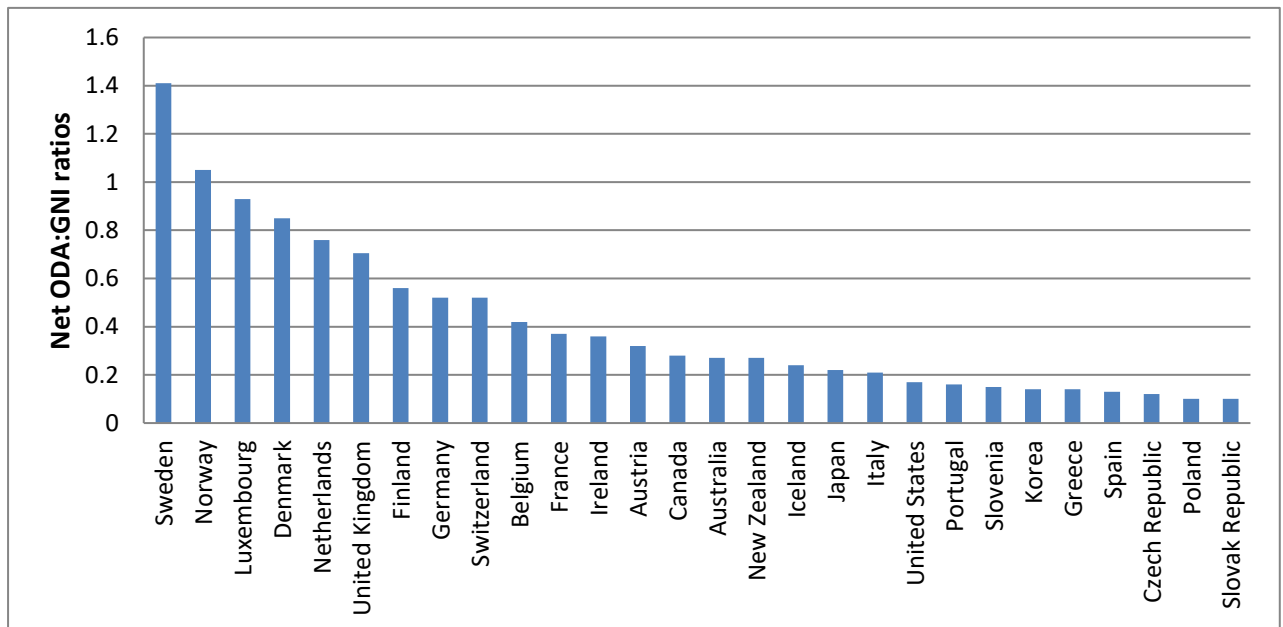
UK ODA levels 1970 – 2015 (£ millions)



Provisional Net ODA from DAC Donors, 2015



Provisional Net ODA/GNI ratios from DAC Donors, 2015



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

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

G7 Parliamentary Conference: *She matters – Empowering women and girls to lead self-determined, healthy and productive lives*, 16th – 17th April 2015, Berlin, Germany



G7 Parliamentary conference participants

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the above conference and gave the opening speech and Baroness Hussein-Ece also attended. The conference was hosted by the German APPG on Population and Development, in collaboration with EPF and Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW).

Please find enclosed conference pack as appendix 268

The conference was organised as a lead up to the G7 Summit in June 2015 with the theme “Women’s economic empowerment”, which was one of the main topics for the G7 Summit. Specifically, the conference examined SRHR of women and girls as key prerequisites for empowerment.

The event brought together over 90 parliamentarians from 50 countries and concluded with the adoption of the Parliamentarians’ Appeal to G7 Heads of State. The Appeal recognised the positive contributions made by the Muskoka Initiative, announced during the 2010 G8 Summit, and committed parliamentarians to ensuring full respect for women’s bodily autonomy and right to freely decide on matters related to sexuality, promoting young people and adolescents’ right to comprehensive sexuality education and meeting the target of 10% of ODA for SRHR among other commitments.

The Parliamentary Appeal was disseminated to UK Ministers and civil servants and members of the UK APPG on PDRH.

