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Foreword



This year has been challenging in the UK Parliament with Brexit negotiations; the Conservative Party leadership election in May 2019; the general election (GE) in December 2019; many ministerial changes; and the Covid-19 lockdown starting in March 2020.

Members have been unable to plan sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) parliamentary advocacy activities and were often forced to cancel activities last minute.

However, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health (APPG on PDRH) study tour to Bangladesh, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), finally took place in September 2019 with a delegation of 10 parliamentarians and only two cancellations. Three new members were recruited via the study tour, and other recruitment activities resulted in a further four new members.

Despite challenges, I am pleased to report that the UK Government is continuing its international political leadership on family planning (FP) and SRHR. Ministers have been vocal on this in the UK Parliament, as well as at global conferences, including at the Women Deliver Conference in June 2019 and the Nairobi Summit in November 2019.

Indeed, Department for International Development (DFID) financial reporting estimates that 13.6% of DFID's total expenditure was spent on SRHR in 2017-2018, up from 10.3% in 2016-2017. Funding to UNFPA continues and has actually increased, with a focus on contraceptive supplies. Further, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Marie Stopes International (MSI) were successful in securing UK 'Aid Connect' funds in July 2019. Britain has also become the biggest government funder of programmes to prevent violence against women. However, it is likely that funding for SRHR, and international development (ID) generally, may take a hit as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This year, the APPG on PDRH and its members co-organised 10 parliamentary briefing meetings, attended 17 other SRHR briefing meetings, received around 140 topical briefings and participated in six conferences. This has resulted in members holding the Government accountable via a long list of topical written and oral questions, debates, and amendments to bills. Importantly, this year members tabled a Private Member's Bill (PMB) to raise the age of marriage in the UK to 18; collaborated with the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF) and SRHR civil society organisations, and gave support to re-establish other APPGs.

Critical this year were briefings disseminated to support Stella Creasy MP's amendment to decriminalise abortion in Northern Ireland and I am delighted that the UK Government saw sense in approving medical abortion at home during the Covid-19 lockdown. We must try to ensure that this provision becomes permanent.

In 2020-2021, the APPG on PDRH will continue to scrutinise, monitor and hold the UK Government to account for its political and financial commitments to SRHR through PMBs, parliamentary questions, debates, conferences, meetings, letter writing and media activities.

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

Baroness Dr Jenny Tonge
Chair, UK APPG on PDRH

APPG on PDRH Committee Members and Staff

The APPG on PDRH has around 80 members from all parties and both Houses. There are 18 committee members.

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(Labour)



Baroness Hussein-Ece
(Liberal Democrat)



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(Liberal Democrat)

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(Crossbench)



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Myfanwy Probyn (since May 2019)

Work Experience

Anna Tonge (16-20th March 2020)

New APPG on PDRH Members

The APPG on PDRH continues its parliamentary recruitment activities. This year, seven new members were recruited via a study tour to Bangladesh in September 2019, letter writing to all new MPs after the December 2019 GE and an APPG fair in February 2020. Joint briefing meetings held after the GE also generated interest among some new MPs, which is being followed up.

The new members who joined between April 2019-March 2020 are:

Steve McCabe MP

Steve McCabe MP has been a Labour Member of Parliament since 1997, first for the Birmingham Hall Green constituency (1997-2010) and subsequently for Birmingham Selly Oak (2010-present). He has served on the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee (1998-2003), the Home Affairs Committee (2005-2006 and 2010-2013), the Panel of Chairs (2015-2017 and 2017-2019), and the Work and Pensions Committee (2015-2017 and 2017-2019). He was reappointed to the Panel of Chairs and the Work and Pensions Committee in 2020. Steve McCabe served the Government as an Assistant Whip (HM Treasury) 2006-2007 and as a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury from 2007-2010. In opposition, he also served as a Whip and as a Shadow Minister for Education from 2013-2015. Prior to entering Parliament, Steve McCabe was a social worker and he maintains his work and interest in community care and children's issues. Steve McCabe joined the APPG on PDRH after participating in the APPG's study tour to Bangladesh in September 2019.

Tommy Sheppard MP

Tommy Sheppard MP was elected as the SNP Member of Parliament for Edinburgh East in 2015. From 2015-2017, he served on the Committee on Standards and the Committee on Privileges, and from 2017-2019 he served on the Scottish Affairs Committee. From 2015-2020, Tommy Sheppard was the Shadow SNP Spokesperson for the Cabinet Office and from 2017-2020 he was the Shadow SNP Spokesperson for the House of Lords and the Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Scotland. In March 2020, Tommy Sheppard was appointed to the Finance Committee and as the Shadow SNP Leader of the House of Commons. Tommy Sheppard's particular political interests include human rights, Palestine, anti-poverty, austerity, and equality issues. He joined the APPG on PDRH after participating in the APPG on PDRH's study tour to Bangladesh in September 2019 and became a Secretary of the APPG on PDRH in January 2020. He is also a Vice-Chair of the APPG Humanist Group.

Harriett Baldwin MP

Harriett Baldwin MP was elected as the Conservative Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire in 2010. Between 2010-2015 she served on the Work and Pensions Committee, as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for Employment in the Department of Work and Pensions, and represented the UK on the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. In 2014 Harriett Baldwin MP was appointed the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Russia before joining the Government as Assistant Government Whip and being promoted to the role of Lord Commissioner to HM Treasury. In 2015, Harriett Baldwin became Economic Secretary to the Treasury (City Minister) and moved to become Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (PUSS) in the Ministry of Defence responsible for Defence Procurement in July 2016. From 2018-2019, she was appointed Minister of State (MoS) at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and DFID and served as Minister for Africa. Harriett Baldwin has been a member of the Treasury Select Committee and Finance Committee since March 2020. She has been involved with charities active in micro-finance in poor countries and charities which help educate African girls at secondary level.

Hannah Bardell MP

Hannah Bardell MP was elected as the SNP Member of Parliament for Livingston in 2015. From 2015-2017, she was the Shadow SNP Westminster Group Leader for Business, Innovation and Skills. From 2017-2018, Hannah Bardell was the Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Trade and Investment and from 2018-2020, she was the Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. In 2020, Hannah Bardell was appointed to the Panel of Chairs and as a team member to both the Shadow SNP Spokesperson for International Development Team and the Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs Team. She is the founder and Chair of the APPG on Deaths Abroad, Consular Service and Assistance.

Theo Clarke MP

Theo Clarke MP was elected as the Conservative Member of Parliament for Stafford in 2019. Prior to her election, she was the Chief Executive of the Coalition for Global Prosperity, a non-partisan, not-for-profit organisation which aims to 'bring together political, military, business and faith leaders who believe that an effective development budget, alongside an active diplomatic and defence strategy, keeps Britain at the forefront of saving lives, alleviating poverty and bringing freedom, security and prosperity to those who need it most'. Since taking her seat in Parliament, Theo Clarke has been appointed to the International Development

Committee (IDC) and the International Development Sub-Committee on the Work of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI).

Dan Carden MP

Dan Carden MP was elected as the Labour Member of Parliament for Liverpool Walton in 2017. From 2017-2019, he served on the Procedure Committee, the Statutory Instruments Joint Committee and the Statutory Instruments Select Committee. In 2018, Dan Carden served as the Shadow Minister for ID. Since 2018, he has served as the Shadow Secretary of State (SoS) for ID. As Shadow SoS for ID, Dan Carden has advocated in favour of turning the Commonwealth Development Corporation into a green development bank, creating a Public Services Unit for water, healthcare and education, and tripling funding for women's rights groups.

Lord King of Bridgwater

Lord King was created a Conservative Life Peer in 2001. Prior to becoming a Peer, Lord King was elected nine times as the Conservative Member of Parliament for Bridgwater (1970-2001). In 1983, Lord King was the SoS for Environment, after which he served as the SoS for Transport. From 1983-1985, he served as the SoS for Employment and from 1985-1989 he was the SoS for Northern Ireland. From 1989-1992, Lord King was the SoS for Defence. As an MP, Lord King served as the Chair of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament from 1994-2001. As a Peer, Lord King has served on the Communications and Digital Committee (2007-2010) and the National Security Strategy Joint Committee (2017-present).

APPG on PDRH Aims and Objectives

Aims

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

Objectives

- To raise the profile of population, and SRHR, including FP, in Parliament and internationally
- To provide parliamentary backing to the SoS for ID in their negotiations with the Treasury, in order to maintain 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
- To assess how the UK might respond to requests from outside for support (in consultation with UK Government departments, international agencies, foundations and NGOs) and to press for action by Parliament and the UK Government
- To study the results of research into the causes and consequences of population changes and the effect that access to comprehensive SRHR services has on population, and draw these to the attention of both Houses of Parliament
- To increase awareness of the interdependence between countries, with reference to poverty reduction, women's equality, access to SRHR services, environment, consumption and pollution and the impact of legislation, policies and practices of one country upon others

Parliamentary Activities

APPG on PDRH Committee Meetings

The APPG on PDRH held six committee meetings between April 2019 and March 2020 on the dates set out below, with two committee meetings attached to Annual General Meetings to reconstitute the APPG on PDRH in new parliaments.

- 29th April 2019
- 10th June 2019
- 15th July 2019 (AGM and committee meeting)
- 21st October 2019
- 9th December 2019 (Cancelled due to GE)
- 13th January 2020 (AGM and committee meeting)
- 2nd March 2020

Please find enclosed agendas and committee meeting minutes at Appendix 1

APPG on PDRH Parliamentary Briefing Meetings

This year, the APPG on PDRH co-organised 10 parliamentary briefing meetings where members were briefed on topical population, reproductive and maternal health, FP and ID issues.

Promundo Report launch: The third State of the World's Fathers (SOWF) Report, 13th June 2019, HoC, London



Baroness Tonge speaking at Promundo Report launch



The third State of the World's Fathers Report being showcased

In advance of UK Father's Day on 16th June 2019, Baroness Tonge chaired the launch of Promundo's third State of the World's Fathers report in Parliament. The report was produced by Promundo, co-coordinator of MenCare: A Global Fatherhood Campaign, which is active in over 50 countries. Conducted with Unilever, Dove Men+Care and Plan International

Canada, the report revealed new research findings from 11 countries, drawing from interviews and surveys of nearly 12,000 individuals. It included cross-country data analysis from more than 30 countries and provided recommendations to close the unpaid care gap in support of achieving gender equality.

The global report called for countries to take the #MenCare Pledge: To make bold commitments to accelerate action and ensure men's uptake of 50 percent of unpaid care work. It called on policy-makers and politicians, health workers and teachers, employers and media influencers, advocates and activists, to step up and end the inequality that exists in this area. It also called on individual fathers to put their intentions to care into action by – at a minimum – taking on an additional 50 minutes of unpaid care work a day to ensure a more equal world.

Gary Barker, President and Chief Executive Officer, Promundo, and SOWF report author Nikki van der Gaag presented the report findings. David Lammy MP followed as the Chair of the APPG on Fatherhood. Kathy Jones, Joint Chief Executive and Head of Strategy, The Fatherhood Institute, spoke about the UK policy environment and then outlined what needed to change to enable fathers to do more care. Marvyn Harrison, Dope Black Dads Think Tank, spoke to his experience of changing the narrative of black fathers in the UK. A discussion and networking followed presentations.

Please find enclose invitation at Appendix 2

UNFPA event: What's Changed? Accelerating the Promise of ICPD, 10th July 2019, HoC, London

The poster features four speakers in individual portraits with their names and titles below them: Rt Hon Sir Richard Ottaway (Former MP and ICPD 1994 UK delegation), Jillian Gadeon (Co-Founder and Director of Human Resources, IYAFP), Anne Wafula Strike (Paralympian, rights and inclusion campaigner), and Liz Ford (Guardian journalist). To the right, the event title 'WHAT'S CHANGED?' is prominently displayed, followed by the subtitle 'Accelerating the Promise of ICPD'. The date and time are 'Wednesday, 10 July 17:00 - 18:00', and the location is 'Committee Room 10, Palace of Westminster'. Logos for UNFPA, ICPD25, and the APPG are shown at the bottom left. The host information at the bottom right states 'Kindly hosted by: Baroness Jenny Tonge, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Population, Development and Reproductive Health'. A note at the bottom right mentions 'Cromwell Visitors Entrance. Kindly allow 30 minutes for security'.

Immediately preceding the APPG on PDRH's World Population Day reception, Baroness Tonge chaired a UNFPA event in Parliament to highlight and engage in the debate on how to accelerate progress on the ICPD PoA in the lead up to the ICPD+25 Nairobi Summit in Kenya. Similar events were hosted around the world, as part of the 25th anniversary of the ICPD. Conversations were part of a collective journey to the Nairobi Summit: Accelerating the Promise of ICPD. This, and events around the world, brought leaders, champions, experts and community voices together to reflect on progress over the past 25 years and stimulated new thinking and solutions needed to advance the unfinished business of the ICPD Programme of Action to reach the millions of women and girls who have not yet had the promises of the ICPD fulfilled.

Richard Ottaway, former MP and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee and the APPG on PDRH and now Chairman, Population & Sustainability Network/Margaret Pyke Trust, spoke about Cairo 1994, which he had attended and how things had progressed; Liz Ford, Deputy Editor on the Guardian's Global Development desk gave her personal experiences and views on SRHR; Anne Wafula Strike, Harlow-based British paralympic wheelchair racer, spoke about her experiences surrounding SRHR and disability; and Jillian Gedeon, co-founder and former Executive Director of International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAAP), presented her work on the empowerment of young people, girls and women around the world.

A conversation followed the presentation moderated by Matt Jackson, UNFPA London. Participants discussed the progress made and challenges ahead, as well as the relevance to young people and influence of champions, the media and global movements.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 3

IPPF World Population Day reception, 10th July, HoL, London



Baroness Sugg speaking at the World Population Day reception

This year's World Population Day reception was co-hosted with IPPF, UNFPA and the UK SRHR Network. The reception brought together ministers, parliamentarians, donors, ambassadors, representatives from the private sector, DFID and FCO officials, and SRHR organisations. Every year, the event is attended by approximately 100 participants.

As 2019 marked the 25th anniversary of the landmark conference that focused on population and development, the focus of the 2019 reception was: "Twenty-five years of ICPD: On the road to Nairobi - How choices and opportunities have changed for girls and women". Baroness Sugg, PUS for ID and the minister with the SRHR portfolio was the keynote speaker. She was followed by remarks from Riva Eskinazi, acting Director, Resource Mobilisation, External Relations Division, IPPF. Networking and discussions followed presentations at this annual celebration and gathering.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme at Appendix 4

Child Marriage roundtable event, 9th September 2019, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH invited interested stakeholders to a roundtable meeting in Parliament to discuss the Government's forthcoming Domestic Abuse Bill and child marriage in the UK. Pauline Latham MP chaired the meeting with support from Baroness Hussein-Ece, Baroness Tonge, Baroness Uddin and Sarah Champion MP. In attendance were:

- Ian Brunton, Senior Policy Manager, Ministry of Justice
- Sara Browne, Campaign Manager, Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO) / Girls Not Brides
- Lubna Maktari, Director, Independent Yemen Group
- Shaheen Hashmat, Senior Project Coordinator, Girls Not Brides
- Natasha Rattu, Executive Director, Karma Nirvana
- Nasreen Rehman, Vice Chair, Commission on Forced Marriage (invited and attended on behalf of Baroness Butler-Sloss)
- Adwoa Kluvitse, Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development (FORWARD) / Girls Not Brides
- Eylem Atakav, Professor, University of East Anglia
- Faiza Ismail, Intern, IKWRO
- Lyndsey Dearlove, Head of UK Says No More campaign, Hestia
- Shabina Begum, Solicitor, Dawson Cornwell

Pauline Latham MP opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and stating that she was keen to raise the minimum age for marriage in England and Wales from 16 to 18 and hoped to pass legislation to that effect in the next parliament. A draft Bill, prepared with support from IKWRO and its legal team and others, was ready and she would try to get the issue mentioned in the upcoming Queen's speech. Eylem Atakav then screened a three-minute clip of her documentary 'Growing Up Married', which had been used to advocate against child marriage and for training purposes by several public services. A 45-minute roundtable discussion followed, which resulted in a consensus that a standalone bill would be preferable to amending the Domestic Abuse Bill. MPs and Peers agreed to look out for opportunities to insert the provisions. Pauline Latham MP would take the lead on writing to ministers, Sarah Champion MP would write to the Shadow Cabinet, Baroness Hussein-Ece would write to the Liberal Democrats in the Lords, and a joint letter should be sent to all MPs to this effect.

PMBs were tabled in January 2020 by Pauline Latham MP, Sarah Champion MP and Baroness Hussein-Ece. Baroness Hussein Ece was successful in the ballot and the bill had its First Reading on 27th January 2020. The date of the Second Reading is yet to be announced. See the full Bill and its progress [here](#).

Please find enclosed minutes of meeting at Appendix 5

UK SRHR Network send-off reception to the Nairobi Summit, 4th November 2019, HoL, London



Baroness Sugg speaking at the send-off reception to Nairobi

In preparation for the Nairobi Summit, Baroness Blackstone, representing the APPG on PDRH, chaired a send-off reception co-organised with the UK SRHR Network with input from DFID. The event was designed to engage with the upcoming Nairobi Summit and to celebrate the real progress that had been made over the last 25 years since the 1994 Cairo Conference. Baroness Sugg, PUSS for ID, was the keynote speaker and made a new aid commitment to improve women and girls' access to contraception and maternal healthcare around the world. The £425 million funding commitment, from DFID, would go to UNFPA Supplies (the UNFPA's flagship fund), which reaches over 20 million women and girls each year in the poorest countries, and in fragile and conflict settings. Lucy Fagon, UN Major Group for Children and Youth and youth representative on the Nairobi Summit International Programme Committee, followed by making reference to the importance of engaging and involving youth. Matt Jackson, London representative, UNFPA, spoke about contraceptive supplies and what to expect at the forthcoming Nairobi Summit. Networking and discussions followed the presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 6

FORWARD Gender Based Violence (GBV) and migrant Europewide event, 21st November 2019, HoC, London

As a representative of the APPG on PDRH, Baroness Uddin chaired a FORWARD event titled: Let's End the Silence on Violence against Women & Girls - Improving ACCESS to Support for Migrant Women.

At the event, FORWARD presented its two-year European Union co-funded ACCESS project, which included two additional partners: Group against Sexual Mutilation (GAMS) in Belgium and Medicos Del Mundo in Spain. Many migrant women are affected by different forms of GBV, including female genital mutilation (FGM), sexual violence, intimate partner violence, forced marriage, and human trafficking. For many women, although support services may be available, access is hindered by multiple barriers. These include language, appropriateness of the services, and entrenched social norms, which together stop women from seeking support. The ACCESS project, which is offered in multiple languages, provides information and includes a map that shows women in the UK, Belgium and Spain what support services are available a given locality.

Jain Lemon, Senior Policy and Commissioning Manager on Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG), the Mayor's Office on Policing and Crime, gave the opening remarks, which highlighted the importance of community involvement and presented the Mayor's strategy for tackling VAWG and the different forms of violence that are targeted. Naana Otoo-Oyortey, Executive Director, FORWARD, presented the background to the ACCESS project and was followed by peer advocates from the project. Layla Ismail, Development Manager of the Refugee Women of Bristol, and Aminata Bah, Development Manager of the Refugee Women of London, then shared insights from their partnership with FORWARD and their role in the project. Jackie Jones MEP then shared a 3 minute video message to introduce the ACCESS tools and her support statement for the project. A question and answer session followed.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 7

Health Poverty Action (HPA) dinner: From Westminster to West Africa: A Soirée in Solidarity with Mothers in Sierra Leone, 21st November 2019, HoC, London

On behalf of the APPG on PDRH, Baroness Sheehan welcomed guests to a fund-raising dinner and reception in support of HPA's work in Sierra Leone, which APPG on PDRH members had seen on their study tour to Sierra Leone in 2015. Around 50 guests attended the evening event, which highlighted Sierra Leone's July 2019 Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the SDGs and discussed the role of maternal health in meeting the SDGs and the UK's support to progress this.

Martin Drewry, Director, HPA, introduced attendees to his organisation and Dr Prince Cummings, Country Director of Sierra Leone, HPA, then provided a contextual look at the challenges related to development and reproductive health in Sierra Leone. The fundraising dinner fell within the window of HPA's UK Aid Match funding appeal supporting their work on health and nutrition with pregnant women, newborns and young children in Sierra Leone. Kelly Douglas, Head of Fundraising, HPA, provided an introduction to their Happy Mums, Happy Tums appeal and Oliver Kemp, HPA Board Chair, thanked guests for their support and closed the dinner before final mingling amongst the guests.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 8

EPF Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Atlas launch, 22nd January 2020, HoC, London



Neil Datta, Margaret Stanley, Baroness Tonge and Kate Sanger with the EPF HPV Atlas

Baroness Tonge chaired the launch of EPF's HPV Atlas on cervical cancer in Europe. The event was organised in connection with Cervical Cancer Prevention Week, a campaign organised by the UK charity Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.

Cervical cancer continues to be a major public health problem affecting middle-aged women, particularly in less-resourced countries. Worldwide, 311,000 women die each year from the disease. In 2018, cervical cancer was the leading cause of cancer-related death in women in Africa. China and India together contributed more than a third of the global cervical cancer burden, with 48,000 deaths in China and 60,000 deaths in India.

In Europe, it is estimated that 61,072 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 25,829 die from the disease. Cervical cancer has a "young face" and is the second most common cancer among women 15-44 years of age, women who are busy with their careers, raising their families, or doing both. It therefore has far-reaching effects on the fabric of society. Some 80 per cent of cases can be prevented by putting in place the right policies and programmes: vaccination and screening programmes.

Neil Datta, EPF Secretariat, presented the Atlas and gave an overview of the cervical cancer prevention policies in Europe. Professor Margaret Stanley, University of Cambridge, presented the HPV situation in the UK and the benefits of HPV vaccination, and Kate Sanger, Head of Communications and Public Affairs at Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust, presented the charity's campaign work. A question and answer session followed presentations.

Representatives of MSD UK, the company that supplies HPV vaccinations to the NHS, attended the launch and requested a follow-up meeting with the APPG on PDRH, which was subsequently arranged (please see further information in the Meeting and Communications section of this Annual Report).

Invitations to the event were disseminated widely and four UK MPs attended: Marsha de Cordova MP, Rachael Maskell MP, Matt Rodda MP and Alex Davies-Jones MP. They all requested follow-up information on HPV in their constituencies, which was provided. Importantly, prior to the GE, relevant UK APPG Vice Chairs were invited to co-organise and speak at the event, but as those APPGs had not yet reconstituted this did not happen.

Please find enclosed communications at Appendix 9

UK APPGs International Development Fair, 12th February 2020, HoC, London

UK APPGs working on ID issues co-organised an MPs 'freshers' fair soon after the GE to introduce new (and returning) MPs to the range of APPG support available in Parliament. The invitation to the fair was disseminated to all UK MPs and Peers and advertised on the All-Party Notices. The APPG on PDRH invited the UK SRHR Network to join its stall. During the two hour fair, MPs, Peers and staff received leaflets, reports and face-to-face briefings. Following the fair, Dan Carden MP, former Shadow SoS for ID, and Theo Clarke MP both joined the APPG on PDRH. The following organisations co-hosted the fair:

- APPG on HIV/AIDS
- APPG on Global LGBT+ Rights
- APPG on PDRH
- APPG on Sustainable Development Goals (APPG on SDGs)
- APPG on Africa
- APPG on Antibiotics
- APPG on Vaccinations for All

- APPG on Nutrition for Growth
- APPG on Global Tuberculosis (APPG on Global TB)
- APPG on Global Health
- APPG on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (APPG on Malaria and NTDs)
- Inter-Parliamentary Union UK (IPU UK)
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 10

FGM roundtable meeting, 2nd March 2020, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH invited interested FGM/C experts to a roundtable meeting in Parliament to present their FGM advocacy points and priorities. Baroness Jenkin, Treasurer APPG on PDRH, opened the meeting. Baroness Sugg, PUSS for ID, gave the key note speech outlining the UK Government's priorities and programmes on FGM. Activists followed with short presentations on:

- FGM prevalence abroad and in the UK – what are the numbers?
- FGM cutters abroad and in the UK – are there changes in practice and if so what changes and by whom?
- FGM criminalisation and prosecutions abroad and in the UK – what are the benefits and are there any downsides?
- FGM education in communities and schools abroad and in the UK – are the messages correct, informative and beneficial and from the best service providers?
- SRHR/FGM services abroad and in the UK – are women getting the right SRHR/FGM services at the right place/time? And
- Safeguarding potentially at risk children abroad and in the UK – does mandatory reporting work?

A one-hour round table discussion followed amongst below representatives:

- Baroness Jenkin
- Baroness Tonge
- Baroness Barker
- Viscount Craigavon
- Baroness Hodgson
- Harriett Baldwin MP
- Virendra Sharma MP
- Baroness Sugg, PUSS for ID
- Rebekah Diski, DFID
- Helen Jenkins, Home Office
- Comfort Momoh MBE, Global Comfort
- Susan Bewley, King's College London
- Lena El Hindi, Oxford Against Cutting
- Brenda Kelly, Oxford University Hospitals Trust
- Mama Sylla, 28 Too Many / Fraternité UK
- Janet Fyle, Royal College of Midwives
- Caroline Pinder, 28 Too Many / Oxford Against Cutting

- Anne-Marie Wilson, 28 Too Many / Met Police
- Ebony Riddell Bamber, Orchid Project
- Amy Bucknall, UK Names Nurse, MSI
- Emily Russell, Plan International UK
- Bekky Ashmore, Plan International UK
- Joy Clarke, FGM specialist midwife
- Ros Jerram, The Dahlia Project
- Hawa D Sesay, Hawa Trust
- Joey Buckley, NHS England / Improvement
- Lorren Stainton, NHS England / Improvement
- Nimco Ali, The Five Foundation
- Charlie Gamble, Tackle Africa
- Nikki Jones, Independent
- Aminata Bah, La Fraternité
- Adama Barry, La Fraternité
- Sarah McCulloch, ACCM (UK)
- Alice Chilcott, Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH)
- Rachel Erskine, Amref Health Africa UK
- Filsan Ali, Midaye Somali Development Network
- Alima Dimonekene, A Girl at a Time
- Phoebe Kaniewska, Haamla Team Leeds
- Honor Gladstone, LTHT
- Neelam Sarkaria, Red Box Consulting (London)
- Brid Hehir, Shifting Sands
- Zainab Nur, Hidden Voices UK
- Marge Berer, Independent
- Joycelyn Hayford, Black Women's Health and Family Support
- Marie Costa, African Women's Forum (Portsmouth)
- Freida M'Cormack, Portsmouth City Council Operational Group
- Alison McFarlane, City University London
- Jeneba Deen-Koroma, Independent
- Amy Abdelshahid, FORWARD

Please find enclosed minutes from the meeting at Appendix 11

The meeting minutes and action points were disseminated following the event along with: 28 Too Many's Model Law Against FGM; Marge Berer's article 'Prosecution of female genital mutilation in the UK: injustice at the intersection of good public health intentions and the criminal law', and the Population Council's FGM research paper 'Reflections from Five Years of Research'. The Orchid Project [link](#) to join and endorse their collaborative initiative was also circulated.

Baroness Jenkin tabled numerous written parliamentary questions on FGM, available [here](#).

SRHR Briefing Meetings

APPG on PDRH members and staff attended 17 other FP and SRHR briefing meetings this year.

Canada High Commission Pre-Women Deliver Conference event, 8th April 2019, Canadian High Commission, London

Select members attended an event at the Canadian High Commission in the lead up to the Women Deliver conference on 3-6th June 2019 in Vancouver, Canada. Penny Mordaunt MP, SoS for ID, spoke at the event and made reference to the UK's leadership with Canada on gender equality. She noted that the UK female employment rate was at a record high and the gender pay gap at a record low, and that new laws had been introduced to protect women from domestic abuse, FGM, stalking, and forced marriage. She also noted that her other department, the Government Equalities Office, had moved into the Cabinet Office and announced a new £42 million programme looking at SRHR to support two consortia of NGO partners on SRHR, led by MSI and IPPF. These programmes would drive innovation and learning by bringing diverse partners together to work on complex and neglected issues, such as increasing access to safe abortion and improving the provision of SRHR in crisis settings.

The IPPF consortium comprised Frontline AIDS, Internews, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, The Open University, and the Women's Refugee Commission. The MSI consortium comprised CARE International UK, Itad, Blue Ventures and ThinkPlace.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 12

UNFPA: What's Changed? Event on ICPD25 building up to the Nairobi Summit, 17th May 2019, Aga Khan Centre, London

The poster is for the event 'WHAT'S CHANGED?' which is part of the 'Accelerating the Promise of ICPD & UK launch of UNFPA's 2019 State of World Population report'. It features four speakers in individual portrait boxes: Naisola Likimani (Lead, She Decides Support Unit), Jo Moir (Deputy Director, Head of Human Development, DFID), Marianne Haslegrave (Commatt and Cairo 1994 UK delegation), and Marjorie Newman-Williams (Vice President, MSI, US & VP External Affairs). Below the speakers are logos for UNFPA, ICPD25, and the Aga Khan Foundation. The event is scheduled for Friday 17 May, 11:00 - 12:30, at the Aga Khan Centre, 10 Handyside Street, London, N1C 4DN. The text 'Kindly hosted by:' is placed above the Aga Khan Foundation logo.

WHAT'S CHANGED?

Accelerating the Promise of ICPD & UK launch of UNFPA's 2019 State of World Population report

Friday 17 May
11:00 - 12:30

Aga Khan Centre,
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London, N1C 4DN

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ICPD25
International Conference on Population and Development

As part of the build up to the Nairobi Summit 12-14th November 2019, select members attended one of UNFPA's What's Changed? series of panels featuring SRHR leaders around the world.

Listed leading experts on the ICPD agenda and SRHR shared their views on the changes seen in the 25 years since the ICPD was agreed, and on what more needs to be done to meet the promises of Cairo 1994. The event also featured the UK launch of UNFPA's 2019 State of World Population report: 'Unfinished Business: the pursuit of rights and choices for all', available [here](#).

The APPG for Trade Justice, in partnership with ActionAid UK: Women's Rights and Trade after Brexit, 5th June 2019, HoC, London

Select members attended a panel event on how global trade deals disproportionately affect women and the role that the UK Government can play. The event was chaired by Faisal Rashid MP, Chair APPG for Trade Justice. Keynote speeches were made by George Hollingbery MP, Minister for Trade Policy, and Judith Cummins MP, Shadow Minister for Trade. An ActionAid representative from the Global South followed along with Dr Silke Trommer, University of Manchester.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 13

Unveiling of the 'Mother and Child' statue honouring victims of sexual violence in conflict, 11th June 2019, HoC, London

Select members attended a reception to discuss the prevention of sexual violence in conflict, at which Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Nadia Murad, gave a speech. In the lead up to the proposed UK-hosted Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI) international conference in November 2019, this event was the second in a series on the continued use of sexual violence in conflict. The event was supported by Justice for Lai Dai Han, The House and PoliticsHome, and raised awareness about the steps that need to be taken by countries, governments, and NGOs around the world to prevent sexual violence, and the impact historic atrocities still have today. The event brought together concerned stakeholders to discuss how steps can be taken to end it for good and included personal speeches from victims of sexual violence in conflict, parliamentarians and campaigners. During the evening, a specially commissioned statue to commemorate all past and present victims of sexual violence in conflict was unveiled.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 14

Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) event: Just add women? Parliamentary committees and the health sector in Africa, 26th June 2019, London

Select members attended the launch of the latest policy paper from WFD's research partnership with the International Development Department (IDD) at the University of Birmingham.

Susan Dodsworth, IDD, Ndondwa Scott, Centre for Civil Society Strengthening, Malawi, and Isata Kabia, former MP and Government Minister, Sierra Leone, presented the research and shared their insights on the challenges and success of women's political leadership. The policy paper explored women's positive impact on health policy in Africa and the avenues that parliamentary committees provide for women's political leadership. A discussion followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 15

IDC oral evidence session with Rory Stewart MP, SoS for ID, 26th June 2019, HoC, London



Rory Stewart MP, SoS for ID at Select Committee

Select members attended an oral evidence session at which Rory Stewart MP, the new SoS for ID, was questioned on his priorities for DFID and the UK's progress on the SDGs. Nick Dyer, Director General, Economic Development and International, DFID, supported the SoS for ID. The questioning included scrutiny on commitments to climate change and disability, following the IDC's recent inquiries into these areas and the presentation of the UK's first VNR on the SDGs to the UN in July 2019 reflecting on domestic and international progress across the 17 SDGs, including areas such as hunger (Goal 2), climate change (Goal 13) and inequality (Goal 10). The IDC examined the Government's leadership, coordination and coherence on the Global Goals – with reference to the VNR process – and what more must be done to achieve the Goals by 2030, at home and overseas.

The evidence session is available [here](#).

