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FOREWORD



As the chair of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health (APPG on PDRH), I am pleased to report that the Group has had an active and successful year.

Thanks to continued pressure from the APPG on PDRH and other stakeholders, the UK Government is increasing its political and financial support to family planning and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

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

The APPG on PDRH has been sensitising ministers via parliamentary debates, conferences, meetings, letter writing and its latest hearings and report on Population Dynamics and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), which was launched on World Population Day in July 2015.

Other highlights include in-country progress on child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM), following the APPG on PDRH's hearings on the topics in 2012 and 2000 respectively. The Anti-social, Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, has made forced marriage a criminal offence in the UK and the Serious Crime Act 2015 include protection orders for potential FGM victims. The UK Government has also mandated UK key workers to collect FGM data to protect girls from the abuse and support survivors and we saw the first UK FGM prosecution in 2014.

The APPG on PDRH has been actively engaging potential new members, in the lead up to and following the UK General Election, via letter writing, phone calls and meetings.

In 2015/16 the APPG on PDRH will continue to recruit new members, scrutinise, monitor and hold the UK Government accountable to its political and financial commitments via Private Member's Bills, parliamentary questions and debates, conferences, meetings, letter writing and media activities.

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

Baroness Jenny Tonge
Chair, UK APPG on PDRH

APPG ON PDRH COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

The UK APPG on PDRH committee, during the 2014 - 2015 financial year, included Members of Parliament (MP) and Peers from the Conservatives (C), Liberal Democrats (LD), Labour (L) and the Crossbenches (XB). Soon after the 2015 UK General Election it also included MPs from the Scottish National Party (SNP).

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

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NEW APPG ON PDRH MEMBERS (APRIL 2014 - MARCH 2015)

The APPG on PDRH continues to engage and recruit new parliamentarians via letter writing, briefing meetings, report launches, press activities, receptions, conferences and study tours.

In July 2014 potential new members were contacted in connection with a planned study tour to Sri Lanka in November. Many MPs were interested in participating, but hesitant to fully commit due to the General Elections in May 2015. A delegation was however established and set to go in November 2014, but visas were refused a few days prior to departure (please see study tour section).

Between February 2015 – April 2015 letters, and a copy of the APPG on PDRH new leaflet, were disseminated to all newly shortlisted parliamentary candidates, introducing them to the Group.

Please find a copy of the Group's new leaflet included as appendix 1

Replies and interests in the APPG on PDRH's activities were received from several candidates including Carolyn Harris (Labour) and Jo Cox (Labour) and Tulip Siddiq (Labour).

Immediately after the General Elections all new MPs were contacted via a letter with the Group's leaflet. This resulted in four new members joining the APPG on PDRH (full details will appear in next year's annual report).

In January 2015 all House of Lords (HoL) members received a letter from Baroness Jenny Tonge and Pauline Latham MP with the Group's other new leaflet on the Myths and Fact on family planning, to engage them in the Group's activities. This resulted in the recruitment of Baroness Barker, Baroness Kinnock and Baroness Manzoor.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Myths and Fact leaflet as appendix 2

Baroness Barker:	Baroness Elizabeth Barker joined the Liberal Democrats in the HoL in 1999. She was Liberal Democrat Spokesperson on health between 2004 and 2010 and has served on several parliamentary committees on mental health issues. Prior to joining the HoL, Baroness Barker worked for Age Concern. She has supported organisations and charities on a range of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transvestite and transgender issues and is currently Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for the Voluntary Sector and Social Enterprise.
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Baroness Kinnock:	Baroness Glenys Kinnock became a Labour member of the HoL in 2009. She was a Member of European Parliament (1994-2009) and served as Co-President of the Africa Caribbean Pacific - European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly (2001-2009). Since joining
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the HoL Baroness Kinnock has served as Minister of State for Europe (2009), Minister of State for Africa and the UN (2009-2010), and Shadow Spokesperson for International Development (2009-2013). She is currently a member of the HoL Committee on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

Baroness Zahida Manzoor: Baroness Zahida Manzoor is a Liberal Democrat member of the HoL, having joined in 2013. She spent much of her career working in the UK's National Health Service, first as a nurse and then eventually became Chairman of Bradford Health Authority and ultimately one of eight regional Chairmen in the UK National Health Service (NHS). Baroness Manzoor has worked with the Commission on Racial Equality and the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and has close links with several universities and charities including the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. She is the Liberal Democrat spokesperson for Work and Pensions.