Please find enclosed Appeal as appendix 269

UN FfD Conference and study tour, 13th – 16th July 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Delegation to Financing for Development Conference & Ethiopia Study Tour



Seven parliamentarians from Europe including Baroness Jenny Tonge and Holly Lynch MP attended the Third International Conference on FfD and a mini study tour in and around Addis Ababa.

Present from the EPF were: Petra Bayr MP (Austria), Senator Petra De Sutter (Belgium), Nasima Razmyar MP (Finland), Ciara Conway TD (Ireland), and Zlata Djerić MP (Serbia).

During the conference the delegates held a variety of meetings, including discussions with UNFPA ED, Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, and participated in conference side events focusing on women's and girl's rights.

Throughout the week the delegation mixed attendance at the conference with site visits to projects in regional cities and in rural Ethiopia. These elements of the study tour were hosted by DSW and focused primarily on family planning. The seven women parliamentarians visited family planning clinics, projects educating young people about their SRHR, as well as initiatives designed to empower women and give them financial independence.



Baroness Jenny Tonge and Holly Lynch MP at MSI clinic, Ethiopia

All of the visits reinforced the conviction of the MPs about the transformative power of family planning and the importance of comprehensive sexuality education. The study tour also included a visit to the Addis Ababa Hamlin Fistula Clinic, which left a profound impression on the delegates.

Please find enclosed delegation pack as appendix 270

Family Planning Conference, Bali, Indonesia, 9th – 12th November 2015 -- re-Scheduled to 25th – 29th February 2016 due to volcanic ashes



Baroness Jenny Tonge and colleagues in Bali, Indonesia

Baroness Jenny Tonge and nine parliamentarians from Africa, Asia and Europe attended the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) in Bali. The delegation was comprised of MPs from Belgium, Denmark, Indonesia, Nepal, New Zealand, Senegal, Serbia, Tonga and the UK.

As well as participating in the conference sessions, Baroness Jenny Tonge presented the APPG on PDRH 2015 hearing report: Population Dynamics and the SDGs, which had been shortlisted for presentation in the autumn 2015.

Every other year since 2009, ICFP has brought together the family planning community to share best practices, celebrate successes, and chart a course forward.

ICFP was co-hosted by the National Population and Family Planning Board of Indonesia (Bkkbn) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health.

Prior to the ICFP, Ann Mette Kjaerby reviewed 10 submissions for presentation at the conference, as requested by conference organisers.

Please find enclosed Baroness Jenny Tonge PowerPoint presentation, sample communication and delegation pack as appendix 271

Full conference information is available here: <http://fpconference.org/2016/about/>

4th Ouagadougou Partnership meeting, 9th – 11th December 2015, Cotonou, Benin



John Mann MP at Ouagadougou Partnership meeting, Benin

John Mann MP participated in the above conference, which was organised by UNFPA and EPF and its partner network in Africa. He attended sessions of the Ouagadougou Partnership Annual Meeting, as well as briefings with UNFPA and Civil Society Organisations. A number of other activities were organised including a parliamentary workshop at the National Assembly of Benin; panelist interventions on the political environment and the role of family planning in the SDGs and project visits outside Cotonou with UNFPA.

Marie Rose Nguini Effa MP, President of the FPA, said at the AGM: *“I am delighted that parliamentarians from FPA and EPF are joining forces to form a delegation at this important meeting. It is a wonderful continuation of the excellent co-operation our two networks have had in the past.”*

The Cameroonian MP went on to say: *“The positive effects of family planning — for individuals, communities and states — are clearly proven. However, family planning usage in West Africa is far too low. The MPs gathered here in Cotonou are determined to change this and harness the transformative power of family planning for all.”*

Please find enclosed delegation pack as appendix 272

John Mann MP briefed members, of the UK APPG on PDRH, on his EPF activities upon his return.

SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

The APPG on PDRH continue 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 APPGs working on international development issues

Ann Mette Kjaerby has attended several collaborative meetings this year with other UK APPGs working on international development issues.