National AIDS Trust, Terrence Higgins Trust and PrEPSTER briefing meeting on access to the HIV prevention drug PrEP in England, 2nd July 2019, HoC, London

Select members attended a briefing meeting where experts from the above organisations gave presentations on the rollout of PrEP in England since 30th January 2019 (when the SoS for Health and Social Care (HSC), Matt Hancock, committed England to doubling the number of places available on the PrEP Impact Trial). Presenters noted that the situation had been chaotic and the commitment to double the number of places was still unfulfilled.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 16

FORWARD event: 'Accelerating Change for African Women & Girls', 3rd July 2019, London

Select members attended an event at which FORWARD shared highlights from their programmes in Africa and the UK in nurturing young women leaders, providing holistic support and generating evidence-based interventions on FGM, child marriage and associated violence against women and girls. Speakers from FORWARD included Naana Otoo-Oyortey, Adwoa Kwateng-Kluyitse, Toks Okeniyi and Amy Abdelshahid. Other speakers included Ismail, Programme Manager at Refugee Women of Bristol, and Solomon Amare Zewolde, independent researcher.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 17

Westminster Health Forum seminar: Next steps for improving maternity services in England, 10th July 2019, London

Select members attended a half day seminar at which the opening address was made by Sharon Hodgson MP, Shadow Minister for Public Health and Vice Chair, APPG on Baby Loss. Presentations included:

- Priorities for maternity services and implementing the NHS Long Term Plan;
- Tackling inequalities and supporting child health - delivering care in the community and at home;
- Increasing access to mental health care for mothers and families;
- Key issues for the delivery of maternity services: patient choice, collaboration and quality of care;
- Enabling the delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan Priorities for patient safety and improving access to support;
- Learning from incidents: leadership, standards and progress of the Maternity Incentive Scheme;
- Developing the maternity workforce: perceptions, multidisciplinary teams and personalising care; and
- Next steps for technology and digitising maternity records and regulating maternity services and improving standards.

The full agenda is available [here](#).

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 18

APPG on the Rights of the Rohingya report launch, 10th September 2019, HoC, London

In preparation for the APPG on PDRH's study tour to Bangladesh, select members attended the launch of the APPG on the Rights of the Rohingya's report "A New Shape of Catastrophe": Two years on from the 2017 Rohingya Crisis'. Anne Main MP and Rushanara Ali MP, Co-Chairs of the APPG on the Rights of the Rohingya, warned that continued violence and discrimination against the Rohingya in Myanmar meant conditions remain unsafe for returns, leaving Bangladesh to host over a million refugees. The report urged the UK Government to step up its pressure on Myanmar, including introducing tougher sanctions and referring the situation to the International Criminal Court.

The report is available [here](#).

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 19

IDC oral evidence session with Alok Sharma MP, SoS for ID, 21st October 2019, HoC, London



Select members attended an oral evidence session where Alok Sharma MP, the new SoS for ID, and Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Secretary, DFID, were questioned on the future and priorities for the Department. The IDC had held inaugural evidence sessions with the three previous Secretaries of State for International Development appointed during this Parliament. Discussions included planning for Brexit, implications of the conclusions of the 2019 spending round, commitments to action on safeguarding of victims and survivors of sexual exploitation and abuse, combating climate change, the UN SDGs, and promoting disability inclusivity and/or tackling violence against humanitarian workers, following recent IDC inquiries in these areas.

The evidence session is available [here](#).

RCOG Women's Health Strategy launch, 2nd December 2019, HoC, London



Lesley Regan, President RCOG speaking at RCOG Women Health Strategy Launch, HoC (left)

Baroness Barker, Chair APPG on SRH and Officer, APPG on PDRH, welcomed delegates to RCOG's UK Women's Health Strategy launch, where Lesley Regan, President RCOG, outlined the new UK Women's Health Strategy and its recommendations. The report set out

a vision of a health service which empowers women and girls to take back control of their own wellbeing while harnessing data to drive prevention and reduce variation. The aim of the strategy is to ensure women and girls encounter a 21st century health system which is designed for them, which is seamless and puts their needs first. The call for the creation of a national strategy for women's health is based on a life course approach to address the following areas of unmet need:

- Access to reliable information on women's health;
- Easy access to contraception, abortion and fertility services;
- Learning from indicators in the reproductive years to influence future health;
- Violence against girls and women;
- Prevention and early diagnoses of gynaecological cancers across the life course; and
- Keeping women in the workforce.

Networking and discussions followed the presentation.

The full report is available [here](#).

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 20

Brides do Good event 'Lifting the Veil: Ending Child Marriage in England and Wales', 29th January 2020, HoC, London

Select members attended a panel discussion on ending child marriage in England and Wales. Each year, 12 million girls living around the world are married before they reach the age of 18, robbing them of their childhood and often their future. Under the current law in England and Wales, child marriage is not a crime. Children of 16 can be legally married with parental consent. Brides do Good presented a recent poll they had commissioned showing that nearly two-thirds of Britons were unaware that the practice of marrying before 18 is still legal in the UK. Personal accounts given during the panellists' presentations demonstrated that child marriage has devastating consequences for young lives.

The panel of experts discussed how to tackle this injustice and make desperately needed changes that will save lives in England and Wales, and beyond.

Following the panel session, the Safeguard Futures Ban Child Marriage Campaign hosted a parliamentary drop-in and networking session as an opportunity for parliamentarians to network with child marriage NGOs.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 21

The APPG on Malaria and NTDs global health policy briefings, 11th February 2020, HoC, London

Select members attended an event where Catherine West MP, Pauline Latham MP, Baroness Hayman, Lord Trees, Fiona Bruce MP, Chair-elect for the APPG on Malaria and NTDs, invited MSc students from the University of Oxford to present global health briefings on the following topics:

- Can DFID's support for nutrition increase the effectiveness of Gavi?;
- Hepatitis C amongst the Rohingya population in Bangladesh;
- Policy coherence between NTDs and UHC to facilitate achievement of UHC goals;
- Multi-sector collaborations as a priority requisite for health programme funding; and

- The role of World Health Assembly resolutions in guiding and supporting national health ministries to progress commitments on NTDs.

A question and answer session followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 22

Plan International UK and CPA UK Parliamentary reception: Girls in Crisis - Achieving SDG 5 in Humanitarian Crises, 4th March 2020, HoL, London

Select members attended a reception chaired by Maria Miller MP to mark the launch of the Call to Action on Girls in Crisis developed by Plan International UK in consultation with adolescent girls living in fragile and conflict-affected areas.

When conflict or disaster strikes, everyone caught up has their lives torn apart. But adolescent girls face a double jeopardy because of their age and gender. In times of crisis girls are at risk of exploitation and GBV, lack access to basic services and they are more likely to be married before the age of 18 than to finish secondary school.

Girls are calling on governments and the international community to act, and their voices were at the heart of the event. Plan International's Programme Director in Rwanda spoke at the event.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 23

Action for Global Health Network event: Global Health in 2020: A Turning Point for Ending Preventable Deaths, 10th March 2020, HoC, London

Select members attended an event organised in light of the UK Government's recent commitment to ending the preventable deaths of mothers, newborns and children by 2030. The event was organised in collaboration with the APPG on HIV/AIDS, APPG on Malaria and NTDs, APPG on Nutrition for Growth, APPG on Global TB, APPG on the UN SDGs, the APPG on Vaccinations for All, and several NGOs: Action Against Hunger, Amref Health Africa UK, Christian Aid, Frontline AIDS, Global Citizen, Health Poverty Action, Malaria No More UK, MSI, Plan International UK, RESULTS UK, Save the Children UK, Schistosomiasis Control Initiative, Sightsavers, STOPAIDS, Students for Global Health, UNICEF UK and World Vision UK.

The event shed light on the UK's role in global health and featured the following speakers: Darren Welch, Director of Policy, DFID; Mariam Ditipole Mzuzuri MP, Parliament of Tanzania; Dr Florence Sibomana, trainee doctor and youth leader for nutrition; and Mike Podmore, Steering Committee, Action for Global Health Network.

Currently, more than half the world's population still do not have access to essential healthcare services, and every year more than 100 million people are pushed into extreme poverty by the cost of health services. The UK is recognised as a global leader in improving health around the world and it is critical that the UK continues to step up its efforts to progress health for all.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 24

VSO and Medical Aid Films panel discussion: International Women's Day (IWD) - Men's Engagement in Women's Health, 12th March 2020, HoC, London

Select members attended an event organised in connection with IWD 2020 and chaired by Baroness Barker, Chair APPG SRH. The event brought together an expert panel, activists, practitioners and funders to discuss practical examples of what works, share lessons learnt and explore how these can be applied in different contexts. Keynote speakers included Reverend George Buannie from Sierra Leone, representatives from Promundo and the Vitol Foundation, and rights activists.

A question and answer session followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation at Appendix 25

Several events were cancelled at the end of March 2020 due to Covid-19 and the lockdown.

European Meetings

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



Collaboration between the UK APPG on PDRH and EPF remains strong. Parliamentary advocacy activities have been shared on-line and discussed at meetings and conferences.

Lord Mann remains the UK APPG on PDRH representative on the EPF Executive Committee (EC). He attended the EPF EC meetings in Brussels on 8th July 2019 and 20th January 2020. Lord Mann also attended the African Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development Universal Health Coverage and ICPD event in Zambia, 24-28th June 2019 and was meant to speak at the EPF contraceptive Atlas launch in Yerevan, Armenia 10-11th July 2019, but flights were cancelled.

Virendra Sharma MP was on the EPF delegation to the 5th Women Deliver Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 3-6th June 2019 and Lord Hussain was on the EPF delegation to the ICPD+25 Nairobi Summit, Kenya, November 2019 and attended the EPF Committee Meeting held in conjunction with the Nairobi Summit (please see further information in the conference section of this Annual Report).

In March 2020 virtual meetings were held by EPF for EC members and APPG secretariats for an update on and to discuss the impact of Covid-19 on SRHR services in Europe and beyond.

UK Brexit negotiations and votes in 2019 and the December 2019 UK GE unfortunately resulted in MPs sending last minute apologies to some EPF events this year. Lord Mann was

meant to attend the EPF Ouagadougou Partnership meeting, 3-5th December, Cotonou, Benin but had to send his apologies; Lord Lea attended in his place.

This year EPF and the APPG on PDRH also liaised in connection with EPF Council of Europe (CoE) activities. In April 2019 UK CoE delegates were sent an invitation and attended the EPF seminar on the Istanbul Convention: 'Current challenges in implementation', organised by the Conference of INGOs accredited to the CoE. Speakers included: Professor David Paternotte, ULB-Free University of Brussels, co-author of the book: 'Anti-Gender Campaigns in Europe Mobilising against Equality', and Neil Datta, Secretary, EPF, author of the book: "Restoring the Natural Order" The religious extremists' vision to mobilize European societies against human rights on sexuality and reproduction'. In December 2019, UK CoE delegates were alerted to the Draft Resolution: 'Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe', to be voted on 4th December 2019.

In April 2019, EPF received a link to the Sussex University research on 'son preference', as a follow up to previous requests on this topic. Later in April 2019, EPF also received copies of the APPG on PDRH's new leaflet and sample letters sent to UK European parliamentary candidates and UK GE candidates in support of EPF in upcoming MEP elections.

Conversations have also taken place this year in connection with EPF's new Global Parliamentary Alliance (GPA) project, the Agenda Europe Google list, UK anti-choice individuals, and Ann Mette Kjaerby has been in regular conversation with Julie Pernet, EPF's new Policy Officer, to discuss collaborative activities and a joint EPF/APPG on PDRH project.

In April 2019, APPG on PDRH members also signed a joint EPF membership letter to the First Vice-President Timmermans regarding US Christian right and fundamentalists' funding of extremist causes in Europe, which received a reply in June 2019.

Please find attached letters at Appendix 26

In August 2019, EPF EC members including Lord Mann completed and signed a 'no conflict of interest' document for EPF MSD funding project, as requested.

In October 2019, Aubrey Cody was scheduled to interview Baroness Tonge, Lord Mann and Virendra Sharma MP to discuss APPG on PDRH collaborative activities with EPF.

In February 2020, a request was made by two consultants; Corinne Armstrong and Becka Kindler to interview Ann Mette Kjaerby as part of the evaluation by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Family Planning Advocacy portfolio regarding links and collaborative activities with EPF.

Throughout the year the APPG on PDRH has disseminated EPF monthly newsletters and reports including the EPF and IPPF European Network European election analysis and the report 'Charting a Path to Impact: Accelerating progress in partnership with parliamentarians' commissioned by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in February 2020.

In February 2020, the APPG on PDRH co-organised the launch of the EPF HPV Atlas (please see further information in the Briefing Meetings section of this Annual Report).

In March 2020, EPF completed its survey on Covid-19 and SRHR service provisions.

The APPG on PDRH continues to follow up with the Scottish APPG on SRH and Blood Borne viruses to set up a meeting with EPF to include Scottish MPs in EPF activities.

Please find enclosed the programme at Appendix 27

Study Tours

APPG on PDRH Bangladesh study tour, September 2019



UK APPG on PDRH delegation with Robert Chatterton Dickson, British High Commissioner and Sheikh Hasina, Honourable Prime Minister, Bangladesh

The APPG on PDRH organised a study tour to Bangladesh from 12-20th September 2019 for a cross-party UK parliamentary delegation. The delegation included: Baroness Tonge (non-affiliated), Baroness Jenkin (Conservative), Baroness Blackstone (Labour Independent), Baroness Uddin (non-affiliated), Baroness Hodgson (Conservative), Liz McInnes MP (Labour), John Mann MP (Labour), Steve McCabe MP (Labour), Nic Dakin MP (Labour) and Tommy Sheppard MP (SNP).



APPG on PDRH study tour delegation with UNFPA staff

The study tour was co-hosted with UNFPA with the aim of strengthening UK parliamentarians' knowledge about FP and SRHR, and to enhance the membership of the APPG on PDRH.

Prior to departure, the delegation was briefed in the UK Parliament by representatives from the UK FCO, DFID, UNFPA, MSI and the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC).

Whilst visiting Bangladesh, delegates were briefed and met with Sheikh Hasina, the Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh; Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, the Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament; members of the Bangladesh Parliament; the Bangladesh Foreign Minister and Minister of State and staff; the Director General of Family Planning in Bangladesh and his team of advisors; UNFPA country representative and staff; the UN Security Officer; the British High Commissioner and FCO/DFID staff; National and International NGO SRHR/GBV stakeholders working in Bangladesh; International Labour Organisation staff; and factory directors and workers. Delegates also met with directors and national and international health workers at government and NGO hospitals, training institutions and clinics. In Cox's Bazar the delegation met and spoke with the Refugee Relief & Repatriation Commissioner, refugee camp staff and Rohingya refugees via interpreters.



Tommy Sheppard MP, Nic Dakin MP and John Mann MP with UNFPA staff, Cox's Bazar

Study tour delegates were exposed to an array of FP and SRHR services and training institutions in Bangladesh, delivered by the Bangladesh government, national and international NGOs, the United Nations and the independent sector.



APPG on PDRH study tour delegation with Brigadier General A. K. M. Nasir Uddin, Dhaka Medical College Hospital

With their hosts, delegates discussed FP, menstrual regulation, safe abortion services, obstetric fistula, cervical cancer, HPV and vaccinations, and GBV, including child marriage.

They also discussed services for young and vulnerable populations, including in refugee settings, as well as general maternal and child healthcare, the training of skilled birth attendants/midwives and ID and its links to social and economic development and environmental protection.



Study tour delegates with midwifery students, Dhaka Nursing College

Study tour delegates agreed that the exposure to a wide variety of FP and SRHR and GBV services in different settings had enhanced their knowledge of the context, people's needs and challenges facing the Bangladesh Government. As a result, they were energised and inspired to advocate for policies and funding that ensure universal access to contraceptives and SRHR services to improve the lives of women and girls, and lead to economic growth and better welfare.



Study tour delegates visiting the nursery, Adhunik Poshak Shilpo Ltd factory, Kalshi, Dhaka

Nic Dakin MP, Tommy Sheppard MP and Steve McCabe MP joined the APPG on PDRH following the study tour.

The full study tour report is available [here](#).

General Written Briefings

This year, 137 written briefings were disseminated to members as updates on new international and UK FP/SRHR policies, funding, research or programme activities. Some briefings were sent in response to specific requests in support of parliamentary debates, legislation, questions or conference presentations.

Schedules of relevant weekly future business in Parliament have also been disseminated to all members to increase awareness of potential parliamentary advocacy opportunities.

Please find enclosed notices on future business circulated at Appendix 28

Drafted topical oral and written parliamentary questions to the SoS for ID, SoS for HSC, SoS for FCO, and Minister for Women and Equalities have likewise been disseminated to members for tabling in both Houses. A summary list of oral and written PQs can be found in the Parliamentary Statements, Legislation, Debates, EDMs and PQ section and a full list and information can be found on the APPG on PDRH [website](#).

Below is a list of written briefings disseminated to APPG on PDRH members:

- 1st April: Committee members received MSI briefing on FP in the UK
- 1st April: Baroness Tonge received briefings on USA expansion of the Global Gag Rule
- 23rd April: All members received EPF March 2019 newsletter
- 23rd April: All committee members received SRH Matters Journal study showing current policies to protect girls at risk of FGM are invasive and traumatising
- 23rd April: All members received the Guardian article: US threatening to veto UN resolution on rape as weapon of war
- 24th April: All members received link to UNFPA 2019 SWOP Report and press release: Unfinished Business - the pursuit of rights and choices for all
- 24th April: All members received Penny Mordaunt MP, SoS for ID, statement on period poverty
- 24th April: All members received UNFPA's SWOP report launch invitation
- 1st May: All members received invitation to the UNFPA event: Accelerating the Promise of ICPD on 17th May with launch of the UNFPA 2019 SWOP report launch
- 7th May: All members received invitation to the Kew Anniversary event on 5th June (World Environment Day)
- 7th May: All members received invitation to the UCL event: 'Touched by a Midwife: a photographic exhibition to celebrate International Day of the Midwife'
- 14th May: All members received invitation to RCOG Women Unite Film Forum on 28th May to celebrate International Day of Action for Women's Health
- 14th May: Baroness Tonge received update on when the Domestic Abuse Bill would return to Parliament
- 16th May: All members received invitation to the launch of the third State of the World's Fathers Report
- 21st May: All members received UK Government message regarding the UK VNR on the SDGs

- 21st May: All members received invitation to Leigh Day's Women's Rights to Healthcare event
- 21st May: All members received invitation to World Population Day (WPD) reception on 10th July
- 24th May: All members received invitation to the APPG for Trade Justice and ActionAid event: UK Women's Rights and Trade after Brexit
- 28th May: Baroness Tonge received country case studies on reduced fertility and rise in GNI in advance of the Guardian press event on 31st May
- 28th May: All members received invitation to EPF's study tour to the Philippines, 5-9th August
- 29th May: All committee members received EPF's communications on the 'to be created' Global Parliamentary Alliance on Health, Rights and Development (GPA)
- 11th June: Baroness Tonge received briefing follow up PQ for UK HoL short debate on adolescent girls in crisis
- 11th June: Baroness Watkins received a copy of State of the World's Fathers report as requested
- 12th June: Baroness Tonge received Yasmin Alibhai-Brown's email
- 12th June: Baroness Tonge received briefing for State of the World's Fathers report launch
- 13th June: All members received link to FCO report on human rights published June 2019
- 13th June: All members received EPF's May 2019 newsletter on SRH
- 14th June: Baroness Tonge received information on medical kits with misoprostol in humanitarian settings
- 18th June: Committee members were sent information about the IDC oral evidence session on the new SoS's priorities and UK progress on the SDGs
- 27th June: All members received APPG on PDRH Researcher's notes from IDC oral evidence session with Rory Stewart MP, SoS for ID
- 27th June: Baroness Tonge received from FORWARD: Trump DOJ Won't Defend Law Banning Female Genital Mutilation
- 1st July: Baroness Tonge and Baroness Barker received BPAS briefing 'Abortion Law Reform - Northern Ireland Next'
- 2nd July: All members received link and SRHR summary on UK VNR on SDGs published 26th June
- 2nd July: Baroness Tonge and Baroness Barker received invitation to WHO event: WHO consolidated guidelines on self-care interventions for health: SRHR
- 2nd July: All members received link to EPF analysis of European Parliament 2019 election results, with reference to SRHR/FP support

- 3rd July: All committee members received briefing from MASIC regarding cost savings to the NHS for the prevention/avoidance missed diagnosis obstetric anal sphincter injury
- 4th July: All members received the Centre for Reproductive Rights 2019 World Abortion Laws Map
- 4th July: Baroness Tonge received information from Abortion Rights regarding anti-SRHR activities in the USA
- 4th July: All members received briefing on infanticide in Senegal
- 5th July: All members received briefing for the VNR on the SDGs debate in the HoL on 10th July and HoC debates/questions
- 5th July: All committee members received article: 'Necropolis in crisis: housing the living is one thing, there is also a problem in housing the dead'
- 8th July: All members received Plan UK briefing for the Westminster Hall UHC and SRHR debate on Wednesday 9th July
- 8th July: Baroness Tonge received IPPF World Population Day reception briefing
- 9th July: All members received information on proposed amendments regarding the Northern Ireland abortion vote that day
- 9th July: Baroness Tonge received UNFPA briefing for 10th July World Population Day event
- 15th July: All HoL members received briefing from Marge Berer, Abortion Rights for Northern Ireland abortion vote in HoL
- 15th July: All HoL members received RCOG, BPAS etc briefings for HoL Northern Ireland abortion debate regarding Clause 9
- 16th July: Baroness Barker received IPPF call for funding applications to abortion projects (APPG SRH)
- 17th July: All members received the joint CSOs Statement: Human Rights Council session 41: Critical Gains Despite Backlash
- 18th July: All members received MEP Statement: Calling on Ursula von der Leyen (new EU commissioner) to strongly support and defend gender equality and SRHR
- 18th July: All members received EPF's June 2019 newsletter
- 1st August: All members received MSI's call to action: Empower women and girls for effective action on climate change
- 1st August: All members received summary information on President Trump's anti-SRHR demands
- 15th August: All members received EPF's July 2019 newsletter
- 19th August: All members received the new report from the UK National Maternity and Perinatal Audit
- 19th August: All members received the new WHO Health Equity Report to be launched on 10th September

- 28th August: All members received the EPF Update for APPG Secretariats and future activities
- 29th August: Baroness Tonge received information on the ICFP to be held in Thailand in February 2021
- 30th August: Baroness Tonge received briefing on Alok Sharma MP, the new SoS for ID
- 30 August: Baroness Tonge, Baroness Hussein-Ece and Virendra Sharma MP received UNFPA summary information on why there are restricted abortion services for the Rohingya in Bangladesh - 'refugee status unclear'
- 30th August: Baroness Barker received a briefing on UK STI statistics and information for HoL debate on STIs the following week
- 2nd September: All members received briefing on fact/figures for debates on FP/SRHR and SDGs - The Nairobi Summit on ICPD25: Partner Update, 29 August 2019
- 4th September: All members received EPF's Nairobi Summit invitation
- 6th September: Virendra Sharma MP received EPF Vancouver Women Deliver report for interview with EPF consultant
- 6th September: All MPs and Peers participating in the APPG on PDRH Bangladesh study tour received invitation to the APPG on the Rights of the Rohingya report launch
- 10th September: All members received EPF's perspective on the New Proposed European Commission
- 10th September: All members received the WHO first-ever report on progress to achieve health equity in the European region
- 20th September: Baroness Tonge received a copy of an exclusive interview with the first female President of Ethiopia
- 21st September: Baroness Tonge received RCOG study on the effect of delivery method on babies' gut bacteria
- 23rd September: All members received information that there will be a significant DFID FP announcement at the high-level event on UHC at the UN General Assembly
- 24th September: All members received information on Alok Sharma MP, SoS for ID's, announcement of £600 million in funding for FP for 2020-2025
- 26th September: All members received information that leaders at the UN General Assembly adopted the high-level UN Political Declaration on UHC
- 7th October: All members received EPF's Global Parliamentary Alliance newsletter
- 7th October: All members received drafted oral questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities
- 10th October: All members received link to Department of HSC report: Sex Ratios at Birth
- 11th October: All members received IDC press release: Tackling violence against aid workers, special report publication

- 11th October: Communications between Liz McInnes MP, Baroness Tonge and MSI regarding Fiona Bruce MP's anti-MSI EDM; Liz McInnes MP and Baroness Tonge received MSI's response
- 14th October: Baroness Tonge received research article: 'Closing the Poor-Rich Gap in contraceptive use in Rwanda, Understanding the Underlying Mechanisms'
- 15th October: Baroness Tonge received briefing on women's human rights and SRHR for HoL Queen's Speech
- 15th October: All members received briefing on the SDGs and the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 for the Queen's Speech in both chambers
- 22nd October: Select members and Baroness Butler-Sloss received briefing on forced marriage for Baroness Cox's HoL debate on 23rd October
- 23rd October: Select members received exclusive Q&A with first female President of Ethiopia
- 23rd October: All committee members received, as requested, information about Lord Ahmad, London Conference on Sexual Violence in Conflict, 18-20th November 2019
- 23rd October: All committee members received link to UK latest Maternal and Neonatal Deaths reports 2018, as requested
- 25th October: HoC members received drafted oral questions to Foreign Secretary
- 17th/23rd/26th October: Baroness Tonge received two briefings for Chatham House Event of Lancet Commission on Global Health and the Law
- October/November: Members received EPF's invitation to Nairobi Summit, Kenya
- 4th November: Baroness Blackstone received briefing for Plan UK Nairobi send-off event
- 6th November: HoL members received invitation to EPF meeting, Cotonou, Benin
- 19th November: Lord Hussain received information on child marriage in the UK
- 20th November: Lord Hussain received photos from Nairobi Summit
- 20th November: Baroness Sheehan received briefing for Health Poverty Action event on Sierra Leone
- 21st November: Baroness Uddin received external briefing on Storying Relationships Interim Report: how Muslims talk about SRHR, November 2019
- 26th November: HoL members received MSI overview of party manifestos and SRHR
- 28th November: HoL members received RCOG/FSRH manifesto
- 28th November: HoL members received press release: 'A new comparative overview of European abortion laws' from the Center for Reproductive Rights
- 1st December: Lord Hussain and Lord Lea received briefings including IPCI ICPD PoA, Ottawa Parliamentary Statement 2019
- 2nd December: HoL members received link to the Guardian article: 'UK one stop shops for women's health'

- 12th December/6th January: Viscount Craigavon received briefing for HoL Queen's Speech
- 7th January: Committee Members received interview with Marta Roig, lead author of UN DESA's upcoming World Social Report on equality
- 7th January: Baroness Tonge received briefing on FCO/DFID for HoL Queen's Speech
- 7th January: Lord Hussain received briefing for HoL Queen's Speech on the Nairobi Summit
- 14th January: Committee members received copy of joint NGO submission to DFID's ending preventable deaths action plan and minutes of consultation with SRHR Network
- 20th January: Baroness Tonge received briefing on nutrition and SRHR in support of HoL debate on 21st January
- 28th January: Baroness Tonge received information for oral questions 'to ask HMG how they intend to respond to the decision of the International Court of Justice to direct the government of Myanmar to prevent all genocidal acts against Rohingya Muslims' on 29th January
- 28th January: UK CoE members received EPF briefing on important vote 29th January 2020 on draft Resolution on the protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace
- 30th January: HoL members received a briefing of points to be made in HoL debate 'The role played by defence, diplomacy and development policy in building a safer, fairer and cleaner world' on 30th January
- 31st January: EPF, UNFPA, MSI and IPPF received reply to Baroness Tonge's written PQs re UK ODA to SRHR which is now 13.6% of UK total ODA
- 31st January: HoL members received factsheet on adolescent girls and FP/SRHR and early pregnancy (available [here](#)) in connection with oral PQs on 6th February 2020: 'Oral questions on ensuring aid is directed by the Department for International Development to the most vulnerable'
- 5th February: All members received, in advance of Zero Tolerance Day on 6th February, the Home Office's updated FGM resource pack (available [here](#)).
- 6th February: Baroness Northover received FORWARD briefing in support of topical FGM question in HoL
- 7th February: All members received Plan UK invitation to event: Hidden Voices UK: Circumcised Women Speak Out
- 7th February: Baroness Barker received links to APPG on PDRH abortion hearings and evidence as requested
- 10th February: Baroness Jenkin and Baroness Tonge received briefing and invitation to 'Hidden Voices UK: Circumcised Women Speak Out' event
- 17th February: Baroness Tonge and Baroness Barker received MSD Vaccine Briefing and follow up communications after briefing meeting
- 27th February: Baroness Tonge and Baroness Jenkin received the Population Council's latest research on FGM prevalence

- 3rd March: All committee members received MSI briefing on abortion for IWD debates
- 3rd March: All members received MSI's campaign calling for an end to abortion stigma
- 3rd March: All committee members received list of new IDC members
- 3rd March: All members received UN World Population factsheet
- 3rd March: All committee members received information on DFID support in Jordan and Lebanon as requested
- 10th March: All members received link to the new report from Global Health 50/50 on gender and equity policies and practices of 200 global health organisations
- 13th March: All members received briefing from the University of Bristol on how to increase contraceptive uptake in low-income countries
- 16th March: All members received the article: 'DFID civil servants now having to report to FCO'
- 17th March: Baroness Tonge and Baroness Jenkin received Guardian article: 'True numbers of FGM victims could be far higher as countries fail to record cases'
- 17th March: All members received RCOG press release: 'RCOG calls for government action to tackle racial inequalities in women's healthcare'
- 20th March: Baroness Tonge and Baroness Jenkin received Equality Now and City University 2014 study on FGM figures
- 20th March: All members received PAI Analysis: A Snapshot of Global Gag Rule Financial Impacts from the Government Accountability Office
- 20th March: Baroness Uddin received follow up oral PQs on inequalities in UK maternity services, as requested
- 23rd March: All members received End FGM European Network, Equality Now, and the U.S. End FGM/C Network report: Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: A Call for a Global Response
- 25th March: All members received EPF's GPA bulletin
- 27th March: All members received MSI letter: UK abortion access under Covid-19 - women have to break self-isolation!
- 31st March: All members received a press release on the new regulations that will shape provision of safe abortion in Northern Ireland
- 31st March: All members received UNFPA's global response appeal to Covid-19
- 31st March: All members received Covid-19: a message from IPPF's Director-General
- 31st March: All members received Covid-19 and SRHR in Morocco, Togo and Palestine – IPPF case studies from the field
- 31st March: All members received information that the UK Government made a U-turn last week and approved home use of miso/mife in the UK

Please find enclosed all written briefings disseminated at Appendix 29

General Collaboration, Meetings and Correspondence

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

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

UNFPA; IPPF; MSI; Inspire; UK SRHR Network; Plan UK, Chatham House, Women's UN Report Network, Abortion Rights, RCOG, Forced Marriage and FGM NGOs including FORWARD, Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO), Agency for Culture and Change Management UK (ACCM), and Girls not Brides; Sussex University; MSD; VSO; Population Sustainability Network/Margaret Pyke Trust; Save the Children; bpas; Commonwealth Medical Trust (COMMAT); AgeConcern; Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust; and other NGOs, academic institutions and individuals working on SRHR and related health issues.

Meetings

UNFPA

The APPG on PDRH continues to have strong links and to collaborate with UNFPA. Ragaa Said, UNFPA, New York, and Matthew Jackson, UNFPA, London, are the main points of contact.

Of particular importance this year were communications and collaboration in connection with the APPG on PDRH Bangladesh study tour in September 2019, co-organised with UNFPA Bangladesh (please see further information in the study tour section of this Annual Report) and joint events organised on the lead up to the Nairobi ICPD+25 conference (please see further information in the APPG on PDRH Briefing Meetings section in this Annual Report). Intelligence has also been shared throughout the year with regards to DFID Ministerial appointments and the UK VNR on the SDGs. UNFPA has also shared numerous briefings for UK Parliamentary debates.

Baroness Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Ragaa Said at the Women Deliver Conference and with Matt Jackson in the UK Parliament, including two meetings in February 2020, one of which included Riva Eskinazi, IPPF, and Bethan Copley, MSI, to strategise and discuss future collaborative activities including the recruitment of new UK parliamentary advocates for the ICPD PoA. Discussions have also taken place on abortion services in humanitarian crises and national versus international abortion provisions following UNFPA presentations on this topic at the Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver.

The APPG on PDRH completed an UNFPA survey on specific country offices in July 2019 as requested, and in February 2020 the UNFPA Eastern European office assisted the APPG on PDRH in the preliminary organisation of a study tour to Lesbos, which was then put on hold until the autumn due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 30

IPPF

The APPG on PDRH continues to have strong links and to collaborate with IPPF. Riva Eskinazi is the main point of contact. Most of the correspondence has been in connection with jointly organised briefing events (please see further information in the APPG on PDRH briefing meetings section of this Annual Report). Information has also been shared with

regards to ministerial appointments, and Baroness Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Riva Eskinazi, IPPF, Matt Jackson, UNFPA, and Bethan Cobley, MSI, in February 2020 to strategise and discuss future collaborative activities including the recruitment of new UK parliamentary advocates for the ICPD PoA. IPPF has also shared numerous written briefings for parliamentary debates and supported the APPG on PDRH with the shipment of hearing reports and posters to global conferences.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 31

MSI

The APPG on PDRH continues to have strong links and to collaborate with MSI. Bethan Cobley is the main point of contact. MSI provided several briefing papers pertinent to parliamentary debates which were disseminated to members and joint parliamentary events were organised (please see further information in the APPG on PDRH briefing meetings section of this Annual Report). Information has also been shared with regards to ministerial appointments and Baroness Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Bethan Cobley, MSI, Riva Eskinazi, IPPF, and Matt Jackson, UNFPA, in February 2020 to strategise and discuss future collaborative activities including the recruitment of new UK parliamentary advocates for the ICPD PoA.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 32

Inspire

Ann Mette Kjaerby has been communicating with the Inspire secretariat via emails and in person at conferences. The Inspire newsletter on SRHR campaign activities and relevant information have been disseminated to APPG on PDRH members. In April 2019, the APPG on PDRH also shared Penny Mordaunt MP, SoS for ID's, statement on period poverty for dissemination to European counterparts in the Inspire newsletter.