APPG ON PDRH AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Aims

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

Objectives

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

PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES

APPG on PDRH Committee Meetings

The APPG on PDRH held five committee meetings between April 2014 and March 2015:

12th May 2014

10th July 2014

20th October 2014 (Annual General Meeting and committee meeting)

8th December 2014

9th February 2015 – cancelled

23rd February 2015

Please find agendas and committee meeting minutes enclosed as appendix 3

APPG on PDRH Parliamentary Briefing Meetings

This year, 25 parliamentary briefing meetings/receptions were co-organised by the APPG on PDRH, where members were briefed on topical population, reproductive and maternal health, family planning and international development to support their parliamentary advocacy.

APPGs working on health and a film screening: A film on essential surgery - 'The Right to Heal', 3rd April, House of Commons (HoC), London

The APPG on Global Health with support from other APPGs working on health hosted above event and film screening. Lord Ribeiro, Vice-Chair of the APPG on Global Health and past President, Royal College of Surgeons, welcomed everyone to the screening and introduced the panel: Mr Michael Cotton, Chair International Collaboration for Essential Surgery; Dr Jaymie Ang-Henry, Director and Executive Producer of 'The Right to Health' & Board Member, International Collaboration for Essential Surgery; and Dr Iain Wilson, Past President, Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland & Board Member, Lifebox Foundation.

Participants were informed that two billion people in the world currently have no access to the most basic surgical care. Many stand in the shadows of modern healthcare. Faceless, nameless and voiceless. 'The Right to Heal' film was showcased which focusing on the lives of patients who lack access to these services in developing countries and the plan to bring essential surgical care globally.

Baroness Jenny Tonge summarised the event, making reference to the importance of women and girls having access to essential obstetric care to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.

Please find invitation enclosed as appendix 4

Joint APPG event on female genital mutilation, 7th May, HoC, London

Lord Chidgey, Vice-Chair of the Africa APPG welcomed members to above event, organised in collaboration with the APPG for Sudan and South Sudan, the APPG on Female Genital Mutilation, UNICEF and the APPG on PDRH.

Mr Geert Cappelaere, UNICEF Representative to Sudan and expert on FGM/cutting programming discussed the findings of the UNICEF's report on FGM/cutting and provided an overview of how programmatic work can address FGM/cutting. A

discussion followed amongst parliamentarians on the causes of, and solutions to, FGM. A hard copy of the UNICEF report was circulated.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 5

British Pregnancy Advisory Service meeting on UK Abortion Law: ‘Abortion and one Dr signature’, 12th May, House of Lords (HoL), London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and advisor met with representatives from British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) to discuss her forthcoming Private Member’s Bill to reduce the number of doctors required to authorise an abortion in the UK from two to one. Discussions included the absurdity that two doctors must legally approve a woman’s decision about whether or not she can have a child, the increased delay by needing two doctor’s signature, the lack of clinical purpose, and the risk to a woman’s health.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 6

APPG on PDRH meeting with International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), 14th May, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Richard Ottaway MP met with Tewodros Melesse, Director General of IPPF, to discuss the difficulties of international project staff from IPPF member organisation entering the UK on temporary visiting visas. Numerous staff had been turned down for visas, which was detrimental to their partnerships as well as events organised in the UK.

APPG Global Health in collaboration with other APPGs on health, hearing report launch: Patient Empowerment: Global Lessons and Global Leadership, 14th May, HoC, London

An event was organised by the APPG on Global Health in partnership with six APPGs: HIV/AIDS; Global Tuberculosis; Patient and Public Involvement; and the APPG on PDRH. The report took a global perspective on how to empower patients to play a more active role in their care. 100 innovative case studies were submitted to the review. The report outlined how much the UK has to learn from high, middle and low income countries – and how these lessons should be applied. At the same time, the report also highlighted the UK’s strengths, its important role historically in supporting the global patient empowerment agenda, and how it can continue to play a leading role internationally.