One of the main outcomes of these meetings was a joint event in July 2015, hosted to engage UK MPs in the post-2015 development framework debates (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information). A joint 'freshers' event was also organised soon after the UK GE to introduce new MPs to APPGs activities with Bill Gates as the keynote speaker (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section for further information).

At the February 2016 meeting APPGs provided updates on future activities with particular reference to The Humanitarian Summit and parliamentary events. At this event Ann Mette Kjaerby met with the new coordinator of the APPG on Global Health and discussed possible future collaboration.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 273

APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health in the UK

The APPG on PDRH has communicated regularly with the above APPG in connection with European pro- and anti-choice campaign activities.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 274

APPG on HIV/AIDS

Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Matt Grady, the new APPG on HIV/AIDS advisor in August 2015 to discuss possible joint activities.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 275

Australian APPG on Population and Development

The Australian APPG secretariat contacted the UK APPG on PDRH in September 2015 and inquired about the UK International Development (Gender Equality) Bill and it's passing through the UK Parliament. A summary update was sent accordingly laying out the full process and briefings disseminated. A discussion followed on the structure and workings of the UK APPG on PDRH and the possibilities of a visit by Baroness Jenny Tonge to the Australian Parliament to brief their members on UK parliamentary advocacy activities including its hearing reports.

A meeting was scheduled and took place in October 2015 in conjunction with Baroness Jenny Tonge's proposed attendance at the ICFP in Bali, Indonesia in November 2015.

At the round table briefing meeting Baroness Jenny Tonge presented UK parliamentary activities and a discussion amongst members followed.

Whilst in Australia, Baroness Jenny Tonge visited project sites in Alice Spring with support from the Congress Alukura, which is a branch of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress and an Aboriginal women's primary health care service specialising in women's health and maternity care.

In December 2015 communications followed between the Australian and UK APPGs on PDRH in connection with the first UK FGM prosecution.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 276

Spanish/Finish/Rwandan/ Latin American Regional APPG on Population and Development

The above APPGs on PDs were all forwarded information about possible funding opportunities for parliamentary APPGs.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 277

HEARINGS

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



The latest APPG on PDRH hearing report on Population Dynamics and the SDGs was launched at the annual World Population Day reception co-hosted with IPPF on 9th July 2015.

The report highlighted the role of population dynamics in the run up to, and following, the SDG negotiations. It brought together evidence on the interplay between population dynamics and two key determinants of sustainable development: climate change and conflict. It called for international development to be firmly grounded in an understanding of population size and trends, age structure, urbanisation and migration.

Countries in Africa and South Asia have the youngest and fastest growing populations, are vulnerable to conflict and are less capable of investing in resilient urban infrastructure. Countries in other regions have ageing populations, high resource consumption and are disproportionately contributing to climate change. The report recommended rights-based and economic arguments to be made to scale up access to family planning, consolidate support for SRHR, and develop appropriate policies for urbanisation and migration. The report backs urgent reductions in resource consumption and carbon emissions in developed countries and greater investment in young people in developing countries as well as migrant workers.

Summary recommendations:

1. Increase funding for family planning and the wider SRHR agenda to 10% of ODA and 10% of national development budgets.
2. The SDGs and targets must not be renegotiated. The draft framework contains goals on healthy lives and gender equality and targets on SRH and reproductive rights, including family planning. It is imperative that these goals and targets are subsequently translated and included in all national development plans and accompanying budgets.

3. Advocate for SDG indicators at global and national levels that are reliable and comparable, measure progress in achieving universal access to family planning and the SRHR agenda. These indicators must be disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts.
4. Urgently press for further commitments to reduce resource consumption and carbon emissions, and support investment in low-carbon forms of development.
5. Amend the UK International Development Act 2002 to mandate the SS to consider the impact of development assistance on population dynamics, and vice versa.
6. Utilise the economic arguments presented in this report to support governments, and finance ministries in particular, to develop appropriate laws, policies and investments that promote universal access to family planning and the wider SRH agenda.
7. Legislate and develop policies and programmes to prevent and address gender-based violence and invest in long-term planning capabilities with better quality data on population dynamics, contraceptive prevalence and unmet need for family planning.
8. Support and invest in secondary education for girls to promote gender equality and empower women.
9. Champion universal access to health care and remove unnecessary barriers, particularly for young people and migrant workers.
10. Work with conflict, humanitarian, security and climate change groups to promote a holistic approach to sustainable development that ensures universal access to family planning and SRHR.