Inspire Members, AGM, Athens, Greece

Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the Inspire's AGM in Athens, Greece 1-2nd October 2019. The two and a half day meeting brought together close to 130 SRHR advocates and experts from around the world. This annual event brings together progressive influencers from the SRHR community and like-minded international experts and global leaders.

This year's event, entitled 'Inspire for the Future: A Journey Towards Success', focussed on three strategic priorities, namely: access to medical abortion, the anti-gender movement, and the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25. It was a solid programme made up of a youth-led event, interactive panels, and workshops to promote the exchange of ideas on these important topics. As a follow up to the event, parliamentary advocacy took place in the UK on the UK VNR on the SDGs and the Nairobi Summit.

The full programme is available [here](#).

UK SRHR Network

The APPG on PDRH has been in regular contact with the UK SRHR Network and its member organisations and staff throughout the year. Minutes of SRHR Network meetings have been shared. Of particular interest this year were discussions surrounding the UK Government VNR on the SDGs Report in July 2019. UK SRHR Network briefing papers and campaign activities have also been shared with members for parliamentary debates. Erica Belanger, Safe Hands, was elected Chair of the Network in January 2020.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 33

Plan International UK

Bekky Ashmore, Plan International UK, has been in regular contact with the APPG on PDRH this year in connection with SRHR campaigns and briefing meetings (please see further information in the APPG on PDRH Briefing Meetings section of this Annual Report). In May 2019, discussions concentrated on the APPG on PDRH Bangladesh study tour and new SRHR parliamentary champions. In autumn 2019, discussions took place in connection with the Nairobi Summit and, in January 2020, DFID's ending preventable deaths action plan.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 34

Chatham House

Baroness Tonge met with Robert Yates, Chatham House, in the spring of 2019 at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health event celebrating child health recovery in post-Ebola Sierra Leone. At the event, medical detention for non-payments of obstetric services was discussed and Baroness Tonge subsequently tabled several written questions on this subject (available on the APPG on PDRH [website](#)). Sample written PQ is here:

Baroness Tonge asked HMG: What estimate, if any, they have made of the prevalence of medical detentions after childbirth complications in hospitals in countries that receive UK ODA; and if they have had discussions with countries which receive UK ODA about women and girls being held in medical detention due to their inability to pay medical bills relating to childbirth complications; and whether they encourage such countries, in such discussions, to release such women and girls; and whether HMG support work in countries which receive UK ODA to release women and girls from being held in medical detention due to their inability to pay medical bills after childbirth complications; and when they expect the World Health Organization will complete its review on the extent of the problem of women being detained because they cannot pay medical fees; and as a result when they expect to be able to provide an accurate assessment of the scale of this problem in countries in receipt of UK Official Development Assistance.

Baroness Sugg replied: 'The UK is deeply concerned that women are being detained because they cannot pay medical fees, including after childbirth complications. We are currently supporting the World Health Organization to review the extent of the problem and assess what can be done.'

'Through our work at country level, we also help promote financing reforms to benefit the poor and reduce out-of-pocket expenditure on health. We also advocate for respectful behaviour in health facilities. We are committed to deepen our engagement in this area to ensure respectful and safe maternity care that does not impoverish mothers and; the UK is deeply concerned that women are being detained because they cannot pay medical fees, including after childbirth complications. The WHO review will not be able to provide definitive numbers on the scale of this problem but will provide information on detention in hospitals for a policy brief that is expected by the end of 2019. DFID will ensure we respond to the policy brief. It will inform how we contribute to the long-term approach to promote financing reforms to benefit the poor and reduce out-of-pocket health expenditure.'

In October 2019 Baroness Tonge agreed to speak at the Chatham House event: Lancet Commission on SRHR and Human Rights law (please see further information in the press section of this Annual Report).

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 35

Women's UN Report Network (WUNRN) meeting, 21st October 2019, HoC, London

Baroness Tonge and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Sadia Mir from WUNRN in October 2019 for an update on WUNRN's work and to discuss possible collaborative events involving SRHR and religion. In February 2020, Baroness Tonge was asked to speak at a WUNRN event in March 2020 on 'The Right to Sustainable Peace and Security'. The event was organised in collaboration with UNHRC and the Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law, but it was postponed due to Covid-19 and the lockdown.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 36

Abortion Rights

The APPG on PDRH has met with and been in contact with Marge Berer, Abortion Rights, this year to discuss USA funding and abortion, and FGM in the UK (please see further information in the Briefing Meetings section of this Annual Report).

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 37

RCOG

Baroness Tonge and other members of the APPG on PDRH have met with Professor Lesley Regan, President, RCOG, and her colleagues and new advisor Stephen Hall this year to discuss collaborative events (please see further information in the Conferences section of this Annual Report). In January 2020, Baroness Tonge met with Professor Regan to congratulate her on her Damehood. RCOG briefings have been disseminated to members in connection with the Northern Ireland abortion debates and the International Women Day debates. Dr Edward Morris was elected the new President of RCOG in December 2019.



Dr Edward Morris, RCOG President

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 38

Forced marriage and FGM NGOs and individuals: Plan International UK, FORWARD, IKWRO, ACCM UK, Girls not Brides, Eylem Atakav from University of East Anglia, and individuals working on FGM and child marriage

The APPG on PDRH has communicated and met with numerous NGO representatives and individuals working on child marriage and FGM this year to discuss the Government's Domestic Abuse Bill and plans to amend it to increase age of marriage to 18 in the UK. Discussions have also taken place in connection with FGM PQs and the large roundtable meeting organised in February 2020 to discuss and progress action on FGM. The APPG on PDRH has also co-hosted events in Parliament with FORWARD to update members on FGM campaign activities (please see further information in the APPG on PDRH briefing meetings section of the Annual Report).

Baroness Tonge wrote several letters to Zac Goldsmith MP and Jess Phillips MP, Chairs of the APPG on FGM, this year to set up collaborative events but received no replies. The APPG on FGM was supported by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) but no longer exists.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 39

In October 2019, Baroness Tonge and other members signed a FGM NGO petition to end child marriage in the UK – please see [here](#).



In December 2019, Baroness Tonge wrote a letter of support for Eylem Atakav, Professor of Film, Gender and Public Engagement, University of East Anglia, and producer and director of the documentary 'Growing Up Married', as requested.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 40

Sussex University

The APPG on PDRH remains in contact with Maya Unnithan, Sussex University, in connection with research on abortion and sex selection in the UK. This year the UK Department of Health released their report on sex ratios at birth in Great Britain. The purpose of the report was to identify if there was any evidence that sex selective abortions were happening at scale within specific communities in Great Britain. Please see full report [here](#).

The key finding was: They found no evidence for sex selective abortions occurring in Great Britain over the period of 2013-2017.

In June 2019, Baroness Tonge wrote a letter of support to Maya Unnitham, summarising collaborative activities as requested.

Please find enclosed letter and sample communications at Appendix 41

MSD

Baroness Tonge, Baroness Barker and Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Harriet Adams and Nav Singh, MSD, in February 2020 for a briefing on MSD's work on HPV and vaccinations in the UK following the launch of EPF's HPV Atlas in Europe on 22nd February 2020 in the UK Parliament. Opportunities and challenges facing the UK Government and its immunisations programmes were discussed, along with the Government's upcoming vaccination strategy and the APPG on PDRH's planned study tour to Lesbos. Baroness Tonge tabled the following written PQ after the meeting:

Baroness asked HMG: 'When they expect to publish their vaccines strategy; and whether that strategy will include HPV vaccinations.'

Lord Bethell replied: 'The forthcoming vaccine strategy will consider all vaccination programmes over the life-course and, as such, includes HPV vaccinations. These HPV programmes, introduced for girls in 2008 and extended to boys in 2019, have been highly effective in reducing infections of the HPV types which cause the majority of cervical cancers (HPV16 and 18), and are expected to further reduce other cancers caused by HPV.'

The vaccine strategy will be published in due course.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 42

Correspondence

The APPG on PDRH communicated with many SRHR/population experts and individuals listed this year, including:

- VSO in May 2019 in relation to the setting up of an NGO stall in Gareth Thomas MP's constituency to introduce school children to NGOs' activities;

- PSN in August 2019 in connection with the APPG on PDRH signing their 'Thriving Together' campaign letter, and in September 2019 support was given to a PSN funding application;
- Simon Right, Director of International Development Policy, Advocacy & Campaigns, Save the Children, in August and October 2019 in connection with Donald Trump and the expansion of the Global Gag Rule and the impact on NGO funding. Baroness Tonge tabled follow up PQs available on the APPG on PDRH [website](#);
- bpas throughout the year in connection with briefings disseminated to members for parliamentary debates on Northern Ireland and abortion;
- Marianne Haslegrove, COMMAT, in connection with the UK VNR on the SDGs;
- Nahid Toubia in May 2019 on UK ODA and FGM;
- Chinyere Opia from Nigeria to forward contact details of the UK APPG on Human Trafficking;
- AgeConcern staff in May 2019 in connection with preparations for the Women Deliver Conference, Vancouver and a side event on SRHR and older people;
- RESULT in September 2019 in connection with their UK report on health system strengthening and transition;
- Joyce Arthur, from Canada, in September 2019 regarding her new film on abortion and conscientious objection and its possible screening in the UK parliament when decriminalising abortion next debated;
- Jon O'Brien, Catholics for Choice, regarding possible future APPG on PDRH hearings on religion and SRHR (Jon O'Brien has since stepped down as President);
- Louis Murphy Piggott, Westminster Forum Projects, in December 2019 in connection with Baroness Tonge possibly speaking at their next Energy, Environment & Transport Forum event;
- Alice Welbourn, The Salamander Trust, in January 2020 in connection with disseminating to members their briefing on HPV and cervical cancer for women living with HIV; and
- Kate Sanger, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust, in February 2020 to obtain HPV figures for specific UK MP constituencies as requested by MPs that attended the EPF HPV Atlas launch.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 43

Press

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



Baroness Tonge (far right) at the Guardian event

In May 2019, Baroness Tonge spoke at a Guardian event hosted in partnership with the Centre for Reproductive Rights, where panellists discussed the global attack on reproductive rights and how to fight back. Liz Ford, the Global Development deputy editor of the Guardian, moderated. Keynote speakers included: Kate Gilmore, the UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights; Nancy Northup, the President and CEO of the CFRR; and Layla Hussein, Psychotherapist specialising in supporting survivors of sexual abuse and lecturer on FGM.

Please find enclosed agenda and sample communications at Appendix 44



Baroness Tonge speaking at the Chatham House event

In October 2019, Baroness Tonge spoke at a Chatham House event where the Lancet, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, and Georgetown University launched their joint Commission on Global Health and the Law report. Richard Horton, editor-in-chief of the Lancet, moderated the panel of speakers, which included: Baroness Hale, President of the Supreme Court of the UK; Lawrence Gostin, Faculty Director, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, and University Professor, Georgetown University; John Monahan, Senior Advisor to the President of Georgetown University; and Rob Yates, Head of the Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House.

The report's message was highlighted with speeches on the immense power that the law has on advancing the right to health. Both Baroness Hale and Baroness Tonge reviewed the UK abortion law and its impact on women's reproductive rights in the UK.

Full information is available [here](#).

The APPG on PDRH remains in contact with UNFPA, EPF and SRHR NGO press officers and liaises with DFID staff about press opportunities at events and conferences. APPG on PDRH press releases have been released and disseminated to targeted editors for relevant events including the World Population Day reception, July 2019, and in response to published reports on climate change in January 2020 to raise the profile and importance of universal access to SRHR.

Please find enclosed sample press releases disseminated at Appendix 45

Social media

The APPG on PDRH continues to 'tweet' (on social media application Twitter) about parliamentary events and activities, including PQs, debates and PMBs. The tweets can be found on the homepage of the APPG on PDRH [website](#) and on its Twitter feed @APPGPopDevRep. Tweets have covered the following topics:

Photo of Baroness Tonge supporting maternal health as part of Christian Aid Week; retweeted EPF tweet on International Day to End Obstetric Fistula; retweeted Dr Natalia Kanem's tweet on UNFPA efforts to end obstetric fistula; retweeted EPF tweet commemorating International Day of Action for Women's Health; tweeted about members' upcoming attendance at Women Deliver conference; tweeted about Baroness Tonge speaking on a panel at the Justice Fight event; retweeted UNFPA tweet commemorating Menstrual Hygiene Day; tweeted a Guardian obituary for abortion campaigner and doctor, David Paintin; and retweeted Center for Reproductive Rights tweet on Justice Fight event; retweeted CARE SRHR link to article on link between maternal morbidity and lack of access to healthcare in Central African Republic; retweeted IPPF Global memo on link between climate change and increasing girls' and women's SRHR; tweeted photo of Baroness Tonge opening the State of the World's Fathers report launch in Parliament with quote from report; tweeted photo of Gary Barker and Nikki van der Gaag at State of the World's Fathers report launch with quote; tweeted photo of Marvyn Harrison of Dope Black Dads at State of the World's Fathers report launch; tweeted photo of David Lammy MP speaking at State of the World's Fathers report launch with quote from report; retweeted IPPF Global re launch of SafeAccess initiative to end unsafe abortion; retweeted EPF re study showing increase in incidence of four common STIs; retweeted Population Council tweet re approaches to ending child marriage in Ethiopia; tweeted re APPG members debating Women Deliver conference and UK role in promoting gender equality and SRHR internationally in HoL on 17/6/19; retweeted IPCI conference report; retweeted Baroness Hussein-Ece re HoL debate on Women Deliver conference and gender equality; tweeted photo of 'Who Decides' abortion report at RCOG conference; retweeted EPF tweet on maternal morbidity and midwifery; retweeted Population Institute tweet of Newsweek article on the motivation behind and impact of the GGR; retweeted EPF tweet of article on importance of improving perinatal care; tweeted photo of Baroness Tonge speaking in HoL debate on Women Deliver conference, gender equality and abortion; retweeted Ipas tweet on reproductive health services for Rohingya refugees; retweeted EPF tweet of Guardian article on obstetric violence; retweeted announcement of DFID select committee oral evidence session next week; retweeted EPF re John Mann MP participating in panel on Parliamentarians' Dialogue and Study Tour to Zambia; retweeted EPF photo of Parliamentarians on study tour in Zambia; retweeted EPF photo of John Mann MP on parliamentarians panel in Zambia; retweeted UNFPA Zambia photo of parliamentarians on study tour in Zambia; retweeted Inspire tweet re Rutgers initiative to address SRHR needs of those in humanitarian settings; retweeted EPF tweet of photo and quote of John Mann MP speaking during parliamentarians panel in Zambia; retweeted EPF photo of John Mann MP and others speaking during Zambian study tour; retweeted EPF photos of parliamentarians visiting a hospital in Lusaka during study tour; retweeted photo of parliamentarians visiting National Assembly during study tour to Zambia; retweeted EPF photos of parliamentarians during final day in Zambia; retweeted Too Young To Wed's tweet about Jaha Dukureh's activism against FGM and child marriage in west Africa; retweeted EFP photo of parliamentarians visiting Medical Stores Limited during Zambia study tour; retweeted MSI tweet on Lancet article about effects of GGR; retweeted IPPF tweet of Guardian article on rise in sexual violence against women and girls; retweeted EPF tweet on International Day of Parliamentarianism; retweeted Marilou McPhedran tweet of communique concluding the Parliamentarians Dialogue and Study Tour to Zambia; retweeted EPF tweet of statistics on the value for money of FP; retweeted MSI tweet on importance of FP to health and building resilience to climate change; retweeted Forward UK's tweet of Brookings Institute article on the poor economic and health outcomes which result from child marriage; retweeted MSI tweet of New Republic article on effects of GGR on access to contraception and abortion rates; tweeted article on link between restrictive abortion laws and infanticide in Senegal; tweeted Observer article about film on FGM activist in Somalia; tweeted Observer

op-ed on population crisis; Retweeted Baroness Barker with video of her and Baroness Tonge arguing to extend abortion rights to Northern Ireland; retweeted Liz Ford Guardian article on prosecution of women in El Salvador who've suffered obstetric emergencies; retweeted Sarah Hillware tweet of article on centrality of women's reproductive rights to economic empowerment; retweeted Virendra Sharma MP tweet of video showing him question the PM on the UK's commitment to spending 0.7% of GNI on ID; retweeted MSI tweet thanking HoL for backing abortion reform in Northern Ireland; retweeted MSI tweet celebrating vote to decriminalise abortion in Northern Ireland; retweeted Liz Ford tweet of Guardian article on cost of preventing maternal deaths; tweeted Guardian article on use of ODA for fossil fuel projects; retweeted Diana Johnson MP tweet about urgent question on abortion law in England and Wales; tweeted video of Diana Johnson MP, Kate Green MP and Liz McInnes MP speaking on urgent question on decriminalising abortion in Northern Ireland; retweeted Plan International tweet on the ban of child marriage in Mozambique; retweeted SRHM article on 'Disability and sexuality: claiming sexual and reproductive rights'; retweeted FSRH tweet about the co-commissioning of sexual and reproductive health services aspects of the prevention green paper published in July 2019; retweeted Ben Kasstan's tweet of GHSP article on saving women's lives through emergency obstetric care and voluntary FP; tweeted Guardian photo documentary of people trapped by Yemen's war; retweeted Sarah Hyde tweet on mainstreaming gender in the design and evaluation of women's health programming; retweeted EPF tweet on the cost-effectiveness of FP; retweeted MSI tweet on their successful repeal of restrictions on young people's access to contraception in Madagascar; tweeted about MK attending the Inspire conference in Athens; tweet about the Inspire conference on 30 September – 2 October; retweet EPF tweet on FP, gender equality and poverty reduction; tweet about meeting with NGOs re child marriage; retweet IPPF European Network tweet on Inspire Conference; retweet Priti Patel MP on reintroduction of Domestic Abuse Bill in next session; tweet Guardian article on suicide of schoolgirl who was period shamed; retweet Inspire tweet re deadline for registering for conference; retweet Ben Kasstan tweet on illegal abortion market in Zimbabwe; retweet SRHM article on elimination of stigma and discrimination in sexual and reproductive health care; retweet Inspire tweet re closing of registrations for conference; retweet Baroness Sugg post about women's rights and unsafe abortion; retweeted Baroness Jenkin tweet about Bangladesh visit; retweeted Liz Ford Guardian article on Commonwealth ministers meeting on gender equality; tweeted Guardian article on number of women dying in childbirth; retweeted Simon Cooke of MSI on US's leaked letter on opposition to abortion at UNGA; retweeted Lancet article on prioritising gender equality and women's health and rights in UHC; retweeted IKWRO tweet on child marriage / raising the minimum marriage age in the UK; retweeted DFID tweet announcing £600m for FP at UNGA; tweeted about Boris Johnson's £515m pledge for girls' education; retweeted Foreign Office tweet re giving girls 12 years of quality education; retweeted Rosemary Morgan tweet on role of gendered languages in limiting women's opportunities; retweeted Foreign Office video of Ziauddin Yousafai speaking about the importance of educating girls around the world; retweeted #MenEndFGM tweet on engaging men in the fight against FGM; retweeted DFID tweet/video on importance of FP to women's empowerment at UNGA; retweeted Mark Lowcock, UN Relief Chief, on need to amplify voices of women and girls to address GBV in humanitarian emergencies; retweet WHO tweet on World Contraception Day; retweet Guttmacher Institute tweet on World Contraception Day; retweeted Canada Mission UN tweet on ICPD Programme of Action and Nairobi Summit; retweeted PEPFAR tweet on Rwanda Population-based HIV Impact Assessment; retweeted Population Council tweet on contraception methods; retweeted Family Planning 2020 tweet on range of available contraception for World Contraception Day; retweeted EPF tweet re International Safe Abortion Day; retweeted IPPF Global on making abortion safe and legal; retweeted Abortion Rights tweet of Virendra Sharma MP supporting abortion rights; retweet UK in Sudan tweet on fighting FGM in Sudan; retweeted UNFPA Brussels tweet on Inspire Conference attended by MK; retweeted IPPF Global tweet of Guardian article on impact of Global Gag Rule in Nepal; retweeted Alok Sharma MP tweet on preventing the deaths of mothers, newborns and children; retweeted Sarah Hyde tweet about connection between maternal deaths and unsafe abortion; retweeted Dandelion Africa tweet on engaging men on contraception; tweeted about International Day of the Girl and Global Fund for Women; retweeted ActionAid UK tweet on girls' right to education; retweeted Center for Reproductive Rights' World Abortion Laws Map; retweeted Family Planning 2020 tweet on necessity of contraception to girls and women in refugee camps and crisis zones; tweeted Telegraph article on MPs' push to raise the marriage age to 18; retweeted Women Deliver tweet on status of gender equality across the SDGs; retweeted Guttmacher Institute article on closing the poor-rich gap in contraceptive use in Rwanda; retweeted IKWRO tweet on changing the law to end child marriage in the UK; retweet IPPFAR tweet on increasing access to quality and affordable healthcare, including SRHR, in Africa; retweeted Foreign Office tweet on 12 years of education for girls; retweeted DFID tweet on Day of the Girl with comment about empowering girls and women by sticking up for their right to accessible FP; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on necessity of bodily autonomy to gender equality; and retweeted UNFPA tweet on prevalence of FGM and Nairobi Summit; Retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on gender equality; retweeted Alok Sharma on DFID's priorities; retweeted BBC News on passage of NI abortion law deadline; retweeted ContraceptionInfo.eu tweet of BBC article on male contraceptive pill; retweeted Girls Not Brides tweet on Tanzanian law banning child marriage; retweeted Pauline Latham MP's

tweet about her work with UN on IDC; retweeted Pauline Latham MP's tweet about work to raise minimum marriage age in UK; retweeted Sarah Champion MP's tweet about work to raise minimum marriage age in UK; retweeted Dereje Wordofa (of UNFPA) tweet on research findings into maternal and newborn health improvements in Nigeria, Ethiopia and India; retweeted Women Deliver report on improving access to quality sexual and reproductive health services; tweeted Washington Post article on reports of sexual violence and infringement of reproductive rights in China; retweeted DFID tweet on challenges facing women and girls globally and ending preventable maternal and newborn deaths; tweeted about APPG on PDRH's attendance at Nairobi Summit; retweeted Liz Ford tweet of Guardian article on launch of global fund for survivors of violence in conflict; retweeted IPPFAR tweet on need for African parliamentarians to advocate for teen sexuality programmes and educational attainment for girls; tweeted that APPG will be off social media during the GE period; tweeted about APPG on PDRH's reconstitution; retweeted Baroness Uddin's tweet re APPG's reconstitution and campaigns; retweeted EPF tweet about upcoming HPV/Cervical Cancer atlas launch; retweeted EPF tweet about HPV/Cervical Cancer atlas; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet about SRHR Network AGM; retweeted Planned Parenthood Global tweet promoting live twitter chat on Global Gag Rule; retweeted IKWRO tweet promoting Brides Do Good child marriage event in Parliament; retweeted Sarah Champion's tweet on PM's review of overseas aid budget; tweeted reminder about Lifting the Veil child marriage event in Parliament; retweeted IKWRO tweet on Lifting the Veil event; tweeted about launch of new APPG on PDRH website; tweeted APPG on PDRH press release on connection between population, contraception and climate change; retweeted IWHC tweet about importance of FP with link to devex.com article; retweeted Sarah Champion's tweet on Lifting the Veil panel with encouragement to contact MPs to support the ban against child marriage; retweeted Margaret Pyke Trust tweet on importance of girls' education and FP as a solution to climate change; retweeted Liz Ford Guardian article on 'Climate breakdown 'is increasing violence against women''; tweeted Guardian article on FGM in Egypt; retweeted Baroness Jenkin tweet of Baroness Sugg promoting International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM and HoL debate; retweeted EPF tweet on connection between women's ability to choose and her health and wellbeing with photo of the MP Forum; retweeted UNFPA tweet on child marriage; tweeted about child marriage with link to UNFPA FAQ sheet; retweeted Girls Not Brides tweet of Payzee Malika article on child marriage; retweeted Sarah Champion tweet congratulating Anne-Marie Trevelyan on her appointment as SoS for ID; retweeted Alok Sharma tweet on COP26 saying that SRHR must be part of the conversation; retweeted Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon tweet on his re-appointment as MoS for the Foreign Office and appointment as MoS for DFID; retweeted Baroness Sugg on her re-appointment as MoS for DFID and appointment as MoS for the FCO with priority on 12 years of quality education for girls; retweeted Lancet tweet on failure of countries to provide children with healthy lives and climate; tweeted about APPG on PDRH's Bangladesh study tour report; retweeted Sarah Hyde tweet on connection between climate change and child marriage; retweeted IWHC tweet on medication abortion; retweeted Liz Ford Guardian article on impact of injectable contraceptives among refugee women from South Sudan; tweeted about SafeAbortion's guidance for journalists on medical abortion pills; retweeted MSI tweet on funding for safe abortion in Mozambique; and retweeted Sujaa Sadia Hussein on how lack of access to education can lead to child marriage; retweeted IPPF Global on SheDecides Day; retweeted Baroness Sugg tweet on Coalition for Global Prosperity and girls' education; retweeted Baroness Jenkin on FGM roundtable; retweeted Baroness Barker on FGM roundtable; tweeted on FGM roundtable; retweeted Baroness Sugg on FGM roundtable; retweeted Amb. Albert Shingiro on shortening of CSW64 due to Covid-19; retweeted Sarah Champion tweet of Times article on politicisation of foreign aid under Boris Johnson; retweeted Bond on DFID funds moving to FCO; retweeted Bekky Ashmore tweet of photo of Baroness Tonge and Virendra Sharma at Action for Global Health reception; retweeted Bekky Ashmore on achieving nutrition targets; tweeted Guardian article on true number of FGM survivors; retweeted CARE tweet of Guardian article on abortion in Kenya; retweeted Dame Diana Johnson video of oral questions on abortion services in Northern Ireland; tweeted Guardian article on decriminalisation of abortion in New Zealand; tweeted about Sarah Champion's appointment as Chair of the IDC; retweeted EPF on effect of Covid-19 on SRHR, gender equality and GBV; retweeted EPF tweet on UNFPA's technical brief on Covid-19; retweeted Grainne Teggart tweet on home use of medication abortion during Covid-19 pandemic; retweeted bpas tweet on amending Coronavirus Bill to protect women's access to abortion care during pandemic; retweeted MSI tweet on campaign on expanding access to abortion services in the UK during pandemic; tweeted Independent article setting out the Government's unexplained reversal on allowing medication abortion at home during the pandemic; retweeted Dame Diana Johnson tweet on Matt Hancock's reversal on telehealth abortion services; retweeted bpas tweet calling on Boris Johnson to allow medication abortion via telehealth; retweeted Baroness Barker tweet on asking the Government to use emergency powers to introduce telemedicine for early medical abortions; retweeted Baroness Barker bpas video on Government's refusal to allow early medical abortions via telemedicine; retweeted Shannon Kowalski on SRHM Journal webinar on SRH shortages due to Covid-19; retweeted SRHM link to its webinar recording; retweeted bpas tweet on Government's decision to allow early medication abortion via telemedicine; retweeted Speaking Up for Aid tweet on negative consequences of absorbing DFID into FCO; retweeted Sarah Champion retweet of UN Women

tweet on women's leadership and gender aspects of coronavirus; retweeted Matt Jackson on increase in domestic violence during crises; retweeted Sarah Champion tweet of BBC News article on lack of home abortions in Northern Ireland.

Parliamentary Statements, Legislation, Debates, EDMs and Parliamentary Questions

Despite their preoccupation with Brexit and related issues before the GE in December 2019, the UK Government continued their support for international FP and SRHR. The APPG on PDRH and other members of parliament have held the Government accountable to their promises via amendments to Bills, debates, Early Day Motions (EDM) and parliamentary questions. Below you will find relevant statements, legislation, debates, EDMs and parliamentary questions. Full information and transcripts are available on the APPG on PDRH's new website appg-pdrh.uk.

Before the GE, parliamentarians successfully changed the law in respect of abortion in Northern Ireland, but failed to pass the Domestic Abuse Bill before the end of the session. Following the election, there was (and continues to be) concern about the possibility of the DFID being merged into the FCO. The Government's stated priorities in ID are 12 years of quality education for girls and ending preventable deaths. The APPG on PDRH has continued its parliamentary activities in relation to ending sexual violence, defending reproductive health services and abortion rights, and supporting the SDGs. Please note that not all activities below are attributed to the APPG on PDRH.