Please find link to report here: <http://www.appg-globalhealth.org.uk/reports/4556656050>

APPG on PDRH event to engage new MPs, 4th June, HoC, London

A round table event was organised to engage new MPs in APPG on PDRH activities. Due to a sudden HoC Ministerial Statement, at the exact same time, the event only saw researchers and staff. Baroness Jenny Tonge provided an overview of the APPG on PDRH purpose and activities, in the hope that interested researchers and staff would relay the information to members.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 7

Joint APPG on International Development meeting: The Common African Position on the post-2015 development agenda, 11th June, HoC, London

APPGs working on international development, jointly hosted the above event. This group of APPGs is a coalition of over 50 UK APPGs focusing on international related subjects. The APPGs have been working together over the past few years on the post-2015 agenda. A declaration was sent to the UK Prime Minister, David

Cameron MP, in February 2013 calling for parliamentary involvement in the post-2015 process, and a debate was organised in Westminster Hall on the subject in March 2013. The above meeting was part of the series '*Parliamentarians Ending Poverty*' which has seen a series of high profile speakers including Bill Gates, the Dalai Lama and three of the Elders, Mary Robinson, Jimmy Carter and Desmond Tutu, come to the UK Parliament to discuss issues related to international development.

At this event Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union, was welcomed to the UK Parliament. Discussions were held on 'what will replace the Millennium Development Goals when they expire in 2015, and the UN General Assembly negotiations phase of this process.' Dr Zuma presented the Common African Position on the post-2015 development agenda, which was adopted by the African Union at the beginning of 2014, the result of an extensive consultation process that brought together Governments, Regional Economic Communities, civil society, parliamentarians, academics and the private sector from around the continent.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 8

APPG on PDRH in collaboration with the IPPF hosted the World Population Day reception, 9th July, HoL, London

The 2014 world population day reception was co-hosted with the IPPF bringing attention to: 'Finishing unfinished business -- realising SRHR for all after 2015.' It focussed on what more needs to be done to realise the ICPD PoA in the context of the post-2015 development framework. Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed and introduced the speakers: Baroness Lindsay Northover, lead spokesperson in the HoL for ID; Valerie DeFillipo, Director, Family Planning 2020 (FP2020), United Nations Foundation; Pernille Fenger, Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Europe Office and Tewodros Melesse, Director General, IPPF.

Baroness Northover presented the UK Government's position on SRHR and the UK Department for International Development's (DFID) commitment to the Post-2015 agenda, Valerie DeFillipo provided an update on FP2020, focusing on the vital importance of family planning in the post-2015 agenda whilst Pernille Fenger focussed on the importance of integrating youth and young people into service delivery in order to ensure that they have a voice in the post-2015 framework and Tewodros Melesse focussed on what IPPF is currently doing to keep SRHR and MDG target 5b in the post-2015 development agenda.

The reception was attended by embassy representatives, MPs, NGO representatives, academics and individuals from the business community.

Baroness Jenny Tonge published an opinion article for the Brussels-based news website Euroactiv with support from EPF available here:

<http://www.euractiv.com/sections/development-policy/key-tackling-population-dilemmas-empowering-women-303426>

Networking followed the speeches.

Please find enclosed invitation to World Population Day events with programme, sample draft speeches as appendix 9

APPG on PDRH and Action for Pre-Eclampsia (APEC) briefing meeting on Pre-eclampsia, 22nd July, HoL, London

Above event was hosted to raise awareness of pre-eclampsia, which is one of the most common of the serious complications of pregnancy, affecting both the mother and baby. The damage caused by pre-eclampsia is often not seen or felt by the mother early, but it can be picked up by experienced health professionals. Once diagnosed, women must be closely monitored in hospital by specialists with access to emergency care; deaths from substandard care are a failure to detect or manage the condition.

Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed all to the event and introduced the speakers: Dr Philippa Brice, Trustee, APEC; Mr Merlin Gard, Volunteer, APEC; Professor James Walker, Medical Director, APEC; Professor Cathy Nelson-Piercy – Co- chair of Trustees, APEC and Philippa Brice – Trustee, APEC

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 10

Marie Stopes International (MSI) and Mongolian delegation meeting with APPG on PDRH, 16th September, HoC, London



Baroness Jenny Tonge, Mongolian delegation and MSI representative



Mongolian delegation with MSI representative

A round table meeting was set up between the APPG on PDRH and the Mongolian Deputy Health Minister, MPs and civil servants with support from MSI. The Mongolian delegation was particularly interested in UK SRHR legislation, policies and services. Baroness Jenny Tonge presented an overview of UK SRHR laws, policies and services and a discussion followed with a particular focus on skill mix and task shifts.

Please find enclosed communications and invitation to event as appendix 11

Corporate responsibility meeting, 13th October, HoL, London.

Baroness Jenny Tonge and advisor met with Malcolm Potts and Nap Hosand from Berkeley University to discuss corporate responsibility and family planning.

Virgin Atlantic meeting, 14th October, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge, Malcolm Potts and Nap Hosand met with Peter Norris and his team at Virgin Atlantic office in London to discuss corporate responsibility and family planning and the possibility of Virgin taking an interest in women's health and particular family planning.

Population Matters annual award: The population and sustainability awareness award, 23rd October, London

Richard Ottaway MP, Vice-chair of the APPG on PDRH and Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee received an award for promoting public debate on population growth. Richard Ottaway MP was Chairman of the APPG on PDRH from 1992 - 1995 and has been Vice-Chair ever since. He was the prime motivator behind the APPG on PDRH hearings and report: *Return of the Population Growth Factor: Its Impact on the Millennium Development Goals*, which concluded that population growth had a serious impact on the prospects of achieving all of the MDGs. He co-authored the paper entitled: *Sex, Ideology and Religion: 10 Myths about Population Growth*. More recently in March 2014, he led on the Foreign Affairs Committee report: *The UK's Response to Extremism and Instability in North and West Africa*, which stressed the links between rapid population growth and political instability. He was also the chairman of the 2015 Hearings: Population Dynamics and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Please find enclosed press release on the awards ceremony as appendix 12

Action for Global Health and APPG meeting: Challenges in Global Health – 2015 and beyond, 25th November, HoC, London

Above panel debate was chaired by Eliza Anyangwe of the Guardian and jointly hosted by Action for Global Health and the APPGs working on global health: APPG on Global Health, APPG on Global Tuberculosis, APPG on HIV & AIDS, APPG on Malaria & Neglected Tropical Diseases and the APPG on PDRH.

Speakers included: Jim Murphy MP, Labour Shadow SS for ID; Martin Horwood MP, Chair of the Liberal Democrats International Policy Committee, Stephen O'Brien MP, Conservative former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for ID.

The representatives on the panel discussed the post-2015 agenda negotiations and their approach to a range of interconnected crises and trends, such as:

- The opportunity to end the epidemics of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and diarrhoeal diseases and lessons to draw from the Ebola crisis;
- The need to strengthen health and community systems in resource-poor environments;
- Changes in financing flows for development and how these will affect the achievement of health goals; and
- The rise of non-communicable diseases in developing countries.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme as appendix 13

Malaria Consortium briefing meeting on pregnancy and antimalarial treatment – Uganda research, 8th December, HoC, London

A round table briefing meeting was organised with the Malaria Consortium to brief members on new research in Uganda on pregnancy and antimalarial. The study was presented by the research officer Christian Rassi and focused on the barriers to the uptake of intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy for the prevention of Malaria in Uganda. Pregnant women are particularly susceptible to malaria because of their reduced immunity, as well as their vulnerable social and economic status. Malaria in pregnancy poses substantial risks to both mother and child, contributing

to up to 25% of maternal deaths and leading to 900,000 low birth weight deliveries each year in Africa.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 14

FORWARD report launch: Empowering Girls left Behind: Comprehensive Approaches to Tackling Child Marriage and FGM in Tanzania, 8th December, HoC, London

Above event was jointly hosted by the APPG on PDRH, APPG Africa, APPG on FGM and FORWARD and included a panel discussion featuring Mr Koshuma Mtengeti, Executive Director of Children's Dignity Forum (the leading child rights charity in Tanzania), FORWARD's partner and Professor Lisa Avalos (Arkansas University). Mr Koshuman Mtengeti presented recent legal research on child marriage and FGM in Tanzania and FORWARD presented new participatory research on obstetric fistula in Tanzania, and shared the lessons learned from the integrated interventions on child marriage and FGM. The four year programme demonstrated potential for achieving sustainable change through developing young women's leadership, activism and economic empowerment.