Full report can be accessed here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

Immediately prior to the launch, a press release was disseminated to Worldpop list, UK SRHR Network list, IPPF, PM, MSI lists, individual press contacts, EPF and national press contacts as well as all UK MPs and Peers.

The final published report was disseminated to all UK MPs/Peers and relevant Ministers, as well as the top 20 UK bilateral ODA recipient countries, MoH officials and UK Embassies in these countries.

The final hearing report was also submitted for presentation at the Australian regional conference on development and the ICFP in 2015 and was successfully shortlisted for presentation at the ICFP (please see conference section for further information).

The report has been referenced in several UK parliamentary debates including the 2nd July 2015 debates on Global Challenges and Addressing challenges of terrorism, conflict, mass migration and climate change in the HoL and September 2015 HoL debate on the SDGs.

In May 2015 Baroness Jenny Tonge tabled a PMB on Population Dynamics, which received its first reading in June 2015, but went no further.

Throughout the year the APPG on PDRH has received various inquiries in connection with the report and its recommendations, including financial recommendations. Inquiries were referred to the IPCI ICPD PoA statement of commitments, where funding reference originate from.

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



The APPG on PDRH continued to follow up on its child marriage hearing report: “A Childhood Lost”, since its launch in November 2012.

Most importantly was Baroness Jenny Tonge’s PMB, tabled this year, as a follow up to the hearing report, recommending age of marriage for all in the UK be raised to 18. The PMB received its 1st reading on 25th May 2015, but due to the parliamentary timetable, did not receive a second reading. It was re-tabled and received its first reading in the next parliamentary session and awaits its second reading in October 2016.

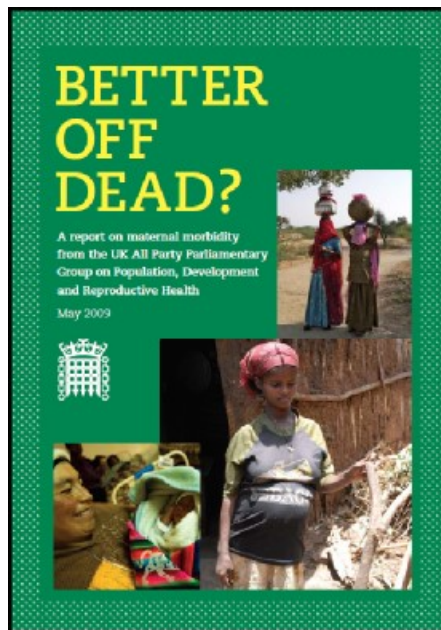
A meeting was held in February 2016 to discuss and receive input to the PMB and a press campaign will be launched in the autumn prior to the second reading.

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In January 2016 the UK APPG on PDRH was contacted by Colin Coughy, Policy Worker for the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, who wanted information on any follow up activities to the hearing report, with specific reference to a position on whether the marriage of children aged 16 and 17 should continue to be permissible in the UK with parental or guardian consent. The reason for the inquiry related to the Irish Commission preparing a submission to the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC) Committee on the UK on this particular right.

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



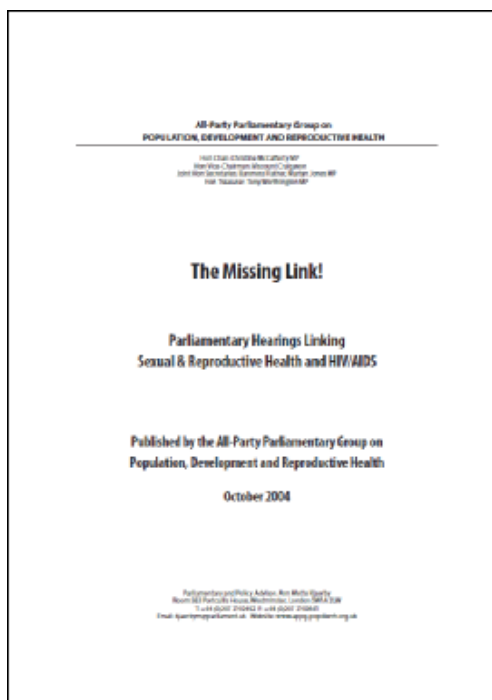
The APPG on PDRH continued to promote its 2009 Maternal Morbidity Hearing Report: 'Better off Dead?' The report can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