House of Commons

Oral Ministerial Statements

Brunei, 4th April 2019

The Minister for Asia and the Pacific, Mark Field, made a statement about Brunei and the implementation of sharia law. The sharia penal code introduced the possibility of hudud corporal punishments, including execution by stoning for witnessed adultery and anal sex. The Minister condemned the new sharia penal code and made clear that the UK strongly supports and defends the rights of the LGBT+ community around the world, including in direct talks with officials in Brunei.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 46

Domestic Abuse, 13th May 2019

The SoS for Housing, Communities and Local Government, James Brokenshire, made a statement on a new sustainable approach to delivering support for victims of domestic abuse and their children in accommodation-based services across England. The SoS outlined current arrangements, acknowledged shortcomings and proposed new local authority-led arrangements for delivering support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in accommodation-based services in England, which would place a new statutory duty on upper-tier local authorities to convene a local partnership board for domestic abuse accommodation support services together with new statutory guidance and funding. APPG on PDRH member Harriet Harman supported the proposals and pushed the SoS to ensure they would be fully funded. APPG on PDRH Officer, Liz McInnes, asked the SoS to elaborate on the resources that were needed to provide this service. APPG on PDRH member Liz Saville Roberts asked the SoS to confirm that extra funding would be available to support victims of domestic abuse in Wales.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 47

Domestic Abuse, 16th July 2019

The PUSS for the Home Office, Victoria Atkins, made a statement announcing the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Bill into the House of Commons and the publication of the Government's response to the pre-legislative scrutiny report of the Joint Committee on the Draft Domestic Abuse Bill. APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson asked about the appointment of a domestic abuse commissioner. APPG on PDRH member Sarah Champion asked the Minister to accept recommendations to create a legal presumption of pre-charge bail in cases of domestic and sexual abuse. APPG on PDRH member John Woodcock asked the Minister to commit the Government to a public awareness-raising campaign.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 48

Decriminalisation of Abortion, 23rd July 2019

In response to an urgent question from APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson, the PUSS for HSC, Jackie Doyle-Price, made a statement on the repeal of sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 in England and Wales. The Minister confirmed that, notwithstanding the decriminalisation of abortion in Northern Ireland, the Government currently had no plans to amend sections 58 and 59 of the 1861 Act in England and Wales and that the potential reform to Northern Ireland's abortion laws, through the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, should not be cause to reform the system in England and Wales. In response, Diana Johnson set out the reasons repeal of the sections would be justified, described the relative ease with which Parliament could do so, and called on the Government to act. APPG on PDRH member Kate Green argued that the criminal law always bears down most harshly on the most vulnerable and marginalised women and that the criminal law was not an appropriate venue for what should be medical, clinical assessments, and called on the Government to reconsider its position. APPG on PDRH Officer, Liz McInnes, pointed out that this was a legal issue and that women in England and Wales deserve the same legal protection now afforded to women in Northern Ireland.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 49

G7 Summit, 3rd September 2019

The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, made a statement about the G7 summit in Biarritz. The Prime Minister spoke about Brexit and free trade but also noted incidences of environmental devastation and the fact that 130 million girls worldwide are not in education. He announced the UK's campaign for 12 years of quality education for every girl in the world and £90 million of new funding so that 600,000 children in countries torn by conflict, where girls are twice as likely as boys to be out of the classroom, get the chance to go to school. Ensuring 12 years of quality education for girls would "not only curb infant mortality, eradicate illiteracy and reduce population pressures but would strike a blow for morality and justice". APPG on PDRH member Harriett Baldwin pressed the Prime Minister to commit to continuing to champion the cause of girls' education and argued that more of the aid budget to be spent on global education. APPG on PDRH member Caroline Lucas spoke about the role of President Bolsonaro in accelerating the climate crisis in the Amazon and pressed the Prime Minister to refuse any future trading arrangements with Brazil unless and until high environmental and human rights standards are properly and fully enforced.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 50

Girls' Education, 5th September 2019

The SoS for ID, Alok Sharma, provided an update on the UK's work to support girls' education around the world, in particular, the UK's work to help provide 12 years of quality education for all girls by 2030. Educating girls (1) prevents child marriage, (2) prevents early pregnancy, (3) helps women into the workforce, (4) boosts household incomes, (5) boosts economic growth, and (6) gives women and girls a greater voice to advocate for change. The SoS outlined the UK's progress on girls' education and recent funding commitments, making clear that girls' education was a key priority for the Government. APPG on PDRH member and Shadow SoS for ID, Dan Carden, expressed grave concern about the growing support that DFID was providing to expanding private education in developing countries and advocated a human rights-based approach to education. APPG on PDRH member Sarah Champion asked the SoS what lessons the UK might learn from DFID's success in changing attitudes toward FGM, child sexual exploitation, child marriage and child trafficking abroad. APPG on PDRH member Sir Peter Bottomley asked the SoS how the increase in maths provision for girls around the world had improved as a result of the UK's efforts. APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewliss asked the SoS what he was doing to ensure that girls in Yemen, where early marriage is common, are getting an education.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 51

International Climate Action, 26th September 2019

The SoS for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Andrea Leadsom, made a statement on the UN climate action summit in New York that took place on 23rd September 2019. The SoS outlined the dire climate situation, its current effects, and the actions the Government were committed to undertaking. The UK had committed to doubling its international climate finance from £5.8 billion to £11.6 billion from 2021-2025 in order to support vulnerable communities develop low carbon technologies and shift from fossil fuels to clean energy. Similarly, a further £1 billion was being put into the Ayrton fund to drive clean energy innovation in developing countries. APPG on PDRH member Caroline Lucas pressed the Minister to end export credit finance to fossil fuel energy projects in developing countries. APPG on PDRH member Steve McCabe asked about the involvement of young people and pressed the Minister to discuss amending the curriculum to reflect the ecological crisis with the SoS for Education.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 52

Northern Ireland: Restoring Devolution, 21st October 2019

In response to an urgent question from Tony Lloyd, the SoS for Northern Ireland, Julian Smith, made a statement on progress towards restoring devolution in the light of the extension of the period in which the legal duty to call an Assembly election is removed under section 2 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019. The continued absence of an Executive in Northern Ireland meant that, in relation to abortion law in Northern Ireland, sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 would be repealed from 22 October 2019 and there would be a moratorium on criminal prosecutions. A new legal framework for lawful access to abortion services in Northern Ireland would be put in place by 31 March 2020 in line with the 2018 UN convention on the elimination of all forms of

discrimination against women report (CEDAW). The SoS would shortly be consulting on the new framework. APPG on PDRH member Roberta Blackman-Woods asked the SoS to confirm that he would bring forward new legislation on abortion in Northern Ireland promptly and to describe the process he would adopt in doing so.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 53

Covid-19 Update, 24th March 2020

The SoS for HSC, Matt Hancock, made a statement on Covid-19. [For context: On 23rd March the Government's website included guidance that allowed for medication abortions to be provided via telemedicine with the certification of a single healthcare practitioner, but this guidance was soon removed from the website.] APPG on PDRH member Jonathan Ashworth alluded to the Government's overnight change of position and asked the SoS to update the House on access to abortion care under the Coronavirus Bill. The Minister said that the Government had no proposals to change any abortion rule (i.e. allow medication abortions via telemedicine) as part of the Covid-19 response. APPG on PDRH member Ruth Cadbury pointed out that 44,000 women would need access to early medical abortions by the time Covid-19 peaked and asked the SoS to commit not to oppose moves in the House of Lords which would allow for the use of abortion medication and by the prescription of one practitioner on the phone.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 54

Written Ministerial Statements

Update on the Government's Response on Period Poverty, 24th April 2019

The Minister for Women and Equalities, Penny Mordaunt, updated the House on the activity that is taking place to end period poverty and ensure that every woman and girl in the UK can access the menstrual products they need. The causes of period poverty include poverty, uninformed attitudes and taboos. To combat period poverty domestically, the Government would establish a joint taskforce with £250,000 in seed funding; improve data collection on the effects of period poverty; address stigma; improve education; provide free sanitary products in schools, NHS hospitals, and to women in custody. Internationally, DFID would lead a new global campaign to end period poverty by 2030 and would kick-start the campaign with £2 million to small and medium charities working on period poverty in DFID priority countries.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 55

Report under Section 4 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, 1st May 2019

The SoS for Northern Ireland, Karen Bradley, made a statement in accordance with section 4 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018 which required her to report on plans to address the impact of the absence of Northern Ireland Ministers on human rights obligations. Since the previous statement under section 4 of the Act, the SoS had appeared before the Women and Equalities Committee, which had since published its report on abortion law in Northern Ireland. The head of the Northern Ireland civil service continued to note the guidance and its legal obligations with respect to abortion and same-sex marriage. The Government's position remained that these were devolved issues

which should be legislated on by the Executive in Northern Ireland. Restoring the Executive was the SoS's absolute priority.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 56

Conflict, Stability and Security Fund Allocations 2019/20, 22nd July 2019

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, David Lidington, repeated a written ministerial statement by Lord Young of Cookham updating the House on the progress of the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) for the financial year 2018/19 and announcing the thematic allocations for the 2019/2020 financial year. The CSSF is a cross-government fund which uses ODA and non-ODA resources to deliver against both national security and UK Aid objectives, through security, defence, peacekeeping, peace-building and stability activity. In 2018/19, the CSSF spent £1,256.8 million, which included £10.35 million on Women Peace and Security, supporting efforts to end violence against women and helping survivors of sexual violence in conflict, for example in Nigeria and Bosnia and Herzegovina. £609 million (48.4%) of the CSSF spend in 2018/19 was ODA. In 2019/20, £630.1 million (48.4%) was allocated from ODA.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 57

Report under Section 4 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, 4th September 2019

The SoS for Northern Ireland, Julian Smith, made a statement in accordance with section 4 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018 which required him to report on plans to address the impact of the absence of Northern Ireland Ministers on human rights obligations. The head of the Northern Ireland civil service reaffirmed the continued commitment of the civil service to have regard to their legal obligations when exercising any relevant functions in relation to abortion and same-sex marriage. The Government's preference remained that any change to law on either of these devolved issues would be taken forward by a restored Executive and functioning Assembly. It remained the hope that devolved government could be restored at the earliest opportunity through the current talks process.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 58

Publication of Reports under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019, 4th September 2019

The SoS for Northern Ireland, Julian Smith, made a statement marking the publication of reports on progress towards restoring an Executive and other matters, including a report setting out next steps on abortion in Northern Ireland. The Government would be legally obligated to change the law on abortion in Northern Ireland in the event that the Executive was not restored by 21st October 2019. This would result in the repeal of the relevant criminal law in Northern Ireland [sections 58 and 59 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861] and a moratorium on criminal investigations or proceedings after this time. By no later than 31st March 2020, a new legal regime allowing for lawful access to abortion services, implementing the recommendations of the 2018 Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Report, would be in place.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 59

Aid Update, 2nd October 2019

SoS for ID, Alok Sharma, announced a new focus on and a ramping up of the UK's efforts to end preventable deaths of mothers, newborn babies and children in the developing world by 2030. The UK would focus on the most vulnerable women, including FGM survivors. Through UK Aid, the UK would work with international partners to boost support for developing countries to make progress towards universal health coverage (UHC). Women's sexual and reproductive health and rights would be at the heart of the UK's efforts, as demonstrated by the announcement on 23rd September 2019, at the UN General Assembly, of a £600 million Reproductive Health Supplies programme, as part of the UK's commitment to UHC, and as a champion of SRHR. The SoS said "Women and girls must have control over their bodies, and access to services they need. This Government is committed to defending and promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights and will continue to fight against the attempted global rollback on women's rights." The UK would also be investing more in Gavi, vaccines and research.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 60

Aid Sector: Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment, 17th October 2019

SoS for ID, Alok Sharma, made a statement marking the one year anniversary of the 2018 Safeguarding Summit and the publication of three reports showing some of the progress made and the challenges remaining. The first report had updates from each of the eight groups which made commitments at the summit: donors, UK NGOs, private sector suppliers, the United Nations, International Financial Institutions, CDC, research funders, and Gavi and the Global Fund. The second report covered how donors are meeting their commitments. The third gave more details about what DFID has done. The SoS committed to building on the work of his predecessors to maintain momentum, to ensuring the failings of the past did not happen again, and to delivering better results for the people the UK serves.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 61

Health and Social Care Update, 24th October 2019

The SoS for HSC, Matt Hancock, made a statement setting out the achievements of the NHS and social care network, the department's funding commitments, and its priorities. Prevention remained at the heart of the department's strategy, which had included extending the HPV vaccine to boys and achieving the UN's 90/90/90 goals on HIV prevention. The SoS also mentioned the full establishment of the Northern Ireland abortion scheme in 2019 and announced a new network of eight walk-in FGM clinics.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 62

Departmental Update (DFID), 28th October 2019

SoS for ID, Alok Sharma, updated the House on some of DFID's achievements since 2015. In particular, the SoS touted the UK International Climate Finance (ICF) programmes which improve access to clean energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; programmes to support women and girls, including FP services, campaigns to end FGM, and GBV; education

programmes, including education for girls; and programmes to enable countries to become economically self-sustaining. The UK was also working to update the ODA rules.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 63

Work of the Ministry (Justice), 31st October 2019

The Lord Chancellor and SoS for Justice, Robert Buckland, updated the house on the Government's achievements in the justice system over the past 10 years. Progress included: actions to improve safety in the prison system; improving fairness in sentencing; improving support for victims of crime; modernisation of the justice system and prison estate; improvements to probation services and rehabilitation in prisons; reforms to the legal aid and legal support systems; reforms to the Courts and Tribunals Service; and support to the legal services sector. Of particular note were: efforts to tackle FGM by extending extra-territorial jurisdiction, providing anonymity for victims, introducing a new crime of failure to protect a girl under 16 and introducing new FGM Protection Orders; strengthening the law on grooming and making revenge porn a crime; publishing a female offender strategy, which set out a plan for reducing women's offending by taking a gender-informed approach to improve outcomes for female offenders at all points of the justice system; bringing in a new law to ban 'upskirting'; and introducing the landmark Domestic Abuse Bill to increase protections for victims of domestic abuse and prevent victims being cross-examined by their abusers.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 64

Work of the Department (Home Office), 4th November 2019

The SoS for the Home Office, Priti Patel, made a statement updating Parliament on the work of the Home Office since 2010. The Home Secretary described the department's work on crime, policing, fire services, serious and organised crime, security and counter-terrorism, and the border, immigration and citizenship system. Of particular note was its work on tackling forced marriage by introducing forced marriage protection orders, and protecting girls from FGM by creating FGM protection orders, a new offence of failing to protect a girl from FGM, extending the extra-territorial jurisdiction over FGM offences committed abroad, and bringing in a new FGM mandatory reporting duty. The Home Office was also committed to protecting people from domestic abuse, which included 'Clare's Law' to provide access to information to tackle violence against women and girls, and the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Bill.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 65

Report under Section 4 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, 5th November 2019

The SoS for Northern Ireland, Julian Smith, made a statement in accordance with section 4 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018 ('the NIEFEF Act') which required him to report on plans to address the impact of the absence of Northern Ireland Ministers on human rights obligations. Since the NIEFEF Act passed, the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 (NI EF Act) had also passed, placing duties on the Government to make regulations to change Northern Ireland's abortion law (with regulations providing for a new regime to be in place by 31st March 2020). The relevant provisions came into force on 22nd October 2019 given that the Northern Ireland Executive was not restored by 21st October 2019. In respect of abortion, the coming into force of section

9(2) of the NI EF Act meant that sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 were repealed in respect of Northern Ireland and that a moratorium on all investigations and prosecutions brought under those sections had also come into effect. Therefore, the incompatibility with human rights identified in section 4(1)(a) of the NIEFEF Act no longer existed. The new legal framework for abortion in Northern Ireland would be set out in regulations to come into force by 31st March 2020. On 4th November 2019, the Government had launched a consultation on the proposed new legal framework for abortion services in Northern Ireland for post-31st March 2020, which would run for six weeks, until 16th December 2019.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 66

Work of the Department (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), 5th November 2019

SoS for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Dominic Raab, updated the House on the work of the FCO. Of note were the Foreign Secretary's mention of helping victims of forced marriage and UK climate change diplomacy, including its work on the Paris Agreement in 2015 and the commitment to hosting COP26 in 2020.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 67

Multilateral Development Banks, 11th February 2020

SoS for ID, Alok Sharma, made a statement on the role of multilateral development banks, such as the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) and African Development Bank's African Development Fund (ADF), in ID and delivering the SDGs. The UK was the largest donor to the recent IDA and ADF replenishments. The IDA replenishment was expected to support, among other things, safe childbirth for up to 80 million women. There would be an increased focus on support for fragile and conflict-affected countries, climate change, and gender equality. Similarly, the UK had negotiated new strategies in relation to climate finance, improved operations in fragile states, and gender in relation to the ADF.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 68

Legislation

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, 8th July 2019

The SoS for Northern Ireland, Karen Bradley, moved that the Bill be read a second time. This short Bill amended Section 1 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018 to extend the period for forming a Northern Ireland executive until 13th January 2020. APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson expressed concern that the Domestic Abuse Bill ratifying the Istanbul Convention on domestic abuse did not apply in Northern Ireland and informed the House that she had tabled an amendment to get the SoS to prepare, plan, and talk to the parties on how the breaches of women's human rights in relation to the legal framework on abortion could be remedied.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 69

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, 9th July 2019

The Bill (see above) was considered in Committee, there was a spirited debate on abortion, and a number of amendments were made. At this stage the Bill was amended to impose a duty on the SoS to report regularly on progress towards the formation of an Executive in Northern Ireland. The amended Bill provided for the legalisation of same-sex marriage and opposite-sex civil partnership in Northern Ireland (in line with the rest of the UK) and the liberalisation of abortion laws (in line with abortion rights in England and Wales) if no executive was formed by midnight on 21st October 2019. APPG on PDRH member Hannah Bardell spoke in support of granting women in Northern Ireland their basic human rights. APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson spoke in support of her amendment which would place a duty on the SoS to report on the legal framework on abortion in Northern Ireland, with an analysis of how the framework could be amended by Parliament during the period when there is no Executive, subject to a sunset clause, to respect the devolution settlement. APPG on PDRH member Roberta Blackman-Woods argued in support of the abortion amendments.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 70

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Bill, 18th July 2019

MPs debated Lords Amendments to the Bill (see House of Lords Legislation section below). Some MPs continued to express concern that some of the amendments to the Bill were about Brexit, rather than Northern Ireland, while others felt that abortion and equal marriage-related amendments infringed on Northern Ireland's devolved rights. The House voted to amend Lords Amendment 1, which would make it more difficult for the Government to prorogue Parliament in the run up to October 31, the day on which the UK was scheduled to leave the EU. The Bill subsequently returned to the Lords for further consideration.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 71

Domestic Abuse Bill, 2nd October 2019

The SoS for Justice, Robert Buckland, moved that the Bill be read a second time. The Bill would expand the definition of domestic abuse to include economic control and manipulative, non-physical abuse. The Bill also introduced new domestic abuse protection notices and domestic abuse protection orders to further protect victims and prohibit the cross-examination of victims by their abusers in family courts. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham, praised the expanded conception of domestic abuse and asked the SoS how he expected the Bill to provide protection for victims and bring perpetrators to justice. APPG on PDRH member Liz Saville Roberts pressed the SoS to make a commitment providing that Wales would be properly represented on all the scrutiny and advisory boards affected by the Bill. APPG on PDRH member Hannah Bardell raised the issue of migrant women who have no recourse to public funds. APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson asked the SoS for reassurance that the Domestic Abuse Commissioner would be a full-time post and pressed the Government to ensure that work on domestic abuse is properly resourced, and that it co-ordinates with the ending violence against women and girls strategy that the Government have put forward, including ratifying the Istanbul Convention and addressing the needs of migrant women. Diana Johnson also spoke about women's bodily autonomy and raised the importance of repealing sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 in England and Wales, which criminalises abortion. APPG on PDRH member Harriet Harman praised elements of the Bill but spoke against the use of the 'rough sex' defence. APPG on PDRH

member Kate Green spoke about the effects of domestic abuse on female offenders. APPH on PDRH Officer, Liz McInnes, raised the effect of domestic abuse on children and their inclusion in the Bill and advocated for a lowering of the applicable age to 13. APPG on PDRH member Catherine West pressed the Government on the issues of women and families who have no recourse to public funds and women on different spousal visas. The Bill was carried over to the new parliamentary session.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 72

NHS Funding Bill, 4th February 2020

The Bill was considered in Legislative Grand Committee (England) at which a number of amendments were introduced. The Bill would inject the largest and longest cash settlement ever granted to the NHS and enshrine it into law, £33.9 billion extra a year by 2024. Amendment 5 dealt with patient safety and reinstating the maternity safety fund. Justin Madders and Jeremy Hunt spoke about maternal mortality and improving maternal health to improve outcomes for women and infants. Laura Trott spoke about the importance of maternal mental health. The Bill received Royal Assent on 16 March 2020.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 73

Protest (Abortion Clinics) Bill, 11th March 2020

APPG on PDRH members Sir Peter Bottomley, Caroline Lucas, and Liz Saville Roberts supported a bill presented by Sarah Olney to prohibit anti-abortion protests within 150 metres of abortion clinics. The Bill was scheduled to have its Second Reading on 30 October 2020.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 74

Debates

LGBT Rights: Brunei, 10th April 2019

Following the Sultan of Brunei's implementation of the third phase of the sharia penal code ('the SPC') which licenses brutal executions and violent punishments of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, Thangam Debbonaire introduced a debate on LGBT rights in Brunei. In addition to LGBT rights, Thangam Debbonaire raised issues in relation to women's rights and abortion. Brunei punishes women for abortion, which carries a punishment of public flogging, while Muslims are subject to death by stoning for adultery, sodomy or extramarital sexual relations. Human rights organisations note that the SPC codifies discrimination against women and girls and will make it difficult for Muslim women in particular to escape violent marriages or seek employment opportunities.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 75

Hormone Pregnancy Tests, 23rd April 2019

APPG on PDRH member Yasmin Qureshi introduced a debate to consider the expert working group report on hormone pregnancy tests. Primodos, the hormone pregnancy test drug, was taken by approximately 1.5 million women in the 1960s and 1970s to test for pregnancy. The dosage contained in those Primodos tablets was 40 times the strength of current oral contraceptives. There is considerable evidence that many women who took this drug gave

birth to babies with serious deformities, miscarried, or had stillbirths. Those babies are now in their 40s and 50s, and have lived with serious disabilities. Answers to basic questions about regulatory and clinical failures have yet to be answered and Yasmin Qureshi and others pushed the Government on issues of transparency and accountability. APPG on PDRH member Hannah Bardell spoke out against the Government's approach and the need for accountability for those affected and the need to prevent similar mistakes in future.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 76

World Immunisation Week, 2nd May 2019

The SoS for ID, Rory Stewart, introduced a debate on World Immunisation Week. The SoS spoke about the importance of vaccines, Gavi, the vaccine alliance, and about the intersection of scientific research, money, international cooperation, and local healthcare professionals. APPG on PDRH member and Shadow SoS for ID, Dan Carden, noted that 20 million children around the world are under-vaccinated and pressed the Government to do more, particularly in Africa, and to ensure Gavi is fully funded. He also pressed the Government to do more about vaccine hesitancy. APPG on PDRH member and MoS for DFID, Harriett Baldwin, responded for the Government and concluded that vaccinations are important for public health and that they represent excellent value for money.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 77

Sharia Law Courts, 2nd May 2019

John Howell introduced a debate on sharia law courts/councils in the UK and focussed on the general principles of sharia law in relation to the European convention on human rights (ECHR), particularly article 14, on the prohibition of discrimination on grounds such as sex and religion, and article 5 of protocol 7 to the convention, which establishes equality between spouses in law. Reports had found that sharia law was not compatible with the ECHR, particularly with regard to women's rights, and John Howell argued that "there needs to be an acceptance of the law of the land, as there is within other communities, particularly the Jewish community, whose members accept that British law overrides their religious law". The PUSS for Justice, Edward Argar, responded for the Government, making clear that there was a single system of law in the UK and no parallel system of sharia law in operation, such that if there was any conflict between religious practices and national law, national law would always prevail. The Minister reviewed the Government's 2018 report on the issue and the recommendations therein.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 78

Women Human Rights Defenders, 7th May 2019

APPG on PDRH member Catherine West introduced a debate celebrating the work of women human rights defenders globally. She described the work of women human rights activists around the world and the need and importance of the UK Government's support in light of the recent global backlash against women. APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewliss called on the Government to speak out, particularly to those regimes found wanting on human rights. She also called attention to the plight of women in Yemen and to female asylum seekers in the UK. APPG on PDRH Officer, Liz McInnes, spoke about the unique risks faced by women human rights defenders on account of their gender and the connection between business

and human rights. The Minister for Asia and the Pacific, Mark Field, responded for the Government and acknowledged that women are always exposed to particular risks by virtue of being women. He recited instances of the Government's work on this issue and argued that protecting and promoting human rights is a cornerstone of the FCO's work, including engaging in difficult conversations, both publicly and privately, with a variety of Governments with whom the UK has strong diplomatic relationships.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 79

Pre-eclampsia, 9th May 2019

Patricia Gibson introduced a debate on pre-eclampsia, a serious and incurable disease related to high blood pressure that can strike any pregnant woman, most notably in the second half of pregnancy, or up to six weeks after delivery. Globally, pre-eclampsia accounts for 14% of all maternal deaths, killing 40,000 women every year. Five women every hour die from pregnancy complications related to pre-eclampsia. Poor outcomes for mother and baby are associated with poor care, which is most often found in low-income countries. Patricia Gibson pushed the Government to improve research, treatment and detection in the UK. The PUSS for HSC, Jackie Doyle-Price, responded for the Government. After acknowledging that issues affecting women are not adequately debated in Parliament, she acknowledged that the healthiest pregnancies are those that are planned so it was important that the Government ensure their policies encourage people to properly plan their pregnancies so they can manage their health. She committed to take action on pre-eclampsia and addressed some of the speakers' recommendations.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 80

Health, 14th May 2019

APPG on PDRH member Jonathan Ashworth introduced a debate on health and pressed for the release of briefing papers or analyses provided to the SoS for HSC or his Ministers since 9 July 2018. Jonathan Ashworth raised the issue of cuts to sexual health services in communities, which had led to cutting the number of sites commissioning contraceptive services, a decrease in long-acting reversible contraceptives, a decrease in the number of sexual health checks, and an increase in the number of abortions and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). APPG on PDRH Officer, Liz McInnes, also mentioned cuts to sexual health services and spoke about the need to address health inequalities.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 81

Marriage and Civil Partnership: Minimum Age, 15th May 2019

APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham, introduced a debate on the minimum age for marriage and civil partnership. The minimum age for marriage in the UK is 16 with parental consent. Pauline Latham elaborated on four key reasons to raise the minimum age: those relating to maturity levels, negative social implications, meeting international standards and helping to prevent forced marriages. APPG on PDRH Officer, Liz McInnes, raised an experience she had in Bangladesh where the Prime Minister pointed out the hypocrisy of the UK's position on marriage age. The PUSS for Justice, Paul Maynard, responded for the Government. He argued that there would be consequential changes resulting from a change in the law and that the Government needed to take into account and carefully explore the

“legal, moral and societal repercussions” of any change. He also drew attention to forced marriage provisions of the law and looked at the international variances in marriage age to argue that there was not yet a consensus on this issue.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 82

Serious Violence, 15th May 2019

The Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, introduced a debate on serious violence. Gavin Newlands examined the public health approach to violence and discussed the scale of GBV, including sexual crime. He argued for the importance of changing sexist attitudes.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 83

National Marriage and Mental Health Awareness Weeks, 16th May 2019

During a debate on National Marriage and Mental Health Awareness Weeks, Patrick Grady noted that not every marriage is made through free choice, which is why it is important to have robust legislation in place to protect against forced marriage. He outlined the legal framework on forced marriage in Scotland.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 84

Yemen Peace Process, 23rd May 2019

Keith Vaz introduced a debate on the peace process in Yemen. He described the humanitarian crisis and the way in which women and children are suffering the brunt of the civil war before outlining international political efforts to bring about peace. APPG on PDRH member Victoria Prentis spoke about what it was like to be a child in Yemen, where a child dies from a preventable cause every 10-12 minutes. She pressed the Government to ensure that there is humanitarian access to Yemen so that aid can reach everyone who needs it. The Minister for the Middle East, Andrew Murrison, responded for the Government, outlining the steps taken by the UK to resolve the conflict and address the humanitarian crisis, including supporting Gavi's efforts to vaccinate over 2 million people in high-priority areas.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 85

Sustainable Development Goals, 11th June 2019

In advance of the publication of the UK's VNR, the SoS for ID, Rory Stewart, introduced a debate on the SDGs in the UK, in which he drew a distinction between the absolute poverty seen abroad versus the relative poverty seen in the UK. The SoS went through the SDGs, looking at them through the lens of “people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership”, and trying in each case to give examples of where the UK was doing well, where it was doing badly, and the strengths it had to build on. APPG on PDRH member and Shadow SoS for ID, Dan Carden, criticised the process the UK had taken in drawing up the VNR. APPG on PDRH member and MoS for Africa, Harriett Baldwin, responded for the Government, addressing issues of process, food insecurity, people with disabilities, and plastic waste.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 86

Immigration, 26th June 2019

During a debate on immigration, APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewliss gave a speech in which she talked about constituents who had fled their country of origin in order to avoid FGM. The Minister for Immigration, Caroline Nokes, responded by saying “I would like to emphasise that the Government have been clear: female genital mutilation is a crime; it is child abuse, and has absolutely no place in our society. However, we must consider each case on its own merits.”

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 87

Department for International Development, 1st July 2019

Laurence Robertson introduced a debate on DFID’s work and funding, and discussed areas for improvement – particularly the spending of ODA by other departments. APPG on PDRH member Sir Peter Bottomley spoke in support of the 0.7% of GNI commitment. APPG on PDRH member Kate Green spoke in support of DFID’s work on the education of girls. APPG on PDRH member Gareth Thomas pointed out that the Treasury was the principal driver of ODA being used by other departments and pressed the Government on their comprehensive spending review and spoke in favour of multilateral aid. APPG on PDRH member Victoria Prentis raised concerns about DFID’s partners, for example that aid does not always get to smaller, more effective organisations. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham, gave a speech in which she raised abuse and sexual exploitation in the aid sector, the need to do more on climate change, criticisms of the VNR, and raising the minimum marriage age to 18. APPG on PDRH member and Minister for Africa, Harriett Baldwin, responded for the Government. She reviewed some of the common themes in the debate: transparency, bilateral partnerships, tax revenues, and deploying aid in line with the Paris commitments on climate.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 88

Department for Work and Pensions, 2nd July 2019

APPG on PDRH member Alison McGovern introduced a debate on the work and spending of the DWP, during which she criticised the two-child limit. APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewliss gave a speech in which she spoke in depth about the injustice and poverty resulting from the two-child limit and the perceived need by some families to abort healthy foetuses because they worried about how the two-child limit was going to affect them.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 89

Forced Displacement in Africa, 4th July 2019

Following publication of the IDC’s report ‘Forced Displacement in Africa: Anchors Not Walls’ and the Government response, Stephen Twigg introduced a debate on forced displacement in Africa. He outlined the scope of the crisis and the way in which internally displaced people (IDPs) were some of the most vulnerable people in the world, particularly women and girls. In her speech, APPG on PDRH member Kirsty Blackman highlighted education, women’s empowerment, and the need to do more to support displaced people. APPG on PDRH member and Minister for Africa, Harriett Baldwin, responded for the Government. In particular, she acknowledged the problems of sexual exploitation, girls’ education, and climate change.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 90

Universal Health Coverage, 10th July 2019

Alistair Burt introduced a debate on UHC, covering the themes, importance, challenges and opportunities of UHC. During his speech, he said “Sexual and reproductive health is vital. At the 2017 summit, we announced £250 million of support over the next four years. Access to sexual and reproductive health services is under increasing threat from some developed nations that ought to know better. It is essential that the United Kingdom follows its independent path, and is not browbeaten by any of its larger partners or friends into offering restrictive reproductive health facilities just because somebody else does not like them, for questionable reasons.”

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 91

Climate Change, the Environment and Global Development, 10th July 2019

The PUSS for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Andrew Stephenson, introduced a debate on climate change, the environment and global development, in which he discussed the present situation, projections, accomplishments and challenges with a focus on developing countries. Mitigation and adaptation were mentioned, but sexual and reproductive health and rights and population issues were absent from the debate. APPG on PDRH member and Shadow SoS for ID, Dan Carden, responded for the opposition, and spoke in particular about the need for economic restructuring and criticised aid funding of fossil fuel projects. APPG on PDRH member and MoS for Africa, Harriett Baldwin, replied for the Government and pointed out that it is the poorest, most vulnerable people in the world who suffer the worst effects of climate change.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 92

Persecution of Christians Overseas, 18th July 2019

During a debate on the persecution of Christians overseas, Lyn Brown about the targeting of women and girls by Boko Haram and David Linden spoke about GBV and forced marriage in Pakistan.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 93

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 Section 3(2), 9th September 2019

In accordance with his obligations under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 (‘the Act’), the SoS for Northern Ireland, Julian Smith, introduced a debate regarding the report on various topics, including abortion law review, made pursuant to the Act. The Government’s preference remained that abortion and other devolved issues be taken forward by a restored Executive. However, if an Executive was not formed by 21st October 2019, the Government had a duty to make the necessary regulations and the specific criminal law in Northern Ireland would fall away and a criminal moratorium on prosecutions would come into place. An appropriate legal framework would be in operation by 31st March 2020. APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson pressed the SoS on whether the Government would be consulting RCOG, RCM, the RCGP and the RCN on the framework for abortion in Northern Ireland.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 94

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 Section 7 (Historical Institutional Abuse), 30th September 2019

In accordance with his obligations under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019, the SoS for Northern Ireland, Julian Smith, introduced a debate regarding the 4th September 2019 report on historical institutional abuse. During the debate, several members of the DUP argued against abortion rights in Northern Ireland.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 95

Women's Mental Health, 3rd October 2019

Wera Hobhouse introduced a debate on women's mental health, recognising that mental health problems were often rooted in experiences of violence and abuse and the need for mental health services to respond to women's specific needs. Speakers also acknowledged perinatal depression and the need to properly address new mothers' mental health at the 6-week check-up.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 96

Northern Ireland, 7th October 2019

The PUSS for Northern Ireland, Robin Walker, introduced a debate on the draft Northern Ireland (Ministerial Appointment Functions) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 which would allow for certain critical appointments to be made under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018. During the debate, Sir Jeffrey M. Donaldson spoke in favour of the Regulations and argued for restoring the devolved Government before 21st October 2019 so that the Northern Ireland Assembly could legislate on abortion.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 97

Baby Loss Awareness Week, 8th October 2019

The Minister for Care, Caroline Dinenage, introduced a debate on Baby Loss Awareness Week. The Minister spoke about the Government's ambition to halve the rates of stillbirths and neonatal deaths by 2025 and reduce maternal mortality and the steps they had already taken to tackle them. APPG on PDRH member Gareth Thomas pressed the Government on the neonatal death statistics and on health inequalities in socially deprived areas. APPG on PDRH member Victoria Prentis praised the Department for HSC's work on baby loss and maternal mortality in the UK and focussed her comments on DFID's efforts to prioritise preventing maternal deaths in developing countries. APPG on PDRH member Sarah Champion pressed the Government on the need for more trained paediatric nurses, particularly in palliative care, and the value of children's hospices.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 98

Britain's Place in the World (Queen's Speech Debate, 2nd Day), 15th October 2019

On the second day of Queen's Speech debates, the SoS for ID, Alok Sharma, introduced a debate on Britain's place in the world, during which he spoke about DFID's campaigns to end preventable deaths and to ensure every girl in the world receives 12 years of education. The debate was interrupted.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 99

Public Services (Queen's Speech Debate, 3rd Day), 16th October 2019

On the third day of Queen's Speech debates, the Home Secretary, Priti Patel, introduced a debate on public services during which she spoke about the Government's commitment to tackling domestic abuse. APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewliss spoke about steps the Scottish Government were taking to tackle domestic abuse and the need to reform the universal credit system, removing the two-child limit and rape clause. APPG on PDRH member Sarah Champion called on the Government to end child marriage in the UK.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 100

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 Section 3(5), 16th October 2019

In accordance with the obligations under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 ('the Act'), the PUSS for Northern Ireland, Robin Walker, introduced a debate regarding the report on various topics, including abortion law review, made pursuant to the Act and published on 14th October. Abortion dominated the debate, with anti-choice MPs warning of unregulated abortions. The Government's position remained that they preferred that the Assembly deal with any reforms of Northern Ireland's abortion law. However, the Government had published guidance for healthcare professionals to provide clarity on the new state of the law and their duties and responsibilities in relation to abortion should the changes in the law come into effect on 22nd October 2019. The Government expected that access to abortion services would not be routinely available in Northern Ireland until the new legal framework was in place after 31st March 2020.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 101

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019, 28th October 2019

In accordance with his obligations under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 ('the Act'), the SoS for Northern Ireland, Julian Smith, introduced a debate regarding the report on various topics, including abortion law review, made pursuant to the Act and published on 23rd October. The abortion law had changed following the 21st October deadline and the SoS had extended the period for Executive formation to 13th January 2020. The issue of abortion dominated the debate, with DUP MPs speaking against it and Karin Smyth and Stella Creasy speaking in support.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 102