Please find enclosed invitation to round table meeting as appendix 15

Centre for Opposition Studies event on the International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women: Challenges facing women in the Middle East amidst growing extremism and violence, 9th December, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge chaired and spoke at above half-day seminar, which brought together experts to review and examine ways and means whereby civil society and international institutions can resolve the challenges facing women in the Middle East. Panellists included: Maysoon Salem Al-Damluji, a liberal Iraqi politician and women's rights campaigner who was Iraq's Deputy Minister of Culture from June 2004 until March 2006 and currently a member of the Council of Representatives for the secular Iraqi National List, or "Iraqiya"; Dr Nervana Mahmoud--Blogger and Commentator; Baroness Hodgson, Member of Steering Board, Foreign Secretary's Initiative to Prevent Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-Conflict; Professor Ramin Jahanbegloo, an internationally recognised Iranian-Canadian philosopher and the winner of the Peace Prize from the United Nations Association in Spain for promoting dialogue between cultures and his advocacy for non-violence and Diana Trimino, Women's Protection and Empowerment Policy Advisor from Rescue International.

Please find enclosed briefing for event as appendix 16

Westminster Health Forum Seminar: Improving outcomes for sexual health and HIV: commissioning, access and the future for sex and relationships education, 11th December, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge spoke at above seminar. Delegates discussed next steps for the policy, commissioning and delivery of services for HIV, and sexual and reproductive health and considered challenges for implementing the aims of the Public Health England national framework for commissioning. Keynote addresses included: Professor Jane Anderson, Consultant Physician in HIV, Sexual Health and Reproductive Health; Alison Hadley, Director, Teenage Pregnancy Knowledge Exchange, University of Bedfordshire and Simon Blake, Chief Executive, Brook and Director, Sex Education Forum.

Please find included invitation and briefing notes as appendix 17

Turkey Deputy Minister of Health meeting to discuss SRHR, 23rd January, HoC, London

Muslim Engagement & Development set up a meeting between Baroness Jenny Tonge, Lord Ahmed and Mr Erken Kandemir, Turkish Deputy Minister of Health to discuss Health. Baroness Jenny Tonge raised the statement made by the Turkish Prime Minister on caesarean sections and abortions at the IPCI ICPD, Istanbul, Turkey, in which he had said '*Women shall not have caesarean sections and they must have at least 3 children.*'

Please find communications enclosed as appendix 18

Gates Foundation's UK Government relations team meeting, 2nd February, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH's advisor and researcher met with Andrew Mace, the new UK Government relations officer and a colleague from the Gates Foundation. Andrew Mace was given an overview of the APPG on PDRH activities and possible future collaboration was discussed with particular reference to the joint APPG 'freshers' event to be co-organise with other UK APPGs working on international development, following the General Election.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 19

Population Reference Bureau and Population and Sustainability Network report launch: Population Dynamics and Climate Change, 2nd February, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed delegates to the above co-hosted report launch. Jason Bremner, (Population Reference Bureau) and Karen Newman, (Population and Sustainability Network) presented report findings and recommendations, which called for the inclusion of universal access to voluntary family planning in climate compatible development plans.