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



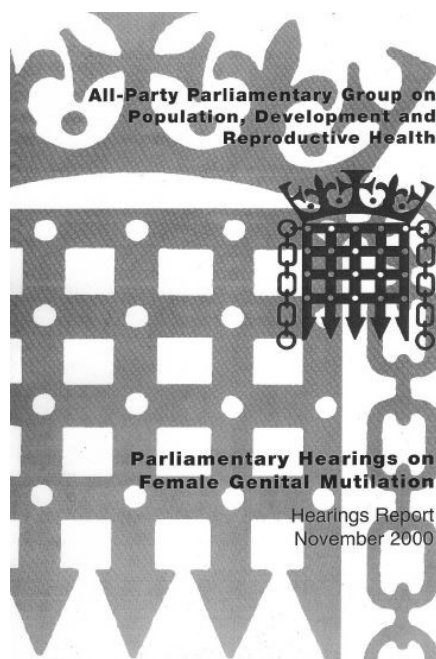
The APPG on PDRH continued to promote and reference the 2007/2009 Hearing Report: 'Return of the Population Growth Factor and its Impact upon the MDGs' and 2009 updated summary leaflet. The report can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: 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 promote its 2000 FGM Hearing Report in parliamentary debates and at meetings. Of particular importance this year was section 73 of the UK Serious Crime Act 2015, which offers the means of protecting actual or potential victims from FGM under the civil law.

FGM data is now also collected by key workers to determine the prevalence of FGM and as a means to protect girls. Further information available here: <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/fgm>

The UK has still not seen a successful FGM prosecution, but publicity around FGM remains high.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACCOUNTS

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ACCM (UK)	Agency for Culture and Change Management (UK)
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)
ASTRA	Central and Eastern European Women's Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health
BGIPU	British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union
BkkbN	National Population and Family Planning Board of Indonesia
BPAS	British Pregnancy Advisory Service
C	Conservative
CoE	Council of Europe
CHASE	The Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department
CPA	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
CPS	Crown Prosecution Service
CRAWN	Community Advocacy and Awareness
CRC	Convention for the Right of the Child
DFID	Department for International Development
DSW	Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung
ED	Executive Director
EDM	Early Day Motion
EPF	European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
EU	European Union
EuroNGOs	European Non-Governmental Organisations for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FfD	Financing for Development
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FIGO	Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
FORWARD	Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development
FPA	Family Planning Association
FP2020	Family Planning 2020
GJC	Global Justice Centre
GNI	Gross National Income
HEFA	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HoC	House of Commons
HoL	House of Lords
IAWG	Inter-agency Working Group
ICFP	International Conference for Family Planning
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICRW	International Centre for Research on Women
ID	International Development
IPCI	International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation

IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IWD	International Women's Day
L	Labour
LD	Liberal Democrat
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MEP	Member of European Parliament
MP	Member of Parliament
MSI	Marie Stopes International
MoD	Minister of Defence
MoS	Minister of State
NCD	Non-Communicable Disease
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NHS	National Health Service
ODA	Official Development Assistance
ODI	Overseas Development Institute
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PoA	Programme of Action
PM	Population Matters
PMB	Private Member's Bill
PQ	Parliamentary Question
PSHE+	Personal Social Health Education Plus
PSL	Population Services Lanka
PSN	Population and Sustainability Network
PUSS	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
RCM	Royal College of Midwives
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
SCR1325	Security Council Resolution 1325
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SNP	Scottish National Party
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
USSID	Under-Secretary of State for International Development
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCSW	UN Commission on the Status of Women
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VAWG	Violence against Women and Girls
WHO	World Health Organization
XB	Cross Bencher

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