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019, 8th January 2020

In accordance with the obligations under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 ('the Act'), the PUSS for Northern Ireland, Robin Walker, introduced a debate regarding the report on various topics, including abortion law review, made pursuant to the Act and

published on 19th December 2019. In relation to abortion, the Government were working on regulations for a new legal framework for the provision of abortion services in Northern Ireland, which would be in force by 31st March 2020. Women and girls who were seeking access to services in the meantime could do so in England free of charge, with all costs of the procedure, including travel and accommodation, paid for by the Government. The issue of abortion again dominated much of the debate, with members of the DUP speaking out against abortion in Northern Ireland.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 103

Britain in the World, 13th January 2020

On the second day of Queen's Speech debates, the Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, introduced a speech on Britain in the world. During his speech, the Foreign Secretary spoke about COP26 and climate change and the UK's commitment to spending 0.7% of GNI on ID. APPG on PDRH member Harriett Baldwin asked the Foreign Secretary to confirm that one of the most effective ways to spend money was to ensure that every girl in the world received 12 years of quality education. APPG on PDRH member Catherine West pressed the Government to provide the resources needed to combat violence against women and girls in areas of conflict and spoke about the climate emergency and human rights during her speech. APPG on PDRH member Theo Clarke gave her maiden speech, in which she spoke about the environment and gender equality. APPG on PDRH member Dan Carden argued for maintaining an independent DFID and pressed the Government for a stronger commitment to fight climate change.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 104

Official Development Assistance Target, 13th January 2020

Patrick Grady introduced an Adjournment debate on the ODA target. During his speech, Patrick Grady spoke about the SDGs, the need to keep DFID independent, transparency, and concerns about ODA spending by other departments. The Minister for Africa, Andrew Stephenson, responded for the Government. He spoke about DFID's achievements, the Government's commitment to climate change, preventing violence against women and girls, advancing economic development, and research and technology. The Minister confirmed that the Government would stick with the OECD rules on aid spending and that the UK's 0.7% would be compliant with those rules, but the Government would not commit to not lobbying to change the rules. The Minister also confirmed that DFID's fate was a decision for the Prime Minister, who had not made a decision about the future of DFID during this Parliament. The Minister touted the integrated defence, security and foreign policy review, which he said would create the opportunity to reimagine how the UK engages internationally.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 105

Climate Justice, 4th February 2020

Nadia Whittome introduced a debate on climate justice, which was taken to mean addressing the climate crisis in a way that was fair and equitable, which linked human rights and development to achieve a people-centred approach, safeguarding the rights of the most marginalised people. Nadia Whittome argued that it was imperative that developing countries receive the support they needed to adapt to the impacts of climate change and reduce their

own emissions, and asked the Government to commit to working with others at COP26 to develop new sources of climate finance so as to not rely on the overseas aid budget alone. APPG on PDRH member Theo Clarke acknowledged the good work of UK Aid and argued that the UK must ensure its aid was congruent with the goals of the Paris Agreement, investing in clean green technology, preserving natural habitats, and taking measures to improve resilience to climate change. APPG on PDRH member Harriett Baldwin argued that the most cost-effective step the UK Government could take was empowering women and ensuring that girls have access to 12 years of quality education and to the same FP choices as women in the UK. APPG on PDRH member Caroline Lucas examined three areas: the speed at which the UK decarbonises; how the UK decarbonises; and the degree of co-operation shown to other nations.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 106

Persecutions of Christians, 6th February 2020

The PUSS for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and APPG on PDRH member, Heather Wheeler, introduced a debate on the persecution of Christians. Sir Edward Leigh described persecution of Christians, particularly in Nigeria, and argued in favour of tying aid to countries' treatment of religious minorities. Brendan O'Hara described the abduction, conversion and forced marriage of a 14-year-old girl in Pakistan. Jim Shannon argued that DFID should recognise religion as a vulnerability in any assessment of its programming around the world and that the UK Government should recognise local faith actors as a resource which, with support from DFID, should be utilised in development work.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 107

February Adjournment, 13th February 2020

During an Adjournment debate, APPG on PDRH member Catherine West spoke about anti-choice protests outside an abortion clinic in her constituency. She argued that abortion is a human right and in favour of buffer zones around clinics.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 108

International Women's Day, 5th March 2020

The Minister for Women and Equalities, Elizabeth Truss, introduced the annual debate on International Women's Day, the theme of which was 'each for equal'. The Minister touted the Government's Domestic Abuse Bill and the Government's commitment to removing barriers for women. APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson asked what the Government were doing to protect women human rights activists around the world. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham, asked the Government, given its goal of providing 12 years of quality education to girls worldwide, whether girls in the UK should be allowed to marry under the age of 18. APPG on PDRH member Kate Green pressed the Government to link their domestic abuse strategy with their female offender strategy. APPG on PDRH member Harriet Harman asked about the persistence of the gender pay gap. APPG on PDRH member Liz Saville Roberts spoke about the economic inequality between men and women, women's greater share of care work, and the historic devaluing of that work. APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson spoke about women human rights defenders. APPG on PDRH member

Alison Thewliss used her speech to argue against the universal credit two-child limit and rape clause and in support of more humane immigration policies.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 109

Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans Women's Health Inequalities, 10th March 2020

APPG on PDRH member Hannah Bardell introduced a debate on lesbian, bisexual and trans women's health inequalities. Not only do LGTB people have much higher instances of health problems, particularly mental health problems, their sexual health was consistently ignored and misunderstood. Stigma, discrimination and ignorance were pervasive problems within the healthcare system. During the debate, Stephen Farry spoke about the necessity of abortion, which is a critical issue for lesbian and bisexual women, who are more likely to be pregnant as a result of sexual crime than heterosexual women.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 110

Women in the Commonwealth: Trade and Investment, 11th March 2020

APPG on PDRH member Theo Clarke introduced a debate on female trade and investment in the commonwealth, which focussed on how the UK could promote trade and investment opportunities that empower women across the Commonwealth. In her speech, Theo Clarke argued that progress towards more equitable inclusion of women in Commonwealth economies had been slow and that promoting gender equality was a moral and economic imperative. She mentioned the Government's campaign for 12 years of quality education for girls and argued that the UK should appoint a new special envoy on women's economic empowerment in the Commonwealth at DFID. Period poverty was among the other issues discussed as an impediment to women's economic empowerment.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 111

Financial and Social Emergency Support Package, 25th March 2020

During a debate on the financial and social emergency support package needed to support people, families and businesses through the Covid-19 pandemic, Rupa Huq mentioned the predicted rise in domestic violence and questioned the Government about the disappearance of the abortion amendment from the Coronavirus Bill.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 112

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Colombia Peace Process, 2nd April 2019

Christian Matheson asked if the Minister for Europe and the Americas, Sir Alan Duncan, would put the problem of the continuing structural GBV in Colombia on the agenda for the November conference on the PSVI. The Minister confirmed that he would because preventing sexual violence against women was one of the UK's human rights priorities in Colombia.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 113

Oral Questions to the Minister for Northern Ireland: Universal Credit, 10th April 2019

Rupa Huq asked the MoS, Northern Ireland Office, John Penrose, what discussions had taken place with the SoS for Work and Pensions on the effect of the two-child limit in universal credit in Northern Ireland, where families are bigger and abortion was illegal. The Minister replied that parents who had their third child before April 2017 would not face the cap and that Northern Ireland's Department for Communities knew of no complaints, issues or problems caused by the two-child limit.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 114

Topical Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities, 25th April 2019

Maria Miller asked the Minister for Women and Equalities, Penny Mordaunt, to publish legal advice clarifying the legal position for doctors in Northern Ireland who refer women for abortion services and to update the House on what she was doing to help women in Northern Ireland who are being required by law to continue pregnancies in circumstances where doctors have told them their babies will die before or shortly after birth. The Minister acknowledged the paucity of care being endured by women in Northern Ireland but denied that it would be a crime for doctors to refer to abortion services and committed the PUSS for HSC, Jackie Doyle-Price, to revise and clarify the guidance for doctors immediately. Rupa Huq asked the Minister what the Government were doing to keep abortion clinic buffer zones under review. The Minister for Women, Victoria Atkins, said that the Government were keeping the issue under review and that the Government were keen for local councils to use antisocial behaviour laws if appropriate. In relation to abortion services, APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson asked the Minister to set out how she would work across Government to ensure there was a clear framework and timeline for stopping breaches of women's human rights in Northern Ireland and when the UK would be compliant with CEDAW. The Minister, Penny Mordaunt, replied that the Northern Ireland Office had the lead on abortion in Northern Ireland, but that she was focussing on what she could do with her existing powers to ensure women could access the particular healthcare services they need.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 115

Topical Questions to the Foreign Secretary, 14th May 2019

Steve Brine asked the Minister for Africa about maternal health in Sierra Leone and pressed the Government to call on the IMF to write off loans it made to Sierra Leone to fight the Ebola outbreak. APPG member and MoS for Africa, Harriett Baldwin, noted that the Government's bilateral programme in Sierra Leone would deliver health services to 2 million women and children by 2020.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 116

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence, 20th May 2019

Patrick Grady asked the SoS for Defence, Penny Mordaunt, what steps she was taking to minimise or eradicate the practice of double counting spending in both the 0.7% aid target and the 2% NATO military spending target. The SoS denied double counting.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 117

Confidence and Supply Agreement, 22nd May 2019

APPG on PDRH member Hannah Bardell asked the SoS for Northern Ireland what recent discussion she had had with the Prime Minister on the continuation of the Government's confidence and supply agreement with the DUP and would the Prime Minister realise that the Government's agreement with the anti-choice DUP was holding back the human rights of women in Northern Ireland. The MoS, Northern Ireland Office, John Penrose, confirmed that the agreement was for the duration of the Parliament and argued that the issue of abortion was devolved and therefore a matter for the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 118

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister, 22nd May 2019

Thangam Debbonaire asked the Prime Minister to commit to supporting APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson's legislation so that abortion in Northern Ireland would become a health matter and not a criminal one. The Prime Minister said that abortion was a devolved issue which should be addressed by the devolved Administration in Northern Ireland when that was restored.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 119

Climate Emergency, 6th June 2019

MPs asked the SoS for ID, Rory Stewart, what steps he was taking to prioritise tackling climate change. The SoS replied that there should be no distinction between the work that the Government do on ID and their work on the climate emergency, that DFID would be doubling its spending on climate and the environment, that Government should have a joined up response, and that spending on the climate and environment prevented further poverty. The SoS also confirmed that the UK would be focussed on the resilience pillar of combating climate change.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 120

Women's Equality, 6th June 2019

Asked about steps DFID was taking to increase women's equality in the world, APPG on PDRH member and MoS for Africa, Harriett Baldwin, replied that the department's strategic vision for gender equality focussed on ending violence against women and girls, on girls' education, on promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights, and on women's empowerment. APPG on PDRH member Alison Thewliss asked the Minister about what the Government were doing to promote Yemeni women's issues and leadership. The MoS acknowledged that involving women in peace processes significantly increased the chances of their being successful and sustainable.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 121

Topical Questions to the Home Secretary, 10th June 2019

APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham, asked the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, if he was aware that the current legal age of 16 for marriage in the UK could lead to exploitation in the form of forced marriages. The Home Secretary confirmed that he was aware of that

and that the Government had introduced measures to tackle the crime. He also confirmed that the Government was reviewing their position on marriages of under-18s.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 122

Topical Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities, 12th June 2019

During topical questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities, APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham, asked what the Minister was doing to help girls to reach their full potential in the light of their being taken from school at this time of the year at or below the age of 16 for early marriage abroad. The Minister for Women, Victoria Atkins, confirmed the Government's commitment to protecting women and girls. To that end, the Government had introduced a range of measures to tackle this crime, including creating a specific forced marriage offence and criminalising the breach of forced marriage protection orders.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 123

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for HSC, 18th June 2019

During topical questions to the SoS for HSC, Matt Hancock, APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson asked whether, in light of rising abortion rates for women over 30, the SoS agreed on the need to end the fragmentation of commissioning and the underfunding of sexual health services. Matt Hancock argued that local authorities remained the best place for sexual health services, but agreed that there needed to be far more co-commissioning, where local authorities and the NHS together ensure more joined-up, rather than siloed, provision.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 124

Business of the House, 27th June 2019

During oral questions, Ian Mearns made an impassioned plea to stop the deportation of a Nigerian mother and her three children who live in his constituency. They were being threatened with deportation to Nigeria where there was a high risk that the two-year-old girl would be subjected to FGM. The Leader of the House, Mel Stride, said that he would be personally very keen to sit down with Ian Mearns and look at the case in detail to determine the best way forward.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 125

Universal Credit: Roll-out, 1st July 2019

Neil Gray noted that research had shown that women were being forced to choose between poverty and an abortion because of the Government's two-child limit. He asked the SoS for Work and Pensions, Amber Rudd, if she would scrap the two-child limit and avoid impoverishing children. The SoS replied that the best way out of poverty was to get people into work.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 126

Business of the House, 4th July 2019

After noting accounts of abductions, child marriages, rape, forced conversions and other forms of persecution that Christians and other religious groups face in Pakistan, Jim Shannon asked the Leader of the House, Mel Stride, to set aside time to debate the persecution of Christians.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 127

Abortion Clinic Buffer Zones, 11th July 2019

During oral questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities, Rupa Huq asked when the Government planned to announce a decision on their review of proposals to introduce buffer zones around abortion clinics. The Minister for Women, Victoria Atkins, confirmed that having considered the evidence of the review in September 2018, the Government had determined that introducing national buffer zones was not a proportionate response, but that they would keep the matter under review.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 128

Public Services: Developing Countries, 17th July 2019

APPG on PDRH member Chris Elmore asked the SoS for ID, Rory Stewart, what plans DFID had to help develop public services in developing countries. In the context of public services, Chris Elmore noted that 16 million girls aged 15 to 19 give birth each year in developing regions and that complications during pregnancy and childbirth are a leading cause of death in this age group globally. "Therefore, what urgent steps is the Minister taking to ensure that developing countries have better reproductive healthcare services for girls and young women to improve their rights, chances and opportunities internationally?" APPG on PDRH member and Minister for Africa, Harriett Baldwin, replied that DFID continued to help with some of the sexual and reproductive health interventions he described and that the Government's campaign for girls' education would help 1.5 million adolescent girls stay in education.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 129

Business of the House, 18th July 2019

During oral questions, Valerie Vaz asked the Leader of the House to ask the SoS for Education to tell all parents of schoolchildren in advance of the school holidays that FGM is illegal, that it was not a cultural or religious issue but an assault. Valerie Vaz also asked that the SoS for ID to tell those carrying out FGM that they should retrain so that they help young women, not hurt them.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 130

Points of Order [re Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill], 18th July 2019

Tony Lloyd asked the Government to deny rumours that it would pull the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, which the MoS, Northern Ireland Office, John Penrose, did. APPG on PDRH member Diana Johnson noted that the repeal of sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 in Northern Ireland meant the abortion law in Northern Ireland would be more liberal than in England and Wales. She asked the Speaker whether the Government had given any indication that they would make a statement to ensure that

women in England and Wales would be treated as fairly as those in Northern Ireland [by decriminalising abortion in England and Wales].

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 131

Healthcare Staffing Levels, 23rd July 2019

Noting that STIs were on the rise, Peter Kyle asked the SoS for HSC, Matt Hancock, if he would increase resources for staffing and investment to tackle the rise. The SoS confirmed that the Government were going to proceed with the co-commissioning of sexual health services between local authorities and the local NHS and argued that while some STIs were on the rise, others had fallen.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 132

Business of the House, 5th September 2019

Tracy Babin questioned the Leader of the House, Jacob Rees-Mogg, about the fate of the Domestic Abuse Bill. The Leader of the House suggested that the Bill would be revived after the prorogation. Noting that the head of Marie Stopes was paid £434,000 in 2018, Fiona Bruce asked the Leader of the House for a debate on the high levels of executive pay in the charitable sector. Jess Phillips asked the Leader of the House about the £90 million that was promised for women's refuges and for a commitment that the Domestic Abuse Bill would appear in the Queen's Speech.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 133

Yemen, 1st October 2019

Stephen Twigg asked an urgent question on the latest developments in Yemen. The Minister for Africa, Andrew Stephenson, acknowledged that Yemen remained the world's largest humanitarian crisis and outlined the UK's financial commitments to the country. APPG on PDRH member Ann Clwyd pressed the Government about trying to get a ceasefire. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham, pressed the Government on the food situation in Yemen, particularly the need to get food to pregnant women who, if malnourished, would have babies who were stunted, and the need to get other countries to do their bit for Yemen. Tim Loughton called attention to the fact that the impact of the humanitarian crisis fell disproportionately on women and girls, with large increases in GBV and maternal deaths.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 134

Forced Migration, 2nd October 2019

Thangam Debbonaire asked the SoS for ID, Alok Sharma, what steps the Government were taking to reduce the number of people who were forced to migrate. The SoS replied that DFID was investing in migrant source countries to enable people to build better lives at home. Sir Hugo Swire asked the SoS for an update on the Rohingya in Bangladesh and the situation in Cox's Bazar. Chris Law asked the SoS what concrete actions DFID was taking to combat climate change. The SoS acknowledged the importance of tackling climate change as a driver of migration and poverty and confirmed that the UK was doubling its investment to the international climate finance fund.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 135

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister (Engagements), 2nd October 2019

The Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, filled in for the Prime Minister at Prime Minister's Questions, the underlying theme of which was women. Diane Abbott raised the issue of the anti-choice billboards which were put up in Walthamstow to target Stella Creasy for her work to decriminalise abortion in Northern Ireland. Diane Abbott asked Dominic Raab what he would do to ensure that women in Northern Ireland would have the same human rights to legal and safe abortion as women in England, Wales and Scotland. Dominic Raab stated that the Government's position was that abortion was devolved to Northern Ireland. Diane Abbott then pressed the Foreign Secretary on removing the rape clause from universal credit. During subsequent questions, Toby Perkins pressed the Government on the need to prioritise the Domestic Abuse Bill.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 136

Points of Order, 2nd October 2019

During Points of Order, Stella Creasy raised the campaign of intimidation and harassment against her and her constituents by an anti-choice group. Stella Creasy called on the Charity Commission, the Electoral Commission and HMRC to prioritise investigating such organisations and tackling the potential consequences for public debates. The Speaker condemned the anti-choice campaigning as "vile, unconscionable and despicable" and distinguished between putting a point of view with considerable force and insistence on the matter of abortion and doing so in a threatening, intimidating or bullying way. The PUSS for the Home Office, Victoria Atkins, confirmed that the Government was concerned about the harassment campaign against Stella Creasy.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 137

Points of Order, 8th October 2019

During Points of Order and in light of information revealed by a freedom of information request, Rupa Huq questioned the Government over its handling of the review into abortion clinic buffer zones that was ordered in 2017. She called on the Home Secretary to order a fresh inquiry.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 138

Marriage: 16 and 17-year-olds, 28th October 2019

During oral questions to the Home Secretary, APPG on PDRH member Sarah Champion asked if she would bring forward legislative proposals to end marriages involving 16 and 17-year-olds. The PUSS for the Home Office, Victoria Atkins, said that the Government was keeping the issue under review and that tackling forced marriage was a priority for the Government. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham, asked the Minister if it was appropriate for children to marry, with parental consent, before they have completed mandatory education or training up to the age of 18. The Minister confirmed she would be happy to work with MPs on this issue.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 139

PrEP, 29th October 2019

Neil Coyle asked the SoS for HSC, Matt Hancock, what steps he was taking to establish a national programme for PrEP by April 2020. The SoS replied that the Department had expanded access to PrEP and was working with the NHS, Public Health England and local authorities on the transition from the trial phase to routine commissioning from April 2020. When Neil Coyle criticised the Government's failure to meet its commitment on PrEP, the SoS blamed local authorities.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 140

Marriage: 16 and 17-year-olds, 31st October 2019

During oral questions to the Church Commissioners, APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Pauline Latham, asked what assessment the Church of England had made of the potential merits of ending marriages involving 16- and 17-year-olds and, given the international reach of the Anglican communion, if the Church of England's support for ending marriages between 16 and 17-year-olds would send a powerful message to other jurisdictions and faith communities around the world. Dame Caroline Spelman answered that "those of such a tender age" constituted only a small percentage of those marrying in Anglican churches and that international aid agencies handled the issue of child marriage effectively through their health and education programmes.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 141

Female Genital Mutilation, 29th January 2020

Anneliese Dodds asked the SoS for ID whether DFID had plans to allocate long-term funding to end FGM. The Minister for the Middle East and North Africa, Andrew Murrison, replied that, in 2018, the Government had announced a further £50 million in UK aid to support the Africa-led movement to end FGM over five years. Anneliese Dodds pressed the Minister on whether he would guarantee that funding would be retained up to 2025. The Minister said DFID looked forward to making a further announcement on how it would work with international partners on FGM.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 142

Female Genital Mutilation: Prosecutions, 13th February 2020

During oral questions to the Attorney General, Alex Norris and Carolyn Harris asked what steps the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) was taking to improve the rate of prosecution of people responsible for FGM. The Solicitor General, Michael Ellis, affirmed the Government's commitment to tackling FGM, which it considers a serious criminal offence of child abuse. Alex Norris pressed the Government on assuring that the CPS was adequately resourced to undertake FGM cases and to treat them as a priority. Carolyn Harris asked the Solicitor General what effect the cuts to the CPS had had on the reporting of FGM cases. The Solicitor General praised the Government's recent allocation of £85 million to the CPS but acknowledged that FGM was difficult to prosecute. Tom Tugendhat noted that a lot of problems occurred when children go abroad. He asked the Solicitor General to reach out to

his Gambian counterpart to support them in re-writing their constitution with appropriate FGM provisions.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 143

Istanbul Convention, 25th February 2020

Wera Hobhouse asked the Lord Chancellor what steps he was taking to implement the Istanbul Convention on action against violence against women and domestic violence, in particular the requirement that survivors of sexual violence have access to crisis counselling and mental health support. The Lord Chancellor, Robert Buckland, replied that, in addition to the Domestic Abuse Bill, the Government were committing more resources to rape crisis centres. Joanna Cherry pressed the Government on ratifying the Istanbul Convention and on supporting migrant women who experience domestic violence. The Lord Chancellor referred to the Government's achievements on the issue and said that the issue of migrant women would be debated in the context of the Domestic Abuse Bill.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 144

Departmental Funding [DFID], 4th March 2020

APPG on PDRH Secretary, Tommy Sheppard, asked the SoS for ID, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, what recent assessment she had made of the adequacy of funding to DFID and whether she was committed to the 0.7% of GNI target given her past reservations about it. The SoS confirmed that the Government had allocated sufficient funding to ensure they would deliver on their 0.7% commitment and that she was "absolutely committed" to 0.7%, and to spending it in "value-for-money" terms for British taxpayers and in a way that helped developing countries become self-sufficient. Other MPs questioned the SoS about funding for a Covid-19 vaccine and for Syria. Antony Higginbotham asked the SoS what steps she was taking to ensure every child gets 12 years of education. The SoS affirmed the commitment to education and, in light of International Women's Day, to ensuring all girls received an education.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 145

Period Poverty, 11th March 2020

Alistair Carmichael asked the Minister for Women and Equalities what steps the Government were taking to tackle period poverty. Maria Caulfield answered that period products would be offered to hospital patients, those in police custody, and to girls in state-funded schools across England. Alistair Carmichael noted that one in ten girls in Africa missed school because they lacked access to sanitary products. He asked the Minister to meet to discuss a Bill to improve transparency on the Government's target of eliminating period poverty in developing countries by 2030. Carolyn Harris pressed the Government on extending the provision of free sanitary products to victims of domestic violence living in refuges.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 146

Business of the House, 12th March 2020

During oral questions to the Leader of the House, Ian Mearns again raised the case of his constituent who had been denied asylum despite the near certainty that her two-year-old

daughter would be subject to FGM in Nigeria. The Leader of the House, Jacob Rees-Mogg, confirmed he would help but referred Ian Mearns to the Home Office.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 147

Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, 17th March 2020

Anthony Mangnall asked the Foreign Secretary what steps he was taking to support the PSVI and if the ministerial team would work with international groups and make representations at the UN's PSVI conference. The Minister for Asia, Nigel Adams, outlined the contributions of the Government's PSVI team and said that the Government would be announcing plans for the proposed UN summit.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 148

Abortion Services, 18th March 2020

APPG on PDRH member Dame Diana Johnson asked the SoS for Northern Ireland if he had made an assessment of the effect of the collapse of Flybe on the ability of women in Northern Ireland to access abortion services in England and whether the Minister had given any more thought to actions he could take to ensure abortion services were available to women in Northern Ireland. The MoS, Northern Ireland Office, Robin Walker, replied that the Government had been working with bpas to ensure that women seeking abortion care had access to the procedure and that regulations for evidence-based protocols would be laid by the deadline at the end of March 2020.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 149

Strengthening the Union, 18th March 2020

During oral questions to the SoS for Northern Ireland, Mary Robinson asked whether, now that the Northern Ireland Executive had been restored, the abortion framework for Northern Ireland should be a matter for the devolved government. The MoS, Northern Ireland Office, Robin Walker, replied that the Government were under a clear legal duty to make regulations that provide lawful access to abortion services in Northern Ireland by 31st March 2020. To comply with the legal requirement, the Government would shortly lay regulations in Parliament. It would be a matter for the Department of Health in Northern Ireland to commission the new services.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 150

Written Parliamentary Questions

Members of Parliament tabled a wide variety of SRHR/FP/population written parliamentary questions this year on the following subjects, which are available on the APPG on PDRH's [website](#):

Abortion

Abortion: Analgesics

Abortion: Cleft Palate

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance: Finance

Gaza: Health Services

General Practitioners: Postnatal Care

Abortion: Clinics	Genito-urinary Medicine
Abortion: Counselling	Genito-urinary Medicine: Clinics
Abortion: Disability	Genito-urinary Medicine: Closures
Abortion: Down's Syndrome	Genito-urinary Medicine: Expenditure
Abortion: Expenditure	Genito-urinary Medicine: Finance
Abortion: Health Education	Genito-urinary Medicine and HIV Infection
Abortion: North West	Gonorrhoea: Diagnosis
Abortion: Northern Ireland	Health: Females
Abortion: Overseas Aid	Health: Research
Abortion: Protest	Health Education: Schools
Abortion: Tarsal Coalition	Health Education: Sex
Abortion: Trials	Health Services: Travellers and Homelessness
Abortion: Vertical Talus	Health Visitors
Abortion and Marriage: Northern Ireland	HIV Infection
Africa: Exports	HIV Infection: Discrimination
Africa and Asia: Nature Conservation	HIV Infection: Drugs
Armed Conflict: Sexual Offences	Honduras: Contraceptives
Bangladesh: Females	Human Papillomavirus: Vaccination
Bangladesh: Overseas Aid	Humanitarian Aid: Children
Bangladesh: Rohingya	In Vitro Fertilisation
Bangladesh: Sexual Offences	In Vitro Fertilisation: Immigrants
Blood: Viral Diseases	In Vitro Fertilisation: Research
British Nationality: Assessments	Integrated Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy Review
British Overseas Territories: Environment Protection	International Conference on Population and Development: UK Delegations
Burma: Rohingya	International Planned Parenthood Federation: Finance
Cervical Cancer: Screening	International Planned Parenthood Federation: Sexual Offences
Chlamydia: Screening	Marie Stopes International: Expenditure
Conflict, Stability and Security Fund	Marie Stopes International: Finance
Contraceptives	Marriage: Children
Contraceptives: Shortages	Maternal Mortality
Contraceptives and Hormone Replacement Therapy: Shortages	Maternal Mortality: Ethnic Groups
Democratic Republic of Congo: Torture	
Dengue Fever	

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: Public Expenditure	Mental Health Services: Mothers
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Overseas Aid	Middle East: Yazidis
Department for International Development: Departmental Responsibilities	Misoprostol
Department for International Development: Staff	Mycoplasma Genitalium and Trichomoniasis
Department for International Trade: Overseas Aid	NHS Trusts: Legal Opinion
Developing Countries	North Korea: Human Trafficking
Developing Countries: Abortion	Ovarian Cancer: Contraceptives
Developing Countries: Abortion and Maternity Services	Overseas Aid
Developing Countries: Children	Overseas Aid: Audit
Developing Countries: Climate Change	Overseas Aid: Environment Protection
Developing Countries: Contraceptives	Overseas Aid: Public Consultation
Developing Countries: Coronavirus	Overseas Aid: Teachers
Developing Countries: Debts Written Off	Pakistan: Human Rights
Developing Countries: Education	Polio: Overseas Aid
Developing Countries: Education and Family Planning	Postnatal Depression: Suicide
Developing Countries: Energy	Pregnancy
Developing Countries: Female Genital Mutilation	Pregnant Women: Northern Ireland
Developing Countries: Females	Preventative Medicine
Developing Countries: Fossil Fuels	Prosperity Fund
Developing Countries: Genito-urinary Medicine	Public Health: Finance
Developing Countries: Health Services	Refugees: Overseas Aid
Developing Countries: HIV Infection	Religious Freedom: Females
Developing Countries: Human Rights	Renewable Energy: Overseas Aid
Developing Countries: Human Trafficking	Schools: Health Education
Developing Countries: Loans	Sex and Relationship Education
Developing Countries: Nature Conservation	Sex and Relationship Education: Abortion
Developing Countries: Maternal Mortality	Sex and Relationship Education: Finance
	Sexually Transmitted Infections
	Sexually Transmitted Infections: Diagnosis
	Sexually Transmitted Infections: Haringey
	Sexually Transmitted Infections: Older People

Developing Countries: Microfinance	Sexually Transmitted Infections: Young People
Developing Countries: Nutrition	Slavery: Airports and Ports
Developing Countries: Poverty	South Africa: Overseas Aid
Developing Countries: Sanitary Protection	South Asia: Air Pollution
Developing Countries: Sex and Relationship Education	South Sudan: Rape
Developing Countries: Sustainable Development	Sri Lanka: Diplomatic Service
Developing Countries: Terminal Illnesses	Sub-Saharan Africa: HIV Infection
Developing Countries: Women's Rights	Sudan: Demonstrations
Development Aid: Poverty	Sustainable Development
Development Assistance Committee	Syria: Overseas Aid
Domestic Abuse	Tanzania: Non-governmental Organisations
Domestic Abuse: Ethnic Groups	Tanzania: Overseas Aid
East Africa: Mares Stopes International	Tranexamic Acid
Economic Situation	Tuberculosis: Overseas Aid
Emergencies: Crimes of Violence	Turkey: Rape
Ethiopia: Overseas Aid	Uganda: Overseas Aid
EU Aid	UK-Africa Investment Summit
Female Genital Mutilation	United Nations: Peacekeeping Operations
Female Genital Mutilation: Prosecutions	USA: UN Resolutions
Females: Equality	Venezuela: Refugees
Foetuses	Weather: Disaster Relief
Foetuses: Pain	Women's Rights
Forced Marriage	Yemen: Armed Conflict
Forced Marriage: Greater London	Yemen: Family Planning and Maternity Services
Forced Marriage: Prosecutions	Yemen: Humanitarian Aid
Forced Marriage: Young People	Yemen: Internally Displaced People
Fossil Fuels: Development Aid	Yemen: Mental Health Services
Fossil Fuels: Foreign Investment	Yemen: Peace Negotiations
Fossil Fuels: Overseas Aid	
Gambia: International Assistance	
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance: Expenditure	

Early Day Motions

EDM 2388 - Christian Aid Week Focus on Sierra Leone, 14th May 2019

Jim Shannon, 17 signatures

That this House notes the phenomenal work carried out by Christian Aid throughout the world; congratulates them on the decision to focus on maternal health and infant health in Sierra Leone; and encourages those who are able to give to support this worthy charity safe in the knowledge that every penny they give will make a difference to women and children in that needy land.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 151

EDM 2416 - World Pre-eclampsia Day 2019, 22nd May 2019

Patricia Gibson, 29 signatures

That this House recognises World Pre-Eclampsia day on 22 May 2019, following from the first ever debate on this important issue in Parliament; welcomes the steps made in reducing maternal mortality in the UK over the generations, but also recognises that this condition affects up to 10 per cent of pregnancies worldwide and is the leading cause of maternal and infant death; notes that 1000 babies die in the UK each year due to pre-eclampsia related complications; understands that identifying the signs of pre-eclampsia early is vital in combating the illness and therefore raising awareness of the symptoms amongst mothers and health professionals is vital; recognises that the Placental Growth Factor test is an important tool in identifying women at risk of pre-eclampsia and calls for it to be more widely available throughout the UK; acknowledges the long-term health risks for women who develop pre-eclampsia; pays tribute to the very important work carried out by the charitable organisation, Action on Pre-Eclampsia; and calls on the UK Government to commit to doing all it can to improve research, treatment and detection of pre-eclampsia save the lives of babies and mothers.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 152