The report can be found here: http://www.worldwatch.org/system/files/14-662%20PRB%20FactSheet%20-%20PopClimate_FINAL_WEB.pdf

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 20

Save the Children meeting on the International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill, 9th February, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and the APPG on PDRH's researcher met with Chris Murray and Denisa Delic from Save the Children, to discuss Department for International Development funding to health systems in West Africa and the Ebola crises, along with parliamentary processes and the International Development Bill.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 21

APPGs on International Development and International Parliamentary Union high level discussion on post-2015 with Amina Mohamed, The special advisor to the UN Secretary-General on post-2015 development plan, 11th March, HoC, London

Above event was co-organised by APPGs working on international development issues. Lord McConnell, chaired the event and Amina Mohamed presented a summary of the processes and current consensus around the post-2015

development framework. She referenced the UN Secretary-General Synthesis Report entitled “The road to dignity by 2030: ending poverty, transforming all lives and protecting the planet” published in December 2014 and reiterated the fact that goals agreed in this report were likely to remain. She referenced the final three major milestones this year: the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa in July, the Post-2015 Summit in New York in September; and the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) in December in Paris. While these meetings stem from separate processes, their agendas are mutually reinforcing and will determine the fate of the world for the next 15 years and beyond.

A lively question and answer session followed her presentation.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 22

Meeting with Amnesty International on their campaign activities, 23rd March, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and advisor met with Lucy Wake and her colleague for an update on Amnesty International campaign activities and potential future collaborative activities. Of particular interest were their Northern Ireland abortion campaign and work in Iran, as well as their UK General Election activities. Follow up information was sent on possible speakers for their forthcoming conference along with Ipas and Family Planning Association (FPA) contacts.

Please find enclosed correspondence as appendix 23

Guided tour of Parliament for the Swedish Family Planning Association, 31st March, HoC, London

Viscount Craigavon hosted a guided tour of Parliament for the Swedish FPA following a request from IPPF’s head office in London.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 24

Other Briefing Meetings

APPG on PDRH members and staff attended 27 external family planning and SRHR briefing meetings this year.

Save your Rights Charity report launch: The effectiveness of a specific offence of forced marriage in the UK, 8th April, HoL, London

Lord Ahmed hosted above event attended by MPs and staff. Save the Rights Charity, a human rights charity has campaigned to end forced marriage and commissioned Themis Think Tank to produce a report on the likely effectiveness of a specific criminal offence. The report launched concluded, that criminalising forced marriage will be counterproductive to combating the practice of forced marriage. Instead the report concludes that the UK Government should bolster the existing civil remedies, which provide victims relief from their situations without requiring them to implicate family members in a criminal court case.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 25

Dr Nafis Sadiq dinner, 28th April, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Richard Ottaway MP attended above dinner for Dr Sadik, Special Advisor on Policy to the Executive Director of UNAIDS and former Executive Director of UNFPA. The event was organised by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance to discuss the outcome of the 47th Commission on Population and Development and its implications for the post-2015 development framework.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 26

UK Sexual Health awards 2014, 29th April, London

Select members attended above event, where the founding member of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF) Dilys Cossey was presented with a lifetime achievement award.

Please find enclosed communication for event as appendix 27

APPG Sexual and Reproductive Health photo-shoot with IPPF on the theme: SRHR in the post-2015 development framework, 13th May, London

18 IPPF member associations worldwide held a global day of action to launch the 'I Decide' campaign. 'I Decide' brought citizens and parliamentarians together to call on world leaders to prioritise SRHR within the post-2015 development framework. In the UK, FPA launched the campaign with MPs at above event to which key ministers were invited. Participants posed for photos outside the Houses of Parliament.

Photos were shared via social media.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 28

The Forum for Progression of Society and the National Alliance of Women's Organisations: Ensuring women's rights in the post-2015 development framework, 13th May, London

Baroness Hodgson chaired above event with the following speakers: Baroness Northover, HoL Spokesperson for International Development; Dr Sean Tedjarati, Interim Medical Director, Westchester Medical Center, Cancer Institute; Marai Larasi, Executive Director Imkaan, Joint Chair of End Violence Against Women Coalition, UK; Willem Marx, Journalist and author of Balachistan and Baroness Jenny Tonge. Speakers spoke and looked at why the rights of women and girls need to be enshrined in the post-2015 development framework and how this can be achieved.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 29

Royal Pharmaceutical Society Annual awards ceremony, 20th May, HoL, London

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society held their annual awards ceremony in the HoL with Baroness Jenny Tonge as the key note speaker. She spoke on the subject of maternal health and pharmacists in developing countries. Copies of the APPG on PDRH's hearings report on maternal morbidity, '*Better off Dead*', were disseminated at the ceremony.

The APPG on PDRH subsequently received requests from fellows of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for additional copies of the report to disseminate to colleagues.

Please find enclosed programme as appendix 30

Gates Foundation, DFID, Save the Children and IPPF discussion on family planning – the rights of girls and women, 21st May, London

Several members attended above event with Justine Greening MP, SS for ID; Melinda Gates, Co-Chair of the Gates Foundation; Tewodros Melesse, Director General IPPF and Justin Forsyth, Chief Executive of Save the Children. It was an event held to discuss the rights of women and girls worldwide. With the issues of family planning, FGM, child, early and forced marriage, and mother and newborn mortality being high on the global political agenda in 2014, this event provided an opportunity to hear global champions for these issues discuss what can be done to transform the lives of girls and women. A question and answer session followed discussions.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 31

Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation Alliance Human Papillomavirus vaccines event: Investing in a healthy future for women and girls, 4th June, HoC, London

Select members attended above event, which highlighted the burden of cervical cancer in developing countries and how investments in human papillomavirus vaccines can make a difference to improving health and economic outcomes for women and girls. Speakers at the event were: Justine Greening MP, SS for ID; Dr Maria da Luz Dai Guebuza, First Lady of the Republic of Mozambique, Mrs Lordina Dramami Mahama, First Lady of the Republic of Ghana, and Dr Seth Berkley, Chief Executive GAVI Alliance.

Please find enclosed invitation, press release, report front and contents page as appendix 32

Population Matters event in Kew Garden on World Environment Day, 5th June, Kew Gardens, London

World Environment Day was marked by a ceremony to repeat the 'Apology to the Future' made in 1994 with the burial of eco-time capsules in the UK and abroad. The event was held at the time capsule mound in Kew Gardens.

Zac Goldsmith MP opened the proceedings and speeches were made by Lady Mayor of Richmond, Meena Bond, Kew's Director, Richard Deverell, Professor John Guillebaud, Lord Robert May, Sir Crispin Tickell and Baroness Jenny Tonge.

Please find enclosed Population Matters press release for event as appendix 33

The Arab Women's Peace and Security network event, 9th June, HoC, London

Above event was hosted by Tobias Ellwood MP to draw attention to the forthcoming Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict. Representatives from the Arab Women's Peace and Security Network discussed the situation for women following the Arab uprisings and the ongoing conflicts in the region. They explained what work is being done to improve women's participation in peace building efforts, civil society and politics in the region and launched their 10-point manifesto for delivering security and rights for women.

Speakers included: Dr Fatemah Khafagy, Egypt's Ombudsman of Gender Equality, formerly Head of the Gender and Development Program at UNICEF Egypt; Dr Hoda Badran, Chair of the Egyptian Feminist Union, the first President of the Committee on the Rights of the Child at the UN and recipient of the UNESCO Award

for Distinguished Women in 1995; Zahra Langhi, Coordinator of the Libyan Women's Political Empowerment Program; Dr Mouna Ghanem, one of the founders of the Women and Democracy movement in Syria, formerly Assistant Representative for the UN Population Fund in Syria and Amal Basha, founder of Sisters' Arab Forum for Human Rights, one of the leading human rights advocacy organisations in Yemen.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 34

International Parliamentary Panel discussion on Implementing the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, 12th June, HoC, London

The UK branch of the International Parliamentary Union and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association hosted above event. The event formed a part of the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict and was followed by a networking reception. The panel was formed by international parliamentarian delegates attending the Summit and was chaired by Baroness Hodgson, Vice-Chair of the APPG on Women, Peace & Security. Select members attended the event.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 35

APPG on Women, Peace and Security event with Sudanese women parliamentarians, 23rd June, HoC, London

Baroness Hodgson, chaired above luncheon in honour of the delegation of Sudanese women parliamentarians who was visiting parliament. The delegation included: Miss Samia Ahmed Mohamed MP and Deputy Speaker; Mrs Afaf Tawour MP; Mrs Badria Abass MP; Mrs Marwa Gaknoon MP; Umbashair Mahmoud Sharif MP; Mrs Hawa Abdulshafee MP; Hussain Alkenain official at the Sudanese Parliament. Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the event along with other UK Parliamentarians, some NGO representatives from Womankind, GAPs and UN Women UK. Women in conflict prevention and peace building was discussed.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 36