EDM 2561 - Doctor Isabelle Kerr, 27th June 2019

Alison Thewliss, 7 signatures

That this House congratulates Isabelle Kerr on receiving an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Strathclyde; recognises Dr Kerr's thirteen years as Centre Manager at the Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis Centre; notes that Dr Kerr started work at Glasgow & Clyde Rape Crisis as a volunteer helpline worker in 1981 and was one of the founding members of Aberdeen Rape Crisis in 1984; recognises that Dr Kerr has worked UK-wide in services for homelessness, benefits advice, community projects, youth work, equalities, and travelling communities all from the perspective of violence against women; further recognises Dr Kerr's work in developing Equally Safe in Higher Education; is grateful for Dr Kerr's generosity and support of those around her in sharing her expertise and knowledge; thanks Dr Kerr for her life-long commitment both in policy and practice to ending gender based violence; and wishes Dr Kerr every success in the years ahead.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 153

EDM 2661 - Period Positive Pledge, 24th July 2019

Stephanie Peacock, 22 signatures

That this House welcomes the Period Positive Pledge which has now been adopted by institutions and organisations across the world and was created by Chella Quint in Sheffield, the first Period Positive City; notes that menstrual taboos and the habits that uphold them lead to negative consequences like period poverty, late diagnoses of reproductive health problems, sustainability issues, unsafe behaviour, gender discrimination and social exclusion; calls on the Government to adopt the Period Poverty Pledge by ensuring that all menstrual products and issues are correctly named in official documents and euphemisms such as sanitary and feminine hygiene are removed, promoting awareness and the rejection of embodied shame and challenging negative media and corporate messages around menstruation; and further calls on the Government to ensure that menstruation education is delivered in schools with training for teachers, to all genders and to people on the margins without corporate branding or influence and to ensure that menstruation education and the wider menstrual discourse in the UK is elevated beyond product provision and separated from product sales or corporate involvement, that menstrual literacy education is funded to be delivered in schools and communities with a high level of expert-delivered training for all schools and all teachers and that any school or community-based interventions into period poverty are undertaken sustainably and without corporate branding or influence.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 154

EDM 2717 - Ending the IVF Postcode Lottery, 25th 25 September 2019

Layla Moran, 19 signatures

That this House calls for an end to the postcode lottery for IVF treatment on the NHS; believes that the Government must hold local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to account and legislate to ensure that access to IVF provision on the NHS is equal across England; recognises that all CCGs should be required to offer the same number of rounds of IVF on the NHS; welcomes the fact that many CCGs follow the NICE guidelines that women under 40 should be offered 3 cycles of IVF treatment on the NHS; and calls on the Government to ensure adequate funding and support is in place to ensure that all CCGs in England follow those guidelines.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 155

EDM 2729 - Marie Stopes International Funding, 25th September 2019

Fiona Bruce, 3 signatures

That this House notes that the organisation Marie Stopes International (MSI), which performed almost five million abortions in 2018, has had its funding from Her Majesty's Government increased by over 5,000 per cent in the last 12 years to over £48 million in 2018 making the UK taxpayer the largest donor to that organisation; that the increase comes at the same time as the Charity Commission is investigating MSI for rewarding its chief executive, Simon Cooke, a total salary package in excess of £400,000; further notes that a recent highly critical Independent Commission for Aid Impact report condemned the Department for International Development for favouring abortion funding at the expense of strengthening the delivery of quality maternal care programmes, further notes that polling has shown that 65 per cent of the British population are opposed to taxpayer money being used to fund abortions

overseas; and calls on the Government to cut international development funding provided to Marie Stopes International.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 156

EDM 49 - Pick-up Artists and Gaming, 21st October 2019

Angela Crawley, 11 signatures

That this House is concerned by the practice of gaming carried out by self-titled pick-up artists throughout the UK; notes the BBC documentary, The Seduction Game, which followed self-styled pick-up coaches who discussed various techniques, including how to overcome the last-minute resistance of women to having sex; understands that the so-called game takes place when male pick-up artists harass women on the streets and post secretly filmed footage online; further notes that the seduction industry is worth an estimated £80 million worldwide, with pick-up coaches selling courses on how to sleep with as many women as possible, as quickly as possible; understands that men can book on a weekend gaming course, which can cost £1,500 and a week-long course for up to £4,000; condemns this disturbing practice; believes that this practice highlights the clear need for action to be taken to tackle gender-based prejudice and violence; deplores the outlook of men who objectify women and treat them as sub-human; further believes that tougher action has to be taken to clamp down on this appalling industry; and urges the Government to use the domestic abuse legislation currently proceeding through the House to protect women from these potentially dangerous practices.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 157

EDM 21 - Global Goals, Official Development Assistance, and the Role of the Department for International Development, 19th December 2019

Patrick Grady, 35 signatures

That this House affirms its commitment to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development agreed by Member States of the United Nations in 2015 with the aim of ending poverty, fighting inequality and addressing the urgency of climate change by 2030; believes the United Kingdom's statutory commitment to spending 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income each year as Official Development Assistance demonstrates cross-party consensus in the UK behind the importance of those goals, and ambitious leadership among the international community of donor countries; further believes that the existence since 1997 of a dedicated Government Department and Secretary of State for International Development has protected and enhanced the work of Government and thousands of agencies and charities funded by Government, in meeting global targets to end poverty; and believes that the Department for International Development should continue to exist as a dedicated Government Department throughout the lifetime of this Parliament and beyond.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 158

EDM 147 - Conduct of Judge Robin Tolson QC, 6th February 2020

Louise Haigh, 45 signatures

That this House welcomes the overturning by the High Court of Justice Tolson's ruling in the Central Family Court that a sexual assault did not constitute rape because the woman had

taken no physical step to encourage the man to desist; notes with concern the High Court's findings that Justice Tolson failed to apply the definitions of domestic abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour, dismissed or ignored reports from the police, failed to allow the Appellant to make her full submission and repeatedly interrupted her; further notes with concern the High Court's findings on Justice Tolson's judgment that the real risk of the appearance of a partisan approach in that judge's conduct was self-evident and that the fact that the judge preferred the Respondent's case was patent throughout his judgment; highlights the High Court's further findings that Justice Tolson's reasons for dismissing the evidence of the Appellant were wrong, specifically, that he made a finding regarding the Appellant's psychological state of mind without any forensic expert evidence; further highlights that the High Court found that Justice Tolson's approach towards the issue of consent was manifestly at odds with current jurisprudence, concomitant sexual behaviour, and what is currently acceptable socio-sexual conduct; notes with concern that Justice Tolson continues to preside over cases involving domestic abuse and rape in the Family Courts; and calls on the Government to take steps with the Judicial College to ensure that training is made mandatory for family court and criminal court judges on the legally correct and appropriate approach to take when hearing domestic abuse and sexual assault allegations.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 159

EDM 190 - Shortage of Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) Treatments, 13th February 2020

Fleur Anderson, 30 signatures

That this House notes with concern the continuing shortage of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) treatment to alleviate severe symptoms of the menopause and is alarmed that many women have been affected by shortages for over a year; further notes that this is also affecting hormonal contraceptive supplies which could lead to a rise in unplanned pregnancies and abortions; believes that all women have a right to uninhibited access to HRT medication and products and that this access must not be held back by market forces; welcomes the Government's work with suppliers and stakeholders to reintroduce 70 per cent of HRT products back on the market by 2020 February; is disappointed that a number of HRT medications and contraceptives remain unavailable and may remain so until the end of the year if not longer; and calls upon the Government to address this issue as a matter of urgency and set up an expert working group to investigate the reasons for the continuing shortages.

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed at Appendix 160

House of Lords

Oral Ministerial statements

Domestic Abuse, 14th May 2019

The PUSS, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Wales Office, Lord Bourne, repeated an oral statement made by the SoS for Housing, Communities and Local Government, James Brokenshire on 13th May 2019. The statement outlined a new sustainable approach to delivering support for victims of domestic abuse and their children in accommodation-based services across England. The statement outlined current arrangements, acknowledged shortcomings and proposed new local authority-led

arrangements for delivering support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in accommodation-based services in England which would place a new statutory duty on upper-tier local authorities to convene a local partnership board for domestic abuse accommodation support services together with new statutory guidance and funding. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair, Baroness Hussein-Ece, welcomed the steps outlined in the statement. While acknowledging that local authorities have an important role to play, Baroness Hussein-Ece pressed the Government to ensure that safeguarding officers and the police had the resources to protect victims and enforce exclusion orders.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 161

Domestic Abuse, 16th July 2019

The MoS, Home Office, Baroness Williams, repeated a statement made by the PUSS for the Home Office, Victoria Atkins, announcing the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Bill into the House of Commons and the publication of the Government's response to the pre-legislative scrutiny report of the Joint Committee on the Draft Domestic Abuse Bill. APPG on PDRH member Lord Purvis noted that, historically, there had been administrative problems with individuals who had to tackle cross-border issues with regard to the legal framework and relationships between local authorities in Scotland and England. He asked the Government to ensure that administrative relationships were in place so that changes to the welfare legislation did not exacerbate the potential difficulties that women find themselves in on cross-border issues.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 162

G7, 3rd September 2019

The Lord Privy Seal, Baroness Evans, repeated a statement made by the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, about the G7 summit in Biarritz. The Prime Minister spoke about Brexit and free trade but also noted incidences of environmental devastation and the fact that 130 million girls worldwide were not in education. He announced the UK's campaign for 12 years of quality education for every girl in the world and £90 million of new funding so that 600,000 children in countries torn by conflict, where girls were twice as likely as boys to be out of the classroom, get the chance to go to school. Ensuring 12 years of quality education for girls would "not only curb infant mortality, eradicate illiteracy and reduce population pressures but would strike a blow for morality and justice".

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 163

International Climate Action, 26th September 2019

The PUSS, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Northern Ireland Office, Lord Duncan, repeated a statement made by the SoS for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Andrea Leadsom, on the UN climate action summit in New York that took place on 23rd September 2019. The SoS outlined the dire climate situation, its current effects, and the actions the Government were committed to undertaking. The UK had committed to doubling its international climate finance from £5.8 billion to £11.6 billion from 2021-2025 in order to support vulnerable communities develop low carbon technologies and shift from fossil fuels to clean energy. Similarly, a further £1 billion was being put into the Ayrton fund to drive clean energy innovation in developing countries.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 164

Legislation

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019, 24th April 2019

These regulations were brought forward by the Government to make relationships, sex and health education (RSE) compulsory in schools from September 2020. The new RSE curriculum would aim to help keep children safe, help prepare them for the world in which they are growing up and help foster respect for others and for difference. The content included would be age appropriate and taught in a sensitive way, respecting the backgrounds and beliefs of pupils. The legislation retained some exceptions to sex education in primary and secondary schools. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Massey, welcomed the legislation but questioned the decision that academies and free schools would not be required to teach sex education, the lack of input from children and young people during the consultation process, and funding. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, welcomed the legislation but queried the Government on how parents or pupils could seek a remedy where the RSE taught in their school fell short of the guidance and challenged the Government to improve RSE for disabled children.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 165

Storage Period for Gametes Bill [HL], 6th June 2019

Baroness Deech introduced a PMB to extend the ten-year storage limit for frozen eggs. The PMB called for a six-month review of the regulations governing gamete storage periods by the SoS, and proposed that the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos and Gametes) Regulations 2009 be amended so that gametes could be kept for more than ten years if the person for whose use they were frozen has not completed their family. The Bill never had a Second Reading (but was reintroduced after prorogation).

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 166

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, 10th July 2019

This was a Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill in the House of Lords. As originally introduced in the House of Commons, this Bill amended Section 1 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018 to extend the period for forming a Northern Ireland executive until 13th January 2020. During Committee Stage in the Commons, the Bill was amended to impose a duty on the SoS to report regularly on progress towards the formation of an Executive in Northern Ireland, to provide the legalisation of same-sex marriage and opposite-sex civil partnership in Northern Ireland (in line with the rest of the UK), and the liberalisation of abortion laws (in line with abortion rights in England and Wales) if no executive was formed by midnight on 21st October 2019. In relation to abortion, some Peers spoke in support of the amendment, while others argued against it on the basis that it 'violated' devolution. Others, such as Baroness O'Loan, claimed (inaccurately) it would lead to the availability of unregulated, unrestricted abortion in Northern Ireland.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 167

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, 15th July 2019

This was part one of the Committee Stage of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill (see above), at which a number of amendments were introduced. Lord Cormack, Lord Trimble and Baroness O'Loan introduced an amendment which would merely require the Government to offer to the people of Northern Ireland a consultation on abortion and same-sex marriage if no Executive was established by 10th April 2020. There was a spirited debate on abortion. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, emphasised the need to listen to the voices of unheard women and argued that "This is not a rushed measure to overrule constitutional niceties. It is a long and considered attempt to give all the people of Northern Ireland the equal rights and dignity to which all citizens of the United Kingdom are entitled." APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, argued that abortion was a personal decision; that having a law which permits abortion does not make women have abortions, it just gives them the right to choose; and that the UK's obligations under CEDAW could not be devolved to Northern Ireland. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair, Baroness Hussein-Ece, challenged Lord Morrow (who opposed abortion) on the justness of prosecuting women who get abortions or procure abortions for others.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 168

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, 15th July 2019

During part two of the Committee Stage of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill (see above), Baroness O'Loan, Lord Eames, Lord Hay and Lord Alton introduced a further amendment designed to delay/prevent abortion reform in Northern Ireland by requiring an extensive consultation and approval process which would allow Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly to block abortion reform. Baroness O'Loan argued that there was overwhelming support for the issue of abortion to be dealt with by Northern Ireland. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, pointed out that the polls relied on by anti-choice Peers were not the objective views of the people in Northern Ireland and those Peers ignored more reliable polls showing overwhelming support for the decriminalisation of abortion; it was vital to listen to the views of those people. The anti-choice amendments were unsuccessful.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 169

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, 17th July 2019

This was the Report Stage of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill (see above). APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, introduced an amendment to the abortion clause designed to find a way the Government could take the matter forward in a way which was timely and allowed for necessary consultation (e.g. with medical professionals), without allowing changes to be dragged out. During her speech, Baroness Barker explicitly asked the Minister: "within the plans to consult on regulations made under this Bill, is there any intent to publicly consult on measures that would restrict the ability of women in Northern Ireland to gain access to abortion services?" The PUSS, Northern Ireland Office, Lord Duncan, expressly affirmed that any consultation would be on how to implement the changes, not on whether to do it, and that the new regulatory regime would fully deliver on the CEDAW recommendations. Baroness O'Loan and other anti-choice Peers objected, but the amendment passed. Baroness O'Loan then put forward amendments to Baroness Barker's

amendment to require consultation with and the approval of Members of the Legislative Assembly in Northern Ireland (MLAs). These amendments were defeated in a vote.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 170

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, 17th July 2019

This was the Third Reading of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill (see above). APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, put forward a small, technical amendment to change the deadline for the regulation-making powers and consultation from 13th January 2020 to 31st March 2020 in order to give the Northern Ireland Office sufficient flexibility and a small amount of additional time to make abortion regulations. Other 'housekeeping' amendments were put forward and agreed. The amended Bill (now called the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Bill) was passed and returned to the Commons with amendments.

Please find full text enclosed at Appendix 171

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Bill, 22nd July 2019

The Bill returned to the House of Lords to consider the Commons Amendment. The House of Commons had voted to amend Lords Amendment 1 in order to make it more difficult for the Government to prorogue Parliament in the run up to October 31st, the day on which the UK was scheduled to leave the EU. The PUSS, Northern Ireland Office, Lord Duncan, moved to disagree with the amendment. There was a Brexit-based debate. The Amendment was put to a vote, and the Commons Amendment was agreed.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 172

Northern Ireland (Ministerial Appointment Functions) (No. 2) Regulations 2019, 9th September 2019

This statutory instrument was brought forward by the Government to allow the SoS to make additional appointments to critical offices in Northern Ireland. During the debate, Lord McCrea and Lord Dubs argued about Sinn Féin and the politics of abortion in Northern Ireland.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 173

Storage Period for Gametes Bill [HL], 24th October 2019

Baroness Deech re-introduced a PMB to extend the ten-year storage limit for frozen eggs. The PMB called for a six-month review of the regulations governing gamete storage periods by the SoS, and proposed that the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos and Gametes) Regulations 2009 be amended so that gametes could be kept for more than ten years if the person for whose use they were frozen has not completed their family. The Bill never had a Second Reading because Parliament was dissolved on account of the GE in December 2019.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 174

Abortion Bill [HL], 15th January 2020

APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, introduced a PMB to decriminalise the consensual termination of a pregnancy which had not exceeded its twenty-fourth week and in other prescribed circumstances, and to create a criminal offence for non-consensual termination of pregnancy. The PMB's Second Reading has not yet been scheduled.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 175

Storage Period for Gametes Bill [HL], 22nd January 2020

Baroness Deech re-introduced a PMB to extend the ten-year storage limit for frozen eggs. The PMB called for a six-month review of the regulations governing gamete storage periods by the SoS, and proposed that the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Statutory Storage Period for Embryos and Gametes) Regulations 2009 be amended so that gametes could be kept for more than ten years if the person for whose use they were frozen has not completed their family. The PMB's Second Reading has not yet been scheduled.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 176

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill [HL], 27th January 2020

Following the APPG on PDRH's roundtable meeting with child marriage advocates on 9th September 2019, APPG on PDRH Vice Chair, Baroness Hussein-Ece, introduced a PMB to revoke parental or judicial consent which permits the marriage or civil partnership of a child and to criminalise child marriage or civil partnership under the age of 18. The PMB's Second Reading has not yet been scheduled.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 177

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill [HL], 3rd February 2020

Baroness Cox introduced a PMB which would require all religious marriages to be registered, thereby giving women rights they would be denied if their marriages were not recognised by the state. The PMB would create an offence of purporting to solemnize an unregistered marriage. During oral questions on sharia law marriages (see below), Baroness Cox outlined the predicament Muslim women can find themselves in through the application of sharia law. The PMB's Second Reading has not yet been scheduled.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 178

Coronavirus Bill, 24th March 2020

During the Second Reading of the Coronavirus Bill, APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, raised the issue of women's access to early medical abortion. She asked the Minister for HSC to consider whether women could have a telemedicine interview with the staff of a clinic in order to obtain and safely take abortion pills at home. The PUSS, Department of HSC, Lord Bethell, acknowledged that continued access to safe abortion services was a priority. However, given that there was no statutory requirement for either of the two doctors to have seen or examined the patient, assessments could take place via telemedicine, and the Government did not consider that changes to the certification treatment for abortions should form part of the Bill. The Bill progressed to Committee Stage.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 179

Coronavirus Bill, 25th March 2020

During the Committee Stage of the Coronavirus Bill, Baroness Bennett introduced an amendment that would enable the Government to temporarily modify abortion legislation to allow women to take both pills for an early medical abortion at home (rather than taking the first pill under supervision) and to do so without the need of two doctors signing off (nurses and midwives would be allowed to certify). APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, supported the amendment. She cited statistics showing that there had already been a significant reduction in the availability of abortion services due to the pandemic and argued that women were facing increasing difficulties accessing abortion care. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Thornton supported the amendment. The PUSS, Department of HSC, Lord Bethell, argued against the amendment on the basis that abortion services could still be provided in a timely way and the Government did not want to 'muddy' the Bill with such a contentious issue. The amendment was withdrawn.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 180

Debates

Yemen: Giving Peace a Chance (International Relations Committee Report), 1st April 2019

Lord Howell introduced a debate on a report of the International Relations Committee on the continuing conflict in Yemen and its humanitarian consequences. The focus was on the unparalleled horrors and suffering in Yemen, aspects of the complex struggle there, the ways it has been conducted, and the British role. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay concentrated on the impact of the war on women and girls, who had been disproportionately affected by the conflict, particularly in the context of malnutrition and maternal health services. Baroness Anelay described the exacerbation of pre-existing gender inequalities, the steep rise of GBV, and the tripling of the rate in early and forced marriage of girls since 2015. Baroness Anelay pressed the Government to take a number of steps, including ensuring that UNFPA's Yemen humanitarian response was fully funded, to address the needs of women and girls in Yemen.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 181

Aid: Anti-Corruption Measures, 2nd April 2019

Lord McInnes introduced a question for short debate on steps the Government needs to take to ensure anti-corruption measures are supported as part of aid to developing countries, countries recovering from natural disasters, and in the reconstruction of former conflict areas. Peers spoke in support of DFID and ODA spending. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay acknowledged the difficulty in spending ODA in corrupt countries, such as South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where the level of corruption and disarray means that DFID cannot do capacity-building before allocating aid in the 'normal' way. However, she argued that the benefits of the cash outweighed potential downsides. For example, cash transfers in South Sudan were used to provide health services and girls' education that "keeps girls at school and less likely to be married off at 11 years old" in a country with high levels of sexual and GBV and early marriage. Baroness Anelay also pressed DFID to maintain gender-specific projects in DRC. Ultimately, she argued that the

UK's work in countries like South Sudan and DRC demonstrated how important it was that international donors do not walk away but stay to deliver aid to those who need it and persist in both anti-corruption measures and capacity-building.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 182

Sexual Violence, 2nd April 2019

APPG on PDRH member Baroness Hodgson introduced a question for short debate on the steps taken by the Government to assess international mechanisms for holding perpetrators of sexual violence to account and ensuring justice for survivors. Baroness Hodgson described historic and contemporary cases of sexual violence and the work of the PSVI. She highlighted the impunity of perpetrators and pressed the Minister on how best the UK could use its soft power and influence to ensure adequate national and international mechanisms were put in place to bring perpetrators to justice. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, argued that where rape and sexual violence was used in conflict, commanding officers must be prosecuted. She also spoke about the need to ensure female victims in particular receive adequate medical justice, including access to safe abortion, and asked the Government to clarify the position given President Trump's expansion of the global gag rule. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins discussed the themes of justice, accountability and international leadership. During his speech, he said "Women endure discrimination, violence and the denial of their rights simply because they are women. We must tackle the underlying problem of a lack of empowerment, education and inclusion. We need explicitly feminist foreign and development policies, based on the principles of gender justice, rights, intersectionality and solidarity, so that we tackle the structural causes of gender inequality, transform gender norms and challenge patriarchy in everything that the FCO and DfID do."

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 183

Vaccinations and Health Screening Services, 14th May 2019

Baroness Walmsley introduced a question for short debate on the Government's plans to promote the uptake of vaccinations and health screening services in the UK. Despite being cost-effective, the Government were failing to meet their targets on preventative medicine. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, began by noting that the FPA (Family Planning Association) had folded and other charities and professional bodies would have to cover the work, and then went on to discuss cancer screenings, in particular cervical cancer, and health disparities experienced by lesbian and bi-women. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Thornton decried the declining vaccination rates and argued for improved public health messaging and education in schools.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 184

Grooming Gangs, 14th May 2019

Baroness Cox introduced a question for short debate asking the Government what progress had been made in the prevention of grooming gangs and the assistance offered to victims and their families. Baroness Cox described the sexual exploitation of girls and women in Rotherham between 1997-2013. Baroness Cox called on the Government to increase funding for mental health services and legal assistance and to prosecute perpetrators. Responding

for the Government, the MoS, Home Office, Baroness Williams, outlined the steps the Government had taken to address grooming gangs.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 185

Victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse, 6th June 2019

Baroness Newlove introduced a debate on the Government's plans to support victims of domestic violence and abuse. Among other things, Baroness Newlove discussed concerns about perpetrators cross-examining victims in family courts, police bail, enforcement of non-molestation orders, and called for a sustainable level of funding. She applauded the Domestic Abuse Bill but argued that legislation alone would not be enough to provide all the necessary protections. APPG on PDRH Treasurer, Baroness Jenkin, called on the Government to consider more provision for perpetrator programmes and one-to-one work with perpetrators in order to stop the cycle of violence. APPG on PDRH member Lord Suri spoke in support of the Domestic Abuse Bill but called on the Government to amend the Bill to remove parental rights from rapists or limit the discretion of courts to grant contact or residency orders in favour of rapists who father children.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 186

Global Gender Equality, 17th June 2019

In light of the Women Deliver conference in Vancouver, PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, opened a debate on global gender equality. The Minister acknowledged the global roll-back of women's rights and the important role the UK plays in sexual and reproductive health and rights on the world stage. The Minister outlined the way in which DFID was harnessing individual power, addressing structural power and recognising the power of movements. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair, Baroness Hussein-Ece, described her experience at the Women Deliver conference as part of the EPF parliamentary forum and spoke about the threat to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including the right to safe abortion, now that the global political climate was becoming more precarious and having a chilling effect on women's rights. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Flather, spoke about the situation of women in India and highlighted how economic empowerment could change the perception of women in societies and the role of boys and men in gender equality. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, spoke about the role of men in gender equality, about the decline of FP services in the UK, and pressed the Government on funding and about abortion in conflict. The Minister confirmed that the Government's position on abortion in conflict was that in situations of armed conflict or occupation, international humanitarian law principles may justify offering an abortion rather than perpetuating what amounts to inhuman or degrading treatment. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Hodgson highlighted the plight of women and adolescent girls in conflict-afflicted countries and the need to stand firm on contraception and abortion worldwide. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, emphasised the detrimental effects of the US's position on women's rights, sexual violence in conflict, and the situation of women and girls in Yemen.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 187

International Widows Day, 19th June 2019

To mark International Widows Day, Lord Loomba introduced a question for short debate asking the Government what steps they were taking to empower widows in developing countries. Lord Loomba described the plight of widows, particularly in Africa, who face economic hardship, stigma, ostracisation and sexual violence. He called on DFID to aim more aid and policies at helping widows and listed a number of suggested steps it could take. APPG on PDRH Officer, Lord Hussain, called attention to the situation of widows in Kashmir and called on the Government to help the UN get access to investigate human rights abuses, including the mass graves, in Kashmir. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Hodgson described the generational damage of widowhood, including removal from education and early marriage of daughters. APPG on PDRH Secretary, Baroness Uddin, discussed some of the legal, social and economic obstacles faced by widows in the UK and abroad and asked the Minister for data on where widowed women fit into the humanitarian framework. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked the Government how DFID was responding to the specific needs and rights of older women in their work on widows, e.g. ensuring that the paid and unpaid work and care that older widows were doing was recognised and supported, and on the health of widows, particularly with regards to HIV. The PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, responded for the Government. She acknowledged the difficulties faced by widows and said that over the last year, DFID had been working to build its knowledge and evidence base for its work on widows. DFID had also focused on raising awareness of the deprivation faced by widows through its international influencing strategy on gender equality.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 188

Benefit Changes: Vulnerable People, 27th June 2019

Baroness Janke introduced a debate on the impact of recent benefit changes on vulnerable people in which she outlined of position of those, particularly children, in poverty in the UK and highlighted the plight of single-parent families, 90% of whom are women, and the effects of the two-child limit, which could eventually affect over 3 million children. Other Peers, particularly the Lord Bishop of Chichester, spoke forcefully about the injustice of the two-child policy, including its effect on women's reproductive rights, and women having to resort to 'survival sex'.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 189

Pakistan: Aid Programmes and Human Rights, 2nd July 2019

Lord Alton introduced a question for short debate asking the Government what assessment they had made of the relationship between their aid programmes and human rights and the treatment of minorities in Pakistan. Among other kinds of persecution and abuse, Lord Alton highlighted the kidnapping, conversion and forced marriage of Hindu and Christian girls in Pakistan. He noted that £2.6 billion of British aid has poured into Pakistan over the last decade, and praised the decision of the IDC to open an inquiry into British aid to Pakistan. APPG on PDRH Officer, Lord Hussain, spoke about the steps Pakistan had taken to incorporate religious minorities into its political and social institutions and asked the Minister what the Government were doing to support Pakistan's endeavours to make the country more peaceful, tolerant and prosperous. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, spoke in support of aid to Pakistan and questioned the Minister on the work the Government were doing on a regional level to promote interfaith understanding and tolerance, particularly in rural areas. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins challenged the Government to be more transparent about aid to Pakistan, including setting out the 'robust measures' in place to

protect human rights, and on the steps they were taking in respect of cases of religious persecution by the Pakistani government.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 190

Sustainable Development Goals, 10th July 2019

In light of the upcoming publication of the UK's VNR on the SDGs, the PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, introduced a debate on the SDGs. While she acknowledged that there were areas for improvement, the Minister lauded the UK's progress on public health and climate change. APPG on PDRH member Lord Purvis spoke about finance for development and the need for a new British approach. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Manzoor focussed on nutrition: funding, effective integration across all aspects of DFID's work, and sustained leadership on nutrition. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Verma highlighted gender equality and the need to end violence against women and girls. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Massey, spoke about the need to focus on young people, including education, but particularly on the need for sexual and reproductive health in young people. She discussed the importance of DFID's work on FP and contraception, AIDS, maternal and newborn health, FGM, unintended pregnancies, STIs and safe abortion. Baroness Massey also said "Sexual and reproductive health should also integrate with areas such as population, climate change consequences, and vulnerability to depletion of natural resources and natural disasters." APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, was sceptical about DFID's ability to exercise control of the cross-departmental delivery of the SDGs domestically and was critical of ODA funding of fossil fuel projects in developing countries. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins was critical of the VNR on the SDGs and the way in which it was conducted.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 191

Young Adults: Public Service Funding, 18th July 2019

APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Massey, introduced a debate on public service funding for young adults, in which she described and expressed grave concerns about spending levels on community structures and support services. In particular, she noted that two-thirds of local councils had cut funding for sexual and reproductive health services, with potential consequences for unintended pregnancies and STIs.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 192

Report Pursuant to Sections 3(1), 3(6), 3(7), 3(8), 3(9) and 3(10) the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019, 9th September 2019

In accordance with the obligations under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 ('the Act'), the PUSS, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Northern Ireland Office, Lord Duncan, introduced a debate regarding the report on various topics, including abortion law review, made pursuant to the Act. The Government's preference remained that abortion and other devolved issues be taken forward by a restored Executive. However, if an Executive was not formed by 21st October 2019, the Government had a duty to make the necessary regulations and the specific criminal law in Northern Ireland would fall away and a criminal moratorium on prosecutions would come into place. An appropriate legal framework would be in operation by 31st March 2020. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, asked the Minister to confirm that the decriminalisation of abortion

in Northern Ireland would take place on 21st October if no Assembly was formed, regardless of a GE or Prorogation and to confirm what would happen to people who were currently facing prosecution under the existing law. She also reminded the House that decriminalisation would not mean that there would be no regulation of abortion in Northern Ireland, that despite wildly misleading statements made since the Act passed, abortion in Northern Ireland would be by medical professionals who would act under the same ethical constraints as their colleagues in the rest of the United Kingdom. It was wrong to say that there would be a period in which there would be no regulation whatever.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 193

Spending Round 2019, 25th September 2019

During a debate on the Spending Round 2019, the Lord Bishop of Durham praised the Government's commitment to spending 0.7% of GNI on overseas aid. However, he was critical of the Government's statement that "ODA... needs to be in the country's national interest and every pound spent should deliver value for taxpayers". He called on the Government to support the most vulnerable for its own sake and that the UK's self-interest should not be central in the ODA budget. He also expressed concern about the "creeping use of ODA money for what should be FCO or even MoD spending" and called on the Minister to comment. Finally, the Lord Bishop of Durham expressed concern about DWP spending, including the two-child limit.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 194

Offender Management and Treatment, 3rd October 2019

During a debate on offender management and treatment, Baroness Masham called attention to the increasing number of offenders with STIs. She characterised it as a serious problem and called on the Government to create links between prisons and STI clinics and to promote public health education in prisons. She raised concerns about STIs developing antibiotic resistance, risks to the wider community and the need for better, wider, more joined-up leadership on sexual health services.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 195

Exiting the EU, Trade, Foreign Affairs and Defence (Queen's Speech Debate, 2nd Day), 15th October 2019

The MoS for the FCO, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, introduced a Queen's Speech debate on exiting the EU, trade, foreign affairs and defence. Lord Ahmad said that promoting Britain's values meant promoting human rights, equality, democracy and the rule of law. He reaffirmed the Government's commitment to spending 0.7% of GNI on overseas aid and spoke about the Government's commitment to the SDGs, girls' education, ending preventable deaths, and preventing sexual violence in conflict. Peers debated a range of topics including climate change, religious persecution, girls' education and Syria. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, focussed on human rights and trade deals, but also drew attention to women's rights to reproductive health. She highlighted the work that was still to be done in respect of access to FP, FGM, maternal morbidity, sexual and GBV, and girls' education.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 196

Exiting the EU, Trade, Foreign Affairs and Defence - continued (Queen's Speech Debate, 3rd Day), 16th October 2019

In the debate continued from the previous evening, APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, gave a speech on ID, focussing on climate change and its effects on developing countries. She called for building longevity into DFID's programmes. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins echoed Baroness Tonge's arguments about human rights and international trade and called on the Government to accelerate progress on the SDGs. He argued for the centrality of nutrition and the importance of climate change.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 197

Health, Social Care, Education, Culture, Welfare and Pensions (Queen's Speech Debate, 6th Day), 22th October 2019

During the Queen's Speech debate on health, social care, education, culture, welfare and pensions, Lord Berkeley spoke about FGM. He praised the passage of the Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Act 2019, which extended protections for girls at risk of FGM, but argued that there was still much to be done, that the UK could not be complacent and that we must continue to educate until the practice was eradicated.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 198

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019: Section 3(5), 28th October 2019

In accordance with the obligations under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 ('the Act'), the PUSS, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Northern Ireland Office, Lord Duncan, introduced a debate regarding the report on various topics, including abortion law review, made pursuant to the Act. Following the 21st October deadline, the law on abortion had changed: abortion had been decriminalised, there was a moratorium on investigations and prosecutions in relation to abortion, and the Government would be consulting on the new legal framework, with regulations in place by 31st March 2020.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 199

International Sustainability: Natural Resources and Biodiversity, 4th November 2019

APPG on PDRH Treasurer, Baroness Jenkin, introduced a debate on the Government's ID work to promote the sustainable use of natural resources and prevent biodiversity loss. She described the acceleration of ecological decline and argued that the environment should be at the heart of ID policy because environmental protection and poverty alleviation were two sides of the same coin. She called on the Government to create a new 'do no environmental harm' rule for ODA spending so that it would not undermine UK objectives on international biodiversity, sustainable resource use and climate change. APPG on PDRH Officer, Lord Cameron, spoke about the importance of improved smallholder agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa, given the growing population and difficulty of accessing FP. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, spoke about the need to defund fossil fuel projects, invest in African-led green projects, remaining pro-poor, and adopting a new model for ID which would screen programmes for a contribution toward a low carbon world. APPG on PDRH member Lord

Collins decried the UK Export Finance's support of fossil fuel exports. In closing the debate, the PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, addressed population growth. She noted that "It is the growth in the levels of consumption by unsustainable development that influences carbon emissions and increases climate change, rather than population growth itself" and went on to agree that providing women with choice and access to modern methods of contraception, as well as providing girls with 12 years of quality education, were important parts of combatting environmental degradation.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 200

Queen's Speech Debate, 2nd Day, 7th January 2020

The PUSS, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Lord Gardiner, introduced a Queen's Speech debate on foreign affairs, defence, ID, trade, climate change and the environment. He reaffirmed the Government's commitment to spend 0.7% of GNI on ID, promoting human rights, fighting climate change, preventing sexual violence in conflict, ending preventable deaths, working towards 12 years of quality education for all girls and promoting UHC. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins touched on a number of subjects during his speech, including: Syria, Yemen, nutrition and the Government's promised integrated review. He also argued that DFID should remain a standalone department and criticised the Government's failure to adopt a new approach to SDGs by creating a policy unit in No. 10.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 201

Queen's Speech Debate, 2nd Day (continued), 7th January 2020

During the second day of the Queen's Speech debate on foreign affairs, defence, ID, trade, climate change and the environment, APPG on PDRH member Lord King gave a speech about population and argued that the UK's aid programme should be increasingly directed to supporting FP programmes, as well as girls' education. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, concentrated on climate change and called on the Government to maintain the current definition of ODA. APPG on PDRH Officer, Lord Cameron, called on the Government to adopt a specific Cabinet committee to drive the green agenda and made several suggestions the UK could take domestically to reduce carbon emissions. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay welcomed the promise of an integrated review and called on the UK to make the most of COP26. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Hodgson focussed on gender equality, including reproductive rights and sexual violence in conflict, and called on more women to be incorporated into peace processes. Finally, she expressed concern about rumours that DFID would be merged with FCO and argued that DFID should be maintained as a separate department. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, decried the Prime Minister's public statements that aid is "shoved out of the door" and that aid should "cohere... much better with UK political and... commercial objectives" and rumours that DFID would be merged with FCO. She sought reassurance that DFID would remain and that the Government's commitments to FP and maternal health – especially those to UNFPA, IPPF and MSI – would be honoured. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Manzoor welcomed the promise of an integrated review and the Government's support for girls' education, climate change and vaccines, but spoke about the importance of making nutrition central to those priorities. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair, Baroness Northover, expressed concern about the DFID/FCO merger rumours and argued that the Government's commitments on climate change needed to have teeth.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 202

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019: Section 3(5), 7th January 2020

In accordance with the obligations under the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 ('the Act'), the PUSS, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Northern Ireland Office, Lord Duncan, introduced a debate regarding the report on various topics, including abortion law review, made pursuant to the Act. On abortion, the Government were working towards the laying of regulations necessary for a new legal framework for the provision of abortion services in Northern Ireland to be in force by 31st March 2020. Women seeking access to abortion services in the meantime could do so in England free of charge, with the costs of the procedure, including travel and accommodation, paid for by the Government. The public consultation on the legal framework had closed on 16th December, the Government's response would be published in due course, and discussions with interested parties would continue as the regulations were taken forward. DUP Peers raised concerns about various aspects of abortion law reform and expressed concerns about the conduct of the consultation. In closing, Lord Duncan reiterated that the consultation was not about the issue of abortion itself, but about the framework for the safe delivery of abortion.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 203

Queen's Speech Debate, 4th Day, 9th January 2020

During a Queen's Speech debate on economic affairs, business and public services, APPG on PDRH Officer, Lord Hussain, spoke about the importance of support for FP and SRHR, including safe abortion, adolescents' SRHR, GBV, infertility and the SRHR of older and disabled people. Lord Hussain spoke about his attendance at the Nairobi Summit marking the ICPD25 in November 2019 and the need to fulfil the ICPD Programme of Action to achieve girls' and women's empowerment, gender equality and the SDGs by 2030. He argued that the UK needed to implement universal access to SRHR as part of UHC by committing to zero unmet need for FP information and services, and to universal availability of quality, accessible, affordable and safe modern contraceptives; to zero preventable maternal deaths and maternal morbidities, with attention to avoiding unsafe abortions and obstetric fistula; to addressing sexual and GBV and harmful practices, in particular, child, early and forced marriages and FGM; and to mobilising the required financing to finish the ICPD Programme of Action. Lord Hussain also supported keeping DFID as a standalone department.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 204

Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit, 28th January 2020

APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins introduced a question for short debate asking the Government what consideration they had given to formulating their pledge at the Tokyo Nutrition Summit for Growth 2020 summit and what they were doing to build commitments from other countries. In describing the foundational importance of nutrition to all aspects of development policy and the SDGs, Lord Collins noted that malnutrition disproportionately affects women and girls. He called on the Government to take steps to better embed nutrition into UK Aid's portfolio and to make a strong financial commitment at the summit. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Manzoor built on the theme of weaving nutrition across DFID's portfolio, e.g. in relation to its vaccination programmes and campaign to end preventable

deaths. She also spoke about the impact of aid and trade on healthy diets and the need to promote breastfeeding. APPG on PDRH Officer, Lord Cameron, focussed on three points: home-grown nutrition, agricultural training, and the benefits of national and international partnerships. APPG on PDRH member Lord Rea spoke about his research into nutrition and infectious diseases and called on the Government to continue, or augment, their nutrition funding. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, suggested there was a correlation between a lack of access to FP and poor nutrition and health, as smaller families mean more food and better nutrition for everyone in the family. She endorsed calls for more attention and money to be spent on nutrition, but called for it to be in conjunction with other needs, such as FP. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, summed up the debate for the Liberal Democrats and approved the comments of Baroness Tonge.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 205

Defence, Diplomacy and Development Policy, 30th January 2020

Lord McConnell introduced a debate on the role of defence, diplomacy and development policy in building a safer, fairer and cleaner world. Lord McConnell welcomed the promise of an integrated review and argued for maintaining DFID as a separate department. APPG on PDRH member Lord King intervened to raise the all-important issue of population. APPG on PDRH member Lord Purvis argued that losing DFID as an independent department would dramatically reduce the UK's capacity to be advocates for good, that the UK must focus on meeting the SDGs, and expressed concern that the Government had signalled their intent to use the aid programme to pursue direct UK national interests.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 206

International Women's Day, 10th March 2020

The PUSS, Department for Education and Department for International Trade, Baroness Berridge, introduced a debate on International Women's Day. In the context of ID, Baroness Berridge said "The UK is proud to have a strong track record of championing gender equality and women's rights globally, evidenced by our efforts to uphold sexual and reproductive health rights, the national action plan to end violence against women and girls, DfID's strategic vision for gender equality, and our cross-government global girls' education campaign: Leave No Girl Behind." APPG on PDRH Treasurer, Baroness Jenkin, reflected on women MPs. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay spoke about gender equality initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa and asked the Minister for an update on the Government's support in southern Africa. APPG on PDRH member Viscount Waverley argued that more men need to come to the fore to support women. He praised advances in combatting violence against women, promoting women's economic empowerment, championing voluntary access to FP and the breaking of barriers to equal access to education for girls, and argued that the right of primogeniture was morally unsustainable. APPG on PDRH Officer, Lord Hussain, spoke about the horrible conditions and violence women experience in Kashmir. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Healy raised the issue of women's decreasing life expectancy. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Crawley spoke about economic disadvantages faced by women, including the gender pay gap. In her speech, APPG on PDRH member Baroness Anelay focussed on older women in the UK and the present situation of women in Afghanistan. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Thornton spoke about 'invisible women', women who are rendered invisible because of the gender data gap and data bias, the importance of evaluating things through a gender-equality lens and the consequences for

women, including women's health, of failing to do so. In summing up the debate, the PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, touched on DFID's work, including: ending violence against women and girls in all its forms, including domestic violence, sexual violence, FGM, child, early and forced marriage, and sexual violence in conflict, promoting SRHR, economic empowerment, climate change, and girls' education.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 207

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Africa: Population Growth, 29th April 2019

Lord Anderson asked the Government what assessment they had made of population growth in Africa and whether their development policies aimed to restrain such growth. PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, responded for the Government. She emphasised the importance of education and FP, as well as wider SRHR and gender equality. APPG on PDRH Treasurer, Baroness Jenkin, asked the Minister to confirm that FP would remain at the heart of DFID's strategy and programmes. In light of the money flowing into Africa from evangelical churches, APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked the Government if they had carried out an analysis of the impact of that funding and work and the damage that it does to the empowerment of women. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, asked the Minister if DFID had any plans to make FP free at the point of access.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 208

Pakistan: Aid for Persecuted Minorities, 6th June 2019

Lord Alton asked the Government how much aid had been given to Pakistan in the last ten years and if they had assessed the extent to which that aid had been used to support persecuted minorities in that country. Lord Alton outlined the persecution of religious minorities in Pakistan and pressed DFID to re-examine its policies so that aid was directed specifically to suffering, destitute minorities. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins pressed the Government on ODA support for the CAPRI programme which had been implicated in torture and death sentences. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, asked the Minister what safeguards DFID put in place to ensure that religious minorities were not discriminated against in accessing and benefiting from DFID programmes.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 209

Sexual Violence in Conflict, 12th June 2019

APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked the Government what assessment they had made of the level of support among UN member states for a resolution on sexual violence in conflict and about progress during the Ending Sexual and Gender-based violence in Humanitarian Crises Conference in Oslo, 23-24 May 2019. He pressed the Government on ensuring that the upcoming PSVI conference (which had been scheduled for November 2019 and was ultimately postponed) was more than an 'awareness-training exercise' and to do something more to fund additional work on sexual and GBV. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, asked the Government how DFID programming addressed the long-term trauma and stigmatisation of sexual violence survivors. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, asked the Minister whether UK aid still provided for abortions for women who had been raped in conflict and to confirm that the UK recognised that international law on these

matters overrode the national law of the country in these situations. The PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, responded: "It is our view that in situations of armed conflict or occupation, where the denial of abortion threatens a woman's life or causes unbearable suffering, international humanitarian law principles may justify offering a safe abortion, rather than perpetuating what amounts to inhumane treatment."

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 210

Brexit: Discussions with the European Union, 20th June 2019

During oral questions on Brexit, APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, asked the MoS, Department for Exiting the European Union, Lord Callanan, when, given the lack of progress on Brexit and on re-forming the Executive in Northern Ireland, the UK would extend the abortion laws of England and Wales to the women of Northern Ireland.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 211

Sharia Law: Marriages, 4th July 2019

Baroness Cox asked the Government what progress they had made implementing the recommendations of the independent review into the application of sharia law in England and Wales (2018) to protect Muslim women and what assessment they had made of the CoE's Resolution 2253 that all Islamic marriages should also be registered as civil marriages. The Advocate-General for Scotland, Lord Keen, responded for the Government. He argued that this was a social, rather than legal, issue and that the laws of England and Wales were adequate as they were. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Manzoor disagreed that the issue was a social one rather than a legal one and called for the Government to look at the issue urgently.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 212

Bahrain, 24th July 2019

During oral questions on Bahrain, APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked what the FCO was doing to properly assess and understand what was going on in Bahrain, given that UK-funded human rights oversight bodies in Bahrain had been deemed ineffective by the UN Committee Against Torture. The MoS for the FCO, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, disagreed with Lord Collins. He argued that the money the UK gives Bahrain had helped to safeguard women's rights and that women's organisations active in Bahrain were able to freely run campaigns calling for equality, especially on sexual health rights. He acknowledged that there were problems, but that UK support helped to address those problems.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 213

Sahel: Climate Change, 24th July 2019

APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, asked the Government what assessment they had made of the impact of climate change on the livelihoods of people in the Sahel region of Africa. Answering for the Government, PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, acknowledged the precarious situation of those in the Sahel, 80% of whom were reliant on agriculture or livestock, and touted the Prime Minister's commitment to scale up support to the Sahel to

help farmers and pastoralists to anticipate and adapt to climate change. Baroness Sheehan pressed the Minister on whether DFID had had conversations with other departments about the transition of investment and jobs from the fossil fuels sector to renewables.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 214

Sexually Transmitted Infections: England, 5th September 2019

Lord Black asked the Government how the prevalence of STIs in England had changed over the last 10 years. The PUSS for the Department of HSC, Baroness Blackwood, acknowledged that it was a mixed picture, with HIV infections and genital warts down, but syphilis, gonorrhoea and chlamydia up. Lord Black welcomed the news on HIV but argued that other STIs were sky-rocketing. He pressed the Government on developing a cross-sector sexual health strategy and on funding. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Manzoor noted that reported cases of gonorrhoea had increased 176.6% among multi-race persons and asked the Minister how the issue was being tackled in this community and what funding would be available for it. APPG on PDRH member Lord Winston described issues affecting the diagnosis of chlamydia and asked the Minister what she thought about research into whether chlamydia caused infertility and other problems with conception.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 215

Sharia Law: Marriages, 23rd October 2019

Baroness Cox again asked the Government what progress they had made in implementing the first recommendation of the independent review (2018) into the application of sharia law in England and Wales in order to protect Muslim women in Islamic marriages which are not civilly registered (see above). The Advocate-General for Scotland, Lord Keen, responded that the Government was continuing to explore the practicality of the offence proposed by Baroness Cox. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair, Baroness Hussein-Ece, described the problem of child marriage in the UK and called on the Government to raise the minimum age of marriage to 18. The Advocate-General confirmed that there were no immediate plans to increase the age of marriage.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 216

UK Aid: Nutrition-sensitive Programmes, 13th January 2020

APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked the Government what assessment they had made of UK Aid's nutrition-sensitive programmes and what steps they were taking to ensure that high-impact nutrition sensitivity is embedded across UK Aid's portfolio. He called on the Minister to incorporate the OECD policy marker on nutrition to improve accountability and outcomes for both nutrition and DFID's wider objectives. The PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, confirmed that the Government was considering how best to use the OECD policy marker. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Manzoor asked for a meeting with the Minister in her capacity as Chair of the APPG on Nutrition for Growth. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, asked the Minister to commit to ensuring that nutrition sensitivity was embedded throughout DFID's climate and food and agriculture portfolio. APPG on PDRH Co-Chair, Baroness Tonge, noted that good nutrition was easier to achieve in smaller families and asked the Minister to renew the Government's pledge to concentrate on delivering voluntary FP to as many women in the world as possible. In response, the Minister replied "malnutrition

affects women and girls more seriously, and I will be delighted to reaffirm the commitment to ensuring that we are able to give women and girls across the world access to voluntary FP when and how they need it.”

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 217

Female Genital Mutilation, 6th February 2020

Baroness Finn asked the Government what steps they were taking to support international efforts to end FGM, in particular to support grass-roots organisations. The PUSS for ID, Baroness Sugg, touted the £50 million that had been pledged to fight FGM in 2018 and the Government’s continued support of grass-roots activists and youth initiatives. APPG on PDRH Vice Chair, Baroness Northover, asked the Minister how the Government was engaging with FGM activists in the UK. APPG on PDRH member Lord Foulkes asked the Minister if she agreed that the UK’s work in this area and in other areas of ID had been far more effective since DFID was established as an independent department in 1997. APPG on PDRH Treasurer, Baroness Jenkin, invited the Minister to attend the APPG on PDRH’s FGM roundtable on 2nd March, which the Minister agreed to attend. APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked the Minister how DFID was addressing education and changing attitudes to FGM.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 218

Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh, 13th February 2020

APPG on PDRH member Lord Collins asked the Government what steps they were taking to assist Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. In particular, he asked how much of the Government’s £87 million funding package would be directed toward reproductive and sexual health services, as well as targeting high rates of hepatitis C among the refugees. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Sheehan, asked the Minister about the Government’s response to Aung San Suu Kyi’s insistence that international efforts were hampering progress in Rakhine state. APPG on PDRH Secretary, Baroness Uddin, mentioned the APPG on PDRH’s recent study tour to Bangladesh and offered to update the Minister and others about the situation on the ground.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 219

Health: Sexually Transmitted Infections, 24th February 2020

Lord Black asked the Government what action they were taking to tackle the spread of STIs in England, given the alarming rise in certain infections and lack of sexual health services. Lord Bethell responded for the Government, saying that engagement was ongoing and a strategy would be published. APPG on PDRH member Baroness Thornton pressed the Government on restoring sexual health services which had been cut by a quarter since 2014. APPG on PDRH Officer, Baroness Barker, asked the Government what they were going to do to tackle the consistently higher rates of HIV infection among BME communities. APPG on PDRH member Lord Winston asked how often chlamydia was clearly implicated in damage to female fertility, and pressed the Government to clarify the facts because it caused undue concern and guilt among a lot of women.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 220

Education: Gender Equality, 10th March 2020

Baroness Wilcox asked the Government what plans they had to make gender equality education a statutory part of the curriculum. The PUSS, Department for Education and Department for International Trade, Baroness Berridge, outlined the way in which gender equality could currently be taught in schools. APPG on PDRH member Lord Watson cited numerous statistics from the UN Development Programme's Gender Social Norms Index and pressed the Government on making gender equality a statutory requirement.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 221

Contraceptives and Hormone Replacement Therapy Drugs, 18th March 2020

APPG on PDRH member Baroness Thornton asked the Government what assessment they had made of the shortage of supply of contraceptives and HRT drugs in the UK and when a normal supply would resume. The PUSS, Department of HSC, Lord Bethell, acknowledged that there had been persistent supply problems with HRT drugs and that there were ongoing supply issues with a limited number of contraceptives, but assured the House that things were improving and would not be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please find relevant text enclosed at Appendix 222

Written Parliamentary Questions

Peers tabled a wide variety of SRHR/FP/population written parliamentary questions this year on the following subjects, which are available on the APPG on PDRH's [website](#):

Abortion	Forced Marriage: Children and Young People
Abortion: Autism and Learning Disability	Gambia: Overseas Aid
Abortion: Mental Illness	General Practitioners: Travellers
Abortion: Northern Ireland	Genito-urinary Medicine
Ark Group DMCC: Finance	Genito-urinary Medicine: Finance
Ayrton Fund	Kenya: Abortion
Bangladesh: Rohingya	HIV Infection: Vaccination
Bangladesh: UN Population Fund	International Planned Parenthood Federation: Finance
Breastfeeding	Iraq: Overseas Aid
Burma: Rohingya	In Vitro Fertilisation
Children: Female Genital Mutilation	IVF: Breast Cancer
Developing Countries: Abortion	Middle East: Humanitarian Aid
Developing Countries: Childbirth	Nigeria: Development Aid
Developing Countries: Family Planning	Nigeria: Internally Displaced People
Developing Countries: Health Services	
Developing Countries: HIV Infection	

Embryos	North Korea: Human Trafficking
Environment Protection: British Overseas Territory	Overseas Aid
Equality: Northern Ireland	Pakistan: Religious Freedom
Eritrea: National Service	Pakistan: Marriage
Female Genital Mutilation	UN Population Fund: Finance
Female Genital Mutilation: Children	Sexually Transmitted Infections
Female Genital Mutilation: Prosecutions	Shizam Riasat
Forced Marriage	Syria: Overseas Aid
	Syria: Yazidis
	Yemen: Females

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Secretary of State for
International Development,
July 2019-February 2020*



*The Rt Hon Rory Stewart MP,
Secretary of State for
International Development,
May 2019-July 2019*



*The Right Hon Penny Mordaunt
MP,
Secretary of State for
International Development,
November 2017-May 2019*



*James Duddridge MP,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State FCO and
DFID,
(Minister for Africa),
February 2020-present date*



*Harriett Baldwin MP,
Minister of State for DFID and FCO
(Minister for Africa),
January 2018-July 2019*



*The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP,
Minister of State FCO and DFID
(Minister for Middle East and North Africa),
February 2020-present*



*Dr Andrew Murrison MP,
Minister of State DFID and FCO
(Minister for Middle East and North Africa),
May 2019-February 2020*



*Nigel Adams MP,
Minister of State FCO and DFID
(Minister for Asia),
February 2020-present*



*Wendy Morton MP,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State FCO and
DFID
(Minister for European Neighbourhood
and the Americas),
February 2020-present*



*Baroness Sugg CBE,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State FCO and
DFID
(Minister for the Overseas Territories and
Sustainable Development)
and Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Girls'
Education
February 2020-present*

*Baroness Sugg has the Gender Equality and Sexual
& Reproductive Health & Rights portfolio.*



*Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon,
Minister of State
(Minister for South Asia and the Commonwealth)
and Prime Minister's Special Representative on
Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict,
June 2017-present*



*The Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith,
Minister of State FCO, DEFRA and DFID
(Minister for Pacific and the Environment),
February 2020-present*



*Nick Dyer, Director General, Economic
Development and International, and
Acting Permanent Secretary
March 2020-present*



*Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Secretary
January 2018-March 2020*

The latest DFID organogram is available [here](#).



UK Government Meetings and Correspondence

APPG on PDRH members and staff have met and been in regular contact with Baroness Sugg and other DFID ministers and staff this year. Contact has also been made with Joe Dashley, Head of Policy, Demography, Africa Directorate, FCO.

The UK has had four Secretaries of State for International Development this year and all received a letter from Baroness Tonge congratulating them on their new appointment and requesting a meeting with APPG on PDRH members to discuss his/her priority funding and policy areas. No formal roundtable meetings took place due to the many Ministerial changes, but informal meetings and discussions took place at parliamentary briefing meetings.

Please find enclosed sample letters sent and responses received at Appendix 223

In the spring of 2019, funding to FP and SRHR, and the UK VNR on the SDGs were the focus of the APPG on PDRH's meetings and correspondence with Government officials. DFID held a consultation on the UK Government's VNR on the SDGs in March 2019, co-organised with the APPG on the UN SDGs. Prior to the meeting, a link to the draft VNR report was sent to all members to form the basis of discussions (available [here](#)).

Lord Bates, the MoS, represented and spoke on behalf of the UK Government at the event, which was chaired by Lord McConnell and Gillian Keegan MP, Co-Chairs APPG on the UN SDGs. A lively discussion followed and an optional drop-in session was organised afterward to raise any Goal-specific queries parliamentarians may have with departmental leads on specific Goals. In April 2019, the APPG on PDRH shared other countries' VNRs on the SDGs on SRHR as requested.

In April 2019, SoS for ID, Penny Mordaunt MP, received a letter from the APPG on PDRH raising concerns about President Trump's further expansion of the Mexico City Policy (aka Global Gag Rule) and its implications.

In June-July 2019, the APPG on PDRH communicated with DFID in connection with the World Population Day reception and its press activities.

The APPG on PDRH has communicated with the UK Forced Marriage Unit (part of the Home Office) in connection with the Government's Domestic Abuse Bill and a PMB to end child marriage in the UK.

The APPG on PDRH communicated with the FGM Unit in connection with the APPG on PDRH's roundtable meeting on FGM in March 2020 (please see further information in the APPG on PDRH Briefing Meetings section of this Annual Report).

In the spring 2020, the APPG on PDRH communicated with DFID regarding its Ending Preventable Deaths Consultation, DFID's response to Covid-19, and possible APPG on PDRH study tours to Ghana and Nigeria.

A roundtable meeting is scheduled with Joe Dashley at FCO as soon as the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and the parliamentary timetable allows.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 224

UK Government Consultations

DFID consulted on how to end preventable deaths in the spring 2020. The APPG on PDRH provided input to the consultation and tabled written PQs available on the APPG on PDRH [website](#).

In February 2020, the HoL Liaison Committee invited members to suggest proposals for special inquiries. Baroness Tonge and Baroness Barker requested an inquiry into abortion law in the UK. Due to Covid-19, the committee's decision on inquiries has been postponed to autumn 2020.

UK Government Publications

DFID/FCO publications can be found [here](#).

Publications of particular interest are available here:

- UK Voluntary National Review of Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals was published June 2019 and available [here](#);
- UK Report on Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, July 2019 and associated SDG reports can be found [here](#); and
- UK Provisional Annual ODA spend 2019, published April 2020 is available [here](#).

International Funding to Family Planning/Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and HIV/AIDS

Based on internationally agreed methodology, DFID spent 10.7% in 2015-2016, at least 10.3% in 2016-2017 and an estimated 13.6% in 2017-2018 of total ODA on SRHR.

DFID supported UNFPA with a core contribution of £20 million in both 2017 and 2018 and a non-core contribution of £120.5 million in 2017 and £147.7 million in 2018.

Neither IPPF nor MSI received any core funding in 2017 or 2018, but IPPF received £5.5 million restricted funding in 2018 and MSI received £46.342 million restricted funding in 2017 and £62.344 million restricted funding in 2018.

In April 2019, IPPF and MSI successfully applied for UK Aid Connect funding. IPPF was granted an overall budget of £21 million over three years with [Frontline AIDS](#), [Internews](#), the [London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#), [The Open University](#), and the [Women's Refugee Commission](#), and MSI was granted £21 million over three years with [CARE International UK](#), [Itad](#), [Blue Ventures](#) and [ThinkPlace](#).

UNICEF received a core contribution of £48 million from DFID in 2017 and 2018 and non-core contributions increased from £287.6 million in 2015 to £400 million in 2017.

UNAIDS received a core contribution of £15 million from DFID in 2017 and 2018 and no non-core contributions.

UN Women received core contributions of £12.5 million from DFID in 2017 and 2018 but non-core contributions decreased from £6.2 million in 2017 to £4.3 million in 2018.

WHO received a core contribution from DFID of £19.5 million in 2017 and £29.5 million in 2018, and non-core contributions increased from £84.2 million in 2016 to £105.5 million in 2017 and to £133 million in 2018. The UK's total WHO core contribution was £31.7 million in 2017 and £42.3 million in 2018 and non-core contributions increased from £88.7 million in 2016 to £111.4 million in 2017 and £142.6 million in 2018.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria received a core contribution of £317.1 million in 2017, which increased to £360 million in 2018.

Women and Children First UK received £110,983 in non-core funding through the Global Poverty Action Fund during 2016/2017.

DFID Core contributions to International Organisations, 2012-2018 (£ thousands)

Organisation	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	Funding Stream
UNFPA	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,100	20,000	20,000	20,000	DFID - Core Funding
WHO	29,500	19,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	12,500	DFID - Core Funding
UNICEF	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	46,000	47,800	DFID - Core Funding
UNAIDS	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	DFID - Core Funding
IPPF	5,500	NIL	NIL	400	1,000	1,500	NIL	Other - Non-Core Funding
	NIL	NIL	6,450	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	DFID - Programme Partnership Agreement
Marie Stopes International	62,344	46,342	22,941	19,717	15,661	14,303	16,852	Other - Non-Core Funding
	NIL	NIL	4,353	3,265	5,441	4,393	5,441	DFID - Programme Partnership Agreement
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	360,000	317,000	153,000	100,000	285,000	543,044	127,908	DFID - Core Funding
UN Women	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	NIL	DFID - Core Funding

Source: Statistics on International Development: Final UK Aid Spend 2018 and HoL Hansard; MSI funding figures by MSI

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting HIV and AIDS, April-March 2010/11-2017/18 (£ millions)

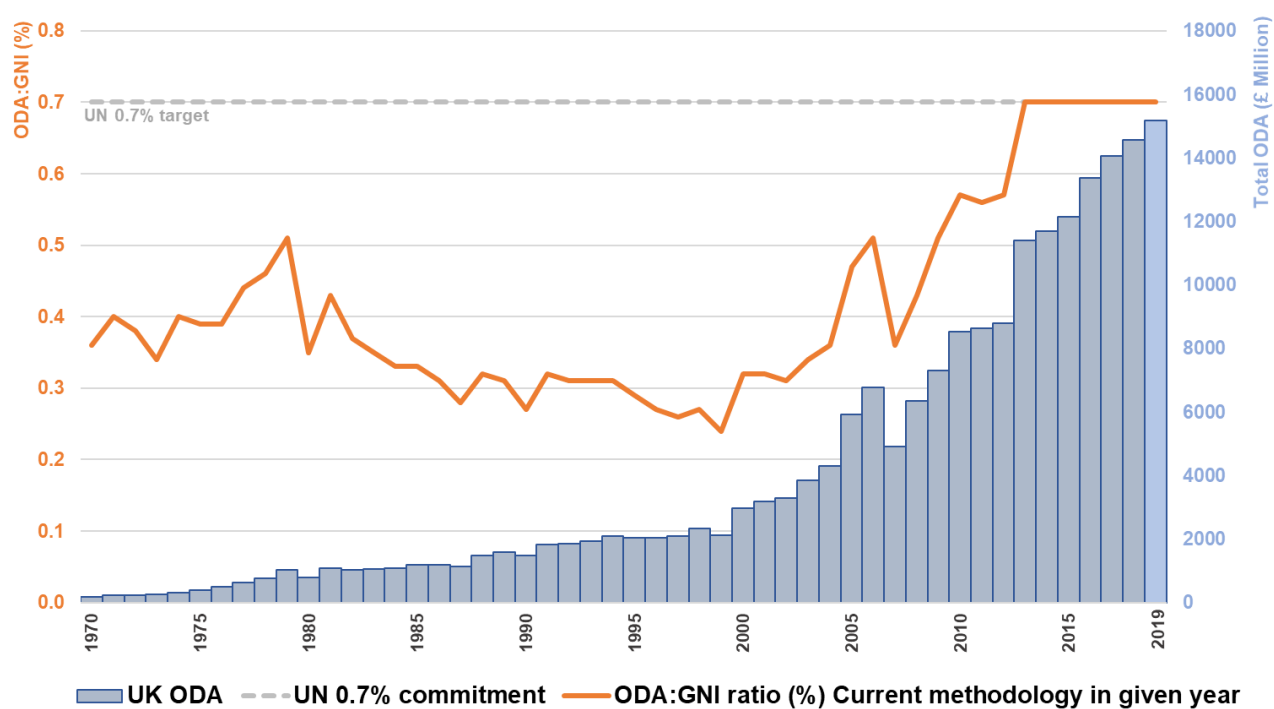
Input Sector Code	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
13041 HIV/AIDS including STI Prevention	119.1	69	50.3	37.5	25.7	21.5	22.7	9.8
13042 HIV/AIDS including STI Treatment and Care	52.7	27.3	40.2	10.9	8.1	5.7	4.4	2.5
Grand Total	171.8	96.3	46.1	48.4	33.8	27.2	27.1	12.3

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health, April-March 2010/11-2017/18 (£ millions)

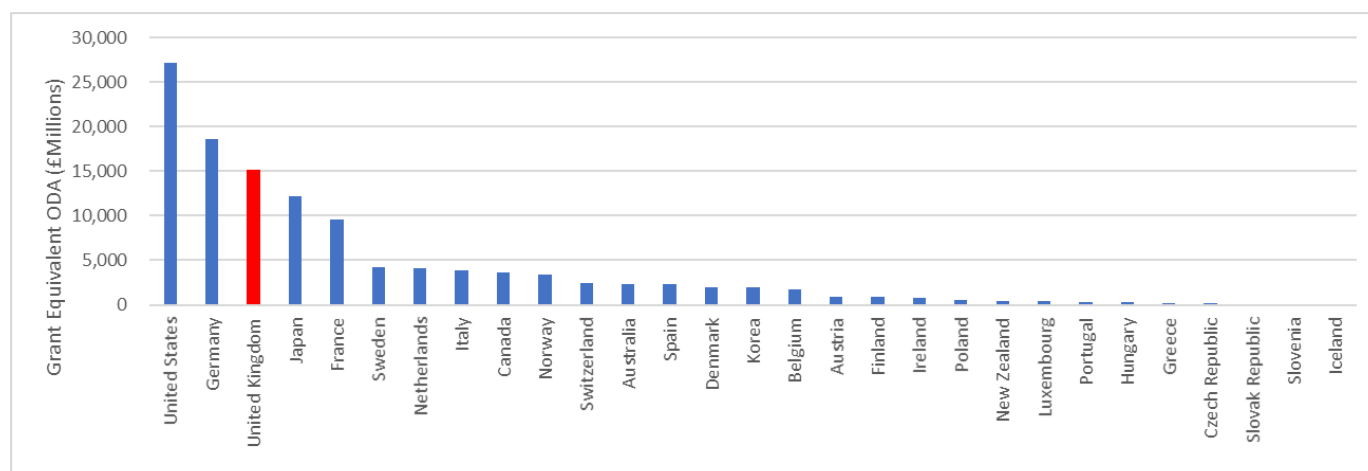
Input Sector Code	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
13010 Population Policy and Administrative Management	7.1	6.1	5.4	11.5	4.3	3.1	3.9	6.3
13021 Reproductive Health Care	48	108.9	36.7	49.4	55.4	46.3	51.4	49.8
13022 Maternal and Neonatal Health	50	121.4	125.8	163.4	207	124.7	122.5	134
13030 Family Planning, Health	31.1	43.8	109.7	127	124.5	121	108.2	159.1
13081 Personnel Development for Population and Reproductive Health				9.3	12.9	18.6	21	22.7
Grand Total	136.1	280.1	277.6	360.6	404.1	313.7	307.2	371.9

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. Increasingly, DFID is seeking to optimise linkages and integration with other sectors where greater impact and efficiency can be achieved. The UK also supports the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS projects and programmes at the country level, strengthening health systems in their partner countries to deliver HIV outcomes and funding research. DFID are unable to accurately disaggregate UK HIV expenditure from these wider interventions.

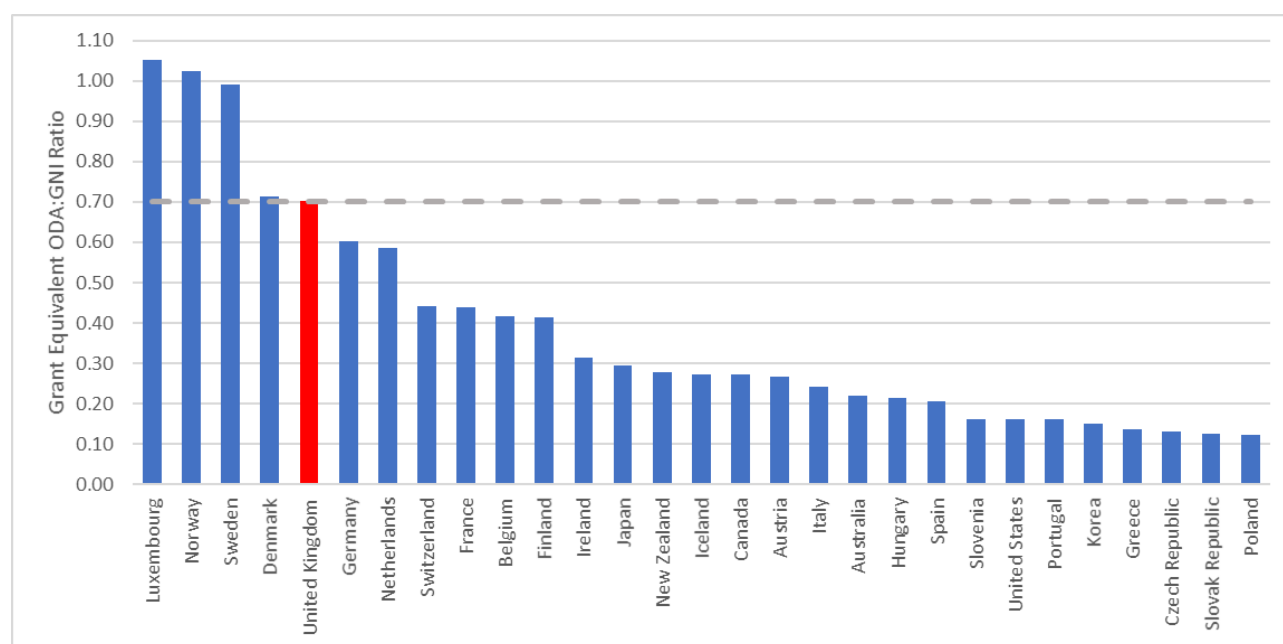
UK ODA level 1970-2019 (£ millions)



Net ODA from DAC Donors, 2019 (£ millions)



Net ODA/GNI ratios from DAC Donors, 2019



International Conferences

Women Deliver Conference, 4-6th June 2019, Vancouver, Canada



Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau giving the keynote address

Baroness Tonge, Baroness Hussein-Ece, Virendra Sharma MP and advisor Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the 5th Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver with 49 other Parliamentarians from around the world. The conference saw a total of 8,000 delegates including heads of states, ministers, parliamentarians, academics, advocates, activists and journalists from over 165 countries and more than 100,000 people participated through satellite events and the virtual conference.

The conference connected advocates and decision-makers, fuelled global and country-level action, and shined a global spotlight on the importance of gender equality. The new ideas, inspiration, and solutions shared at the conference inspired the world to harness power for good, demonstrate the power of gender equality, and catalyse investment in women-focused organisations and in SRHR.

Parliamentarians attended the plenary sessions, numerous side events and visited the exhibition hall.



Baroness Tonge and Baroness Hussein-Ece at the exhibition stalls



Baroness Hussein-Ece and Virendra Sharma MP at the exhibition stalls



UK Parliamentarians at a side event with Ziauddin Yousafzai, Malala Fund



Baroness Tonge meeting with Chinyere Opia, Nigerian reporter

Alongside the Women Deliver plenaries and side-events, parliamentarians attended the three-day Parliamentarians' Forum, which included targeted thematic sessions with interventions from key selected leaders delivering for women and girls, followed by open discussions. This Forum was organised by EPF and The African Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development in partnership with UNFPA and WHO.

The gathered parliamentarians were addressed by the following speakers throughout the week:

- Ian Askew, Director, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO
- Dr Alvaro Bermejo, Director General, IPPF
- Chris Elias, President of Global Development, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Arthur Erken, Director, Division of Communications and Strategic Partnerships, UNFPA
- Françoise Girard, President, International Women's Health Coalition
- Sarah E Hendriks, Director, Gender Equality, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Katja Iversen President/CEO, Women Deliver
- Dr Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, UNFPA
- Beth Schlachter, Executive Director, FP2020
- Anupama Tantri, Executive Director, Global Vaccines Policy Development, Merck & Co., Inc.

The joint EPF Forum enabled a productive and structured dialogue on the successes, challenges and obstacles in advancing women's and girl's health and rights and delivering solutions for their advancement on a global scale.

The EPF Forum included a session with the WD2019 Advocacy Academy.

On the final day, members attended the reception organised in connection with the creation of the EPF Project: Global Parliamentary Alliance for Health, Rights and Development (GPA).



GPA launch

More details about the Women Deliver Conference is available on its website [here](#).

37 Ways that WD2019 Delivered for Girls, Women, and Gender Equality is available [here](#):

Members attending the Women Deliver Conference participated in the HoL Global Gender Equality debate on 17th June 2019 and made reference to the conference. The debate can be accessed [here](#).

Leigh Day event on Women's Rights in Health Care, 6th June 2019, London, UK



Baroness Barker gave the opening remarks and Baroness Uddin the closing remarks at the Leigh Day Women's Rights in Health Care conference, 6th June 2019. This is the second Leigh Day conference the APPG on PDRH has been involved in. This year's event revisited the UK law on consent and perineal tears and shined the light on some of the national SRHR issues that deserve greater attention, namely menopause, IVF, BME women's health and the right to caesarean birth.

Speakers at the event and topics presented included:

- Maria Booker, Birthrights: Caesarean birth - exploring the limits of choice in childbirth;
- Juliet Albert, Midwife: Barriers to accessing healthcare for non-pregnant women and pregnant women who have suffered FGM;
- Professor Ying Cheong, Southampton University: The 'F' words - Fertility, Funding, Fair?;

- Dr Jenny Douglas, The Open University: The Politics of Black Women's Health in the UK;
- Dr Katie Mann, Pelvic Obstetric and Gynaecological Physiotherapy: Perineal Trauma: Its impact, and the role of physiotherapy;
- Dr Louise Newson, Menopause Specialist: Why Menopause is still a dirty word;
- Dr Nisha Shah, Consultant Psychiatrist: Mental illness in the perinatal period - a wolf in sheep's clothing? and
- Suzanne White, Leigh Day: An update on the law on consent.

Question and answer sessions followed all presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation and full programme at Appendix 225

RCOG World Congress, 17-19th June 2019, Excel Centre, London, UK



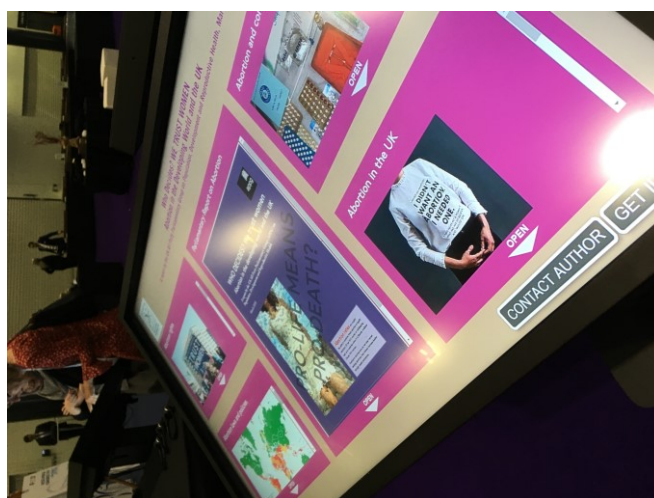
**RCOG WORLD
CONGRESS 2019**
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London Congress, 2019



The APPG on PDRH was represented at the RCOG World Congress, 17-19th June 2019, where it showcased its hearing report on abortion in the poster exhibition hall.

The conference attracted over 4,000 attendees from 101 countries and had an excellent scientific programme, networking opportunities and sessions from world-renowned keynote speakers.



APPG on PDRH Electronic Abortion Report poster presentation

As well as being available to answer questions about the hearing report, Ann Mette Kjaerby attended numerous plenary sessions and side events on HPV, medical abortion, health workers and quality of care, obesity in obstetrics, women and girls' health strategy in the UK, preventing premature births, ovarian cancer, labial reduction, and training of health workers. Relevant information was fed back to APPG on PDRH members.

Full conference information available [here](#).

African Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development Universal Health Coverage and ICPD event and study tour, 24-28th June 2019, Lusaka, Zambia



John Mann MP with fellow parliamentarians, Zambia

John Mann MP and fellow parliamentarians from Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, Ghana, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania and Turkey joined their Zambian counterparts for a four-day study tour to Zambia focussing on UHC, health financing, immunization and ICPD. The first day included the Lusaka Parliamentarians' Dialogue on ICPD25, UHC and immunisation, which took place at the National Assembly of Zambia. Dr Patrick Matibini, Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia delivered a keynote address recalling the critical role of parliamentarians to achieve the SDGs by 2030. Following this, Dr Gifty Addico, Chief, UNFPA Commodity Security Branch, delivered a technical presentation on key issues in reproductive health supplies. The Dialogue culminated with the Launch of the Zambia Parliamentarians UHC Communiqué with Zambian MPs committing to leave no one behind, reiterating that "UHC, particularly primary healthcare is the cornerstone of the health system and a critical step to achieving health for all."

Please find enclosed the UHC Communiqué [here](#).

On the second day, the parliamentary delegation was hosted at the Ministry of Health for a courtesy call with Zambia Minister of Health, Dr Chitalu Chilufya, and his staff to reaffirm Zambia's progress towards improving SRHR outcomes for women and young people. The

delegation then visited the Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia health facility in Rhodespark, Lusaka before a press briefing at the National Assembly in Lusaka to present the 'Zambia Parliamentarians' UHC Communiqué'. The day ended with a development partners roundtable on UHC and SRHR in Zambia held at the Swedish Embassy in Zambia under the patronage of Henrik Cederin, Swedish Ambassador to Zambia.

The third day included a visit to Lusaka Matero Level 1 Hospital, George Clinic, as well as the Mother and Child Unit of the University Teaching Hospital. Back at the National Assembly of Zambia, the parliamentary delegation attended a session during which Dr Chitalu Chilufya, Minister of Health, presented the launch and roll-out of the HPV vaccine throughout the country.

On the fourth day, the delegation visited the Marie Stopes and Africa Directions centres in Lusaka to discuss the specific needs of young people and adolescents in the Kalikiliki and Mtendere neighbourhoods. Finally, the parliamentarians attended a visit of Medical Stores Limited to learn about the achievements and challenges of storing, dispatching and shipping medical supplies throughout the country.

Please find EPF Report on Zambia visit [here](#).

John Mann MP gave short feedback and an overview of his visit to Zambia upon his return to APPG on PDRH members at the committee meeting on 15th July 2019.

ICPD+25 Conference to commemorate 25 years of ICPD PoA, 13-15th November 2019, Nairobi, Kenya



Lord Hussain and Advisor Ann Mette Kjaerby attended the Nairobi Summit convened by the governments of Kenya and Denmark, and UNFPA, which brought together heads of state, ministers, thought-leaders, technical experts, civil society organisations, grassroots organisations, young people, business and community leaders, faith-based organisations, indigenous people, international financial institutions, people with disabilities, academics and many others interested in the pursuit of progress on universal access to SRHR.

The high-level conference mobilised political and financial commitments, centred around achieving:

- Zero unmet need for FP information and services;
- Zero preventable maternal deaths; and

- Zero sexual and GBV and harmful practices against women and girls.

EPF organised a parliamentary forum each day of the Summit, gathering over 200 parliamentarians from over 100 countries and across the political spectrum. The MP Forum focused on three topics over the three days: health, rights and development.



Lord Hussain at the Nairobi Summit with fellow parliamentarians

The EPF Report of the Summit and events is available [here](#), and Nairobi Summit report is available [here](#).

Lord Hussain attended the plenary sessions and several side events on SRHR/population, climate change, and on how to reach young men with SRHR messages and services.

Lord Hussain also attended the UNAIDS field visit to the Family Health Options of Kenya Family Planning Clinic on 15th November and the EPF council meeting.



Lord Hussain visiting Family Health Options clinic, Nairobi



Lord Hussain visiting Family Health Options clinic, Nairobi

The Nairobi Summit saw more than 1,200 commitments from around the world, including billions of dollars pledged from public and private sector partners.

The Nairobi Statement is available [here](#).

The 8th Ouagadougou Annual Partnership Meeting, 3-5th December 2019, Cotonou, Benin



John Mann MP intended to participate in the 8th Ouagadougou Annual Partnership meeting, but had to cancel due to the UK GE. As a result, Lord Lea attended in his place. The conference saw a parliamentary delegation of 13 MPs from African countries, which reviewed progress and the way forward towards achieving universal access to FP in francophone West Africa.

During plenary sessions, parliamentary delegates discussed how to leverage opportunities for further investments in supplies for reproductive health and FP as the way forward to achieve and surpass the objectives of the Ouagadougou Partnership, the UN 2030 Agenda and the African Union 2063 Agenda.

In the margins of the meeting, the parliamentary delegation exchanged ideas on strategic priorities for parliamentary action with representatives of the UNFPA country office. The power of youth and innovation was also discussed at a meeting with young activists.

Support and Collaboration with Other All-Party Parliamentary Groups

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

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

UK APPGs working on International Development

Secretariats of UK APPGs working on ID issues have met this year to discuss new UK APPG administrative guidelines and collaborative events. Of particular importance was the APPG fair in February 2020 that was organised after the GE with the following list of APPGs: APPG on HIV/AIDS, APPG on Global LGBT+ Rights, APPG on SDGs, APPG on Africa, APPG on Antibiotics, APPG on Vaccinations for All, APPG on Nutrition for Growth, APPG on Global TB, APPG on Global Health and APPG on Malaria and NTDs. IPU and CPA also participated. This event gave new and existing members the opportunity to meet with secretariats and discuss needed parliamentary support from APPGs (please see further information in the APPG Briefing Meetings section in this Annual Report).

In January 2020, Baroness Tonge wrote to the APPG on Women's Health Vice-Chairs: Paul Scully MP, Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP and Alison Thewliss MP; APPG on Young People's Health Vice-Chair: Rosie Duffield MP; and APPG on Cancer Vice-Chairs: John Baron MP, Mark Pritchard MP and Colleen Fletcher MP, with an offer to co-host and speak at the EPF HPV Atlas launch in February 2020. No replies were received as the APPGs had not yet reconstituted after the UK GE.

In January and March 2020, communications and a meeting took place with the APPG on LGBT+ secretariat to support the re-establishment of this APPG.

In February 2020, communications with the APPG on Malaria and Infectious Diseases took place in support of their annual MSc students' policy briefings for parliamentarians. The APPG on PDRH recommended topics to be presented, including Hep C in refugee camps, as a follow-up to the APPG on PDRH study tour to Bangladesh, where this was an issue of concern and in need of research.

Please find enclosed sample communication at Appendix 226

UK APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health

The APPG on PDRH has been in regular contact with the UK APPG on SRH this year to discuss and support the Group with its hearings on access to contraceptives in the UK. General administrative support was also provided to the secretariat following the liquidation of the UK Family Planning Association in May 2019, which hosted the secretariat. In spring 2020, the APPG on PDRH gave support to the newly established secretariat.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 227

Scottish APPG on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses

The APPG on PDRH remains in contact with Dylan Morris, the Secretariat of the Scottish APPG on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses, with a view to setting up a meeting with EPF to engage in EPF activities. A date is still to be confirmed.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 228

Rwanda APPG on Population and Development

The APPG on PDRH continues to forward potential funding opportunities to the Rwanda APPG on Population and Development. In February 2020, the APPG on PDRH shared an AmplifyChange grant application.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 229

Latin American Regional APPG on Population and Development

The APPG on PDRH continues to forward potential funding opportunities to the Latin American Regional Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development. In February 2020, the APPG on PDRH shared an AmplifyChange grant application.

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 230

Hearing Reports

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: 'WHO DECIDES? We trust women: Abortion in the developing world and the UK', March 2018



The UK APPG on PDRH continues disseminating and promoting its hearing report on abortion in the developing world and the UK at meetings and national and global meetings and conferences.

The Report was available at the APPG on PDRH World Population Day reception, July 2019, the Nairobi Summit, November 2019, and accepted as an electronic poster presentation at the RCOG World Congress, June 2019.

Since the launch of the report several recommendations have been instituted.

In October 2019, abortion was decriminalised and became lawful in Northern Ireland (NI). The law change came about after Stella Creasy MP tabled an amendment to the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill in July 2019 in the UK Parliament. The amendment provided that abortion would be decriminalised in NI if the Executive in NI was not restored by 21st October 2019. There was [a brief sitting of the NI Assembly in a last-ditch attempt to stop the changes](#), but it ended in failure. The APPG on PDRH disseminated numerous NGO and academic briefings in support of the amendment to the Bill immediately prior to the debates in both Chambers.

The new framework for lawful abortion services in NI came into effect on 31st March 2020. Terminations in NI are now allowed:

- unconditionally up to 12 weeks;
- up to 24 weeks when continuing the pregnancy would risk mental or physical injury to the woman or girl that is greater than the risk of terminating the pregnancy;

- with no time limit when there is substantial impairment to the foetus, including when death is likely before, during or shortly after birth; and
- when there is a risk of death or serious permanent injury to the woman or girl:
 - greater than the risk of termination, or
 - when necessary to prevent serious physical or mental harm, including immediate necessity such as during birth.

Professionals may conscientiously object to performing a termination, unless it is necessary to save the pregnant woman or girl's life or prevent serious permanent physical or mental injury.

In September 2019, Fiona Bruce MP, an active anti-choice UK Parliamentarian tabled an EDM on MSI funding and abortion. The EDM was discussed by APPG on PDRH members, but as it did not receive signatures, no action was deemed necessary. The EDM is available [here](#).

In October 2019, Joyce Arthur, Canadian Abortion Activist, contacted the APPG on PDRH with a proposal to screen her new film on abortion in the UK Parliament. A discussion followed with the proposal to screen the film in connection with Diana Johnson MP re-tabling her PMB to decriminalise abortion in the UK.

Diana Johnson MP's PMB was initially introduced in 2018, but did not receive a Second Reading. The PMB would remove criminal liability in respect of abortion performed with the consent of the pregnant woman up to the twenty-fourth week of pregnancy; repeal sections 59 and 60 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861; create offences of termination of a pregnancy after twenty-four weeks and non-consensual termination of a pregnancy; and amend the law relating to conscientious objection to participation in abortion treatment. Full information is available [here](#). Dame Diana Johnson MP plans to re-table the PMB when next possible.

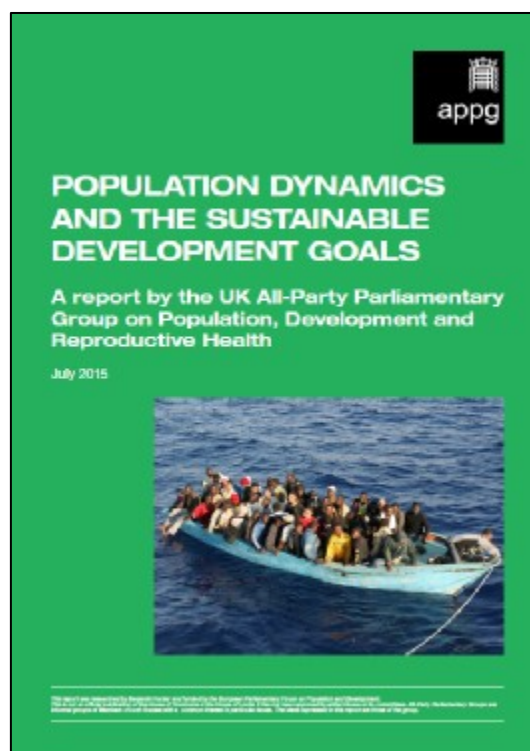
On 15th January 2020, Baroness Barker introduced a PMB, the Abortion Bill [HL], which would decriminalise the consensual termination of a pregnancy which has not exceeded its twenty-fourth week and in other prescribed circumstances; and create a criminal offence for non-consensual termination of pregnancy. The Bill's Second Reading has not yet been scheduled.

In March 2020, home use of miso/mife in the UK was debated as part of the UK Coronavirus Bill. The UK Government initially rejected the proposal, but then made a U-turn and approved it. The UK Government's decision finally allowed women in England to take both sets of early medical abortion pills at home during the Covid-19 crisis up to 10 weeks gestation.

DFID Ministers remain supportive and outspoken in their support to FP and abortion services globally.

The full report and written and oral evidence from the hearings can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

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



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

On 29th April 2019, Lord Anderson introduced a debate on Africa: Population Growth. During the debate, Baroness Jenkin said: 'My Lords, during the Recess I travelled in north Africa and I took the opportunity to ask people I met about the size of their families. Those who had been brought up with six, seven or even eight siblings almost invariably had only two or three children of their own. Where people have access to contraception and information, this is increasingly the case across the developing world. Will my noble friend confirm that, following the leadership of the FP conference in London a couple of years ago, the Government will continue to keep FP at the heart of DFID's strategy and programmes?'

Please find enclosed sample communications at Appendix 231

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



The APPG on PDRH continues to follow up on its hearing report on child marriage. The report was submitted as written evidence to the UK Government's consultation on the Domestic Abuse Bill with the aim of increasing the age of marriage to 18 in the UK.

On 15th May 2019, Pauline Latham MP introduced a debate on the minimum age for marriage and civil partnership in the UK, during which she elaborated on four key reasons to raise the minimum age: those relating to maturity levels, negative social implications, meeting international standards and helping to prevent forced marriages.

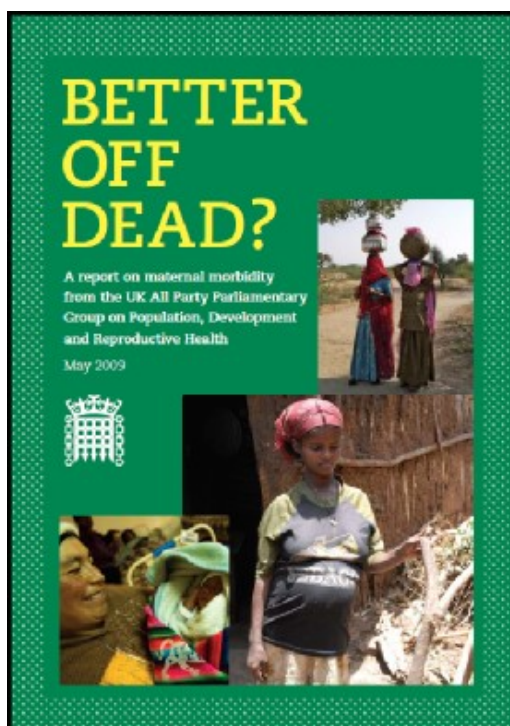
On 28th October 2019, Sarah Champion MP asked oral questions on the minimum age for marriage in the UK. She asked the Home Secretary if she would bring forward legislative proposals to end marriages involving 16 and 17-year-olds.

And the Government replied that they had listened carefully to the debate on the legal age of marriage and continue to keep it under review. Tackling forced marriage is one of this Government's priorities and was made an offence in 2014.

In September 2019, the APPG on PDRH invited child marriage stakeholders to a roundtable meeting in Parliament to discuss the Government's Domestic Abuse Bill and child marriage in the UK (please see further information in the APPG Briefing Meetings section in this Annual Report). It was agreed that a PMB should be tabled as soon as possible. In January 2020, Pauline Latham MP, Sarah Champion MP and Baroness Hussein-Ece all tabled PMBs to raise the age of marriage in the UK to 18. Baroness Hussein-Ece was successful in the ballot and her bill saw its First Reading on 27th January 2020. The date of the Second Reading is still to be announced. Please see full text of the PMB and its progress [here](#).

Please find enclosed consultation submission and sample communications at Appendix 232

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: 'Better Off Dead? A report on maternal morbidity', May 2009



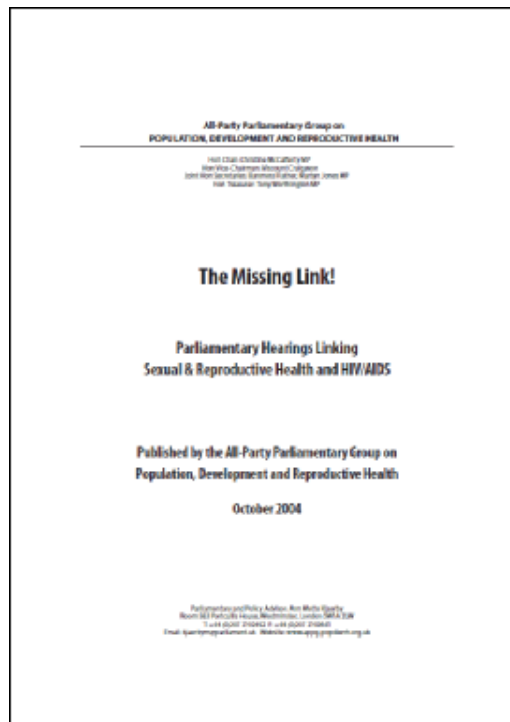
The APPG on PDRH continues to promote its 2009 hearing report on maternal morbidity. The report can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

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



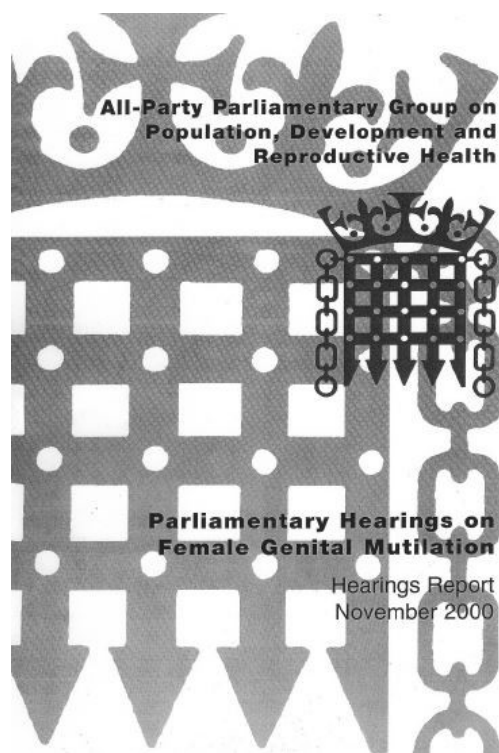
The APPG on PDRH's 2007 hearing report: 'Return of the Population Growth Factor: Its impact upon the MDGs' and 2009 updated summary leaflet can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

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



The APPG on PDRH 2004 hearing report: 'The Missing Link!' can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: 'Female Genital Mutilation', November 2000



The APPG on PDRH continues to raise the devastating consequences of FGM in Parliament via PQs and in debates.

In February 2019, the UK saw its first successful FGM prosecution, in which a 37-year-old mother from London was convicted. However, her 43-year-old partner was acquitted by the jury. The couple were also involved in witchcraft, which raised concerns among many anti-FGM advocates.

On 25th February 2020, Pauline Latham MP received an answer to a written parliamentary question on FGM, in which she asked the SoS for ID what assessment his Department had made of the benefits of supporting developing countries to criminalise FGM. PUS for DFID, Wendy Morton MP, replied:

'Female Genital Mutilation is a human rights abuse and an extreme form of gender discrimination. Criminalising FGM and properly enforcing the law is key to ending the practice. The UK has already supported The Gambia, Nigeria, and Mauritania to make FGM illegal. DFID recently allocated £2.5 million to the UN, to work with governments to enforce laws in countries where FGM is already illegal but continues to be practised. Evidence shows that legal change is a critical step towards changing attitudes towards FGM. But this must be part of a multi-pronged approach with community-led change at its heart. The UK supports the Africa-led Movement to end FGM, which works at several levels, including by empowering grassroots activists to hold their governments to account.'

In March 2020, following numerous requests from FGM activists, the APPG on PDRH invited interested FGM/C experts to a roundtable meeting. Around 50 activists presented current findings and positions on FGM in developing countries and the UK and a lively discussion followed. The APPG on PDRH agreed to follow up on some of the recommendations and

minutes were circulated to attendees (please see further information in the APPG Briefing Meetings section in this Annual Report).

Members of the APPG on PDRH and Advisor Ann Mette Kjaerby have since met with and spoken to various parliamentarians in connection with the possible re-establishment of an APPG on FGM, to focus specifically on FGM in the UK.

The FGM report can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website [here](#).

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](#).

Hearings/Surveys/Reports

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

Population Dynamics and the Sustainable Development Goals, July 2015

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

Return of the Population Growth Factor: Its Impact upon the Millennium Development Goals, Updated Summary and Graphs/Tables, July 2009

Better Off Dead: A Report on Maternal Morbidity, 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))

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

Female Genital Mutilation: Report on Parliamentary Hearings and Survey on FGM, May 2000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Accounts

Please find enclosed APPG on PDRH accounts April 2019-March 2020 at Appendix 233

Acronyms

ACCM	Agency for Culture and Change Management
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
APPG	All-Party Parliamentary Group
APPG on PDRH	All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health
BASHH	British Association of Sexual Health and HIV
BGIPU	British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union
BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
BPAS	British Pregnancy Advisory Service
C	Conservative
CE	Chief Executive
CEDAW	The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CFPA	Chinese Family Planning Association
CHOGM	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CO	Conscientious Objection
CoE	Council of Europe
COMMAT	Commonwealth Medical Trust
CPA	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
CPD	Commission on Population and Development
CSO	Civil Society Organisations
CSSF	Conflict, Stability and Security Fund
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
DFID	Department for International Development
DoH	Department of Health
Dr	Doctor
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
EC	Executive Committee
ECHO	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
ECOSOC	UN Economic and Social Council

ED	Executive Director
EDM	Early Day Motion
EPF	European Parliamentary Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Health (formerly the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development)
EU	European Union
EuroNGO	European Non-Governmental Organisations for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FGM/C	Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting
FORWARD	Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development
FP	Family Planning
FPA	Family Planning Association (UK)
FP2020	Family Planning 2020
FSRH	Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health (King's College, London)
GE	General Election
GGR	Global Gag Rule
GJC	Global Justice Center
GNI	Gross National Income
GP	General Practitioner
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMG	Her Majesty's Government
HoC	House of Commons
HoL	House of Lords
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICAI	Independent Commission for Aid Impact
ID	International Development
IDA	International Development Association
IDC	International Development Committee
IKWRO	Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation

IPCI ICPD PoA	International Parliamentary Conference on the Implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IWD	International Women's Day
IYAFP	International Youth Alliance for Family Planning
L	Labour
LD	Liberal Democrat
LDCs	Less Developed Countries
LGBTQ+	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and questioning
LSHTM	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
LSTM	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
MMR	Maternal Mortality Rate
MoS	Minister of State
MP	Member of Parliament
MSc	Master of Science
MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières
MSI	Marie Stopes International
NA	Non-affiliated
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NHS	National Health Service
NI	Northern Ireland
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PoA	Programme of Action
PD	Population and Development
PF	Prosperity Fund (UK Government)
PMC	Population Media Centre
PMB	Private Member's Bill
PQs	Parliamentary Questions
PSN	Population and Sustainability Network
PSVI	Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative
PUSS	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

RCM	Royal College of Midwives
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RMNCAH	Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health
SD	Sustainable Development
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
SoS	Secretary of State
STI	Sexual Transmitted Infection
SWOP	State of the World Population
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USA	United States of America
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
VNR	Voluntary National Review
WASH	Water, sanitation and hygiene
WHO	World Health Organization
XB	Cross Benchers

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