BPAS briefing meeting: Responding to the changing tactics of the anti-choice movement, 24th June, HoC, London

Select members attended above event to discuss the recent intensification of anti-choice campaigning in Britain and how pro-choice politicians might respond to ensure women can continue to access the services they need. The first quarter of 2014 saw a huge increase in anti-choice activity in Parliament, with members of the APPG Pro-Life tabling over 100 questions on abortion before the Easter recess.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 37

APPG HIV/AIDS meeting: Halve IT 'Halfway to World's AIDS Day' parliamentary meeting on HIV testing, 8th July, HoC, London

Select members and the APPG on PDRH's researcher attended above event. The meeting addressed the topic of how to improve sexual health outcomes for Men who have Sex with Men.

Significant and growing rates of sexually transmitted infections and HIV among men who have sex with men present a major public health challenge in the UK.

Reference was made to the publication of Public Health England's *Strategic Framework to Improve the Health and Wellbeing of Gay, Bisexual and other Men who have Sex with Men*. Speakers included: Alison Brown, Principal Scientist, HIV Section, Public Health England; Tom Doyle, Chief Executive, Yorkshire MESMAC;

Dr Alan McOwan, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, Fellow to the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV Board.

Please find invitation enclosed as appendix 38

Forced Marriage Unit – Forced Marriage film launch, 23rd July, HoC, London

Pauline Latham MP, Vice-Chair APPG on PDRH. chaired above event organised by ‘two little girls’ who assisted in the film making: ‘Out Girl and True stories’, which were two short films, aimed at getting communities talking and acting towards putting a stop to forced marriage. Speakers at the event included staff from the UK Forced Marriage Unit and the Iranian and Kurdish Women’s Rights Organisation. The films shown were subsequently disseminated by specialist organisations in their work with communities and young people, to raise public awareness with the clear message that forcing someone to marry is a breach of basic human rights. The film follows the UK legislation that now criminalise forced marriage.

Please find enclosed invitation and agenda as appendix 39

FP2020 Progress Report launch: Partnership in Progress, 3rd November, London

Richard Ottaway MP spoke at above event which was hosted on behalf of the Co-Chairs of FP2020’s Reference Group, Dr Chris Elias, President, Global Development of the Gates Foundation and Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund. Introductory remarks were from: Justine Greening MP, SS for ID; Kathy Calvin, President and Chief Executive, United Nations Foundation; Ms. Ambar Rahayu, Principle Secretary, National Population and Family Planning Agency, Indonesia (BKKBN).

The event celebrated progress made over the two years since the 2012 London Summit on Family Planning and concentrated on the leadership in supporting the rights of an additional 120 million women and girls to access voluntary family planning information, services, and supplies by 2020.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 41

A Conversation with Bill Gates, 10th November, HoC, London

Select members attended above event where Bill Gates was welcomed by Baroness D’Souza. This event was a new series of Lord Speaker lectures and Bill Gates had accepted the Lord Speaker’s invitation to speak about the impact of UK aid and the work of the Gates Foundation to an invited audience of Members of both Houses. The lecture was followed by a question and answer session.

UNFPA State of the World Population Report launch: The Power of 1.8 billion: adolescents, youth and the transformation of the future, 18th November, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended above launch with advisor. The report was launched by Dr Babatunde, Executive Director UNFPA and provided evidence that today’s record 1.8 billion young people present an enormous opportunity to transform the future. By prioritising young people’s human capital, countries can reap a demographic dividend that can raise living standards and lift millions out of poverty.

All members received the press release, and an executive summary of the report and select members received hard copies of the full report.

Please find enclosed invitation and executive summary as appendix 42

Children's Right's Alliance for England and Save the Children reception to launch the annual report: State of the Children's Rights, 19th November, HoC, London

Select members attended above report launch, which celebrated 25 years of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and saw the launch of Children's Rights Alliance annual report. The enormous progress that has been made in England over the past 25 years and the challenges faces were discussed along with the compliance across all areas of childhood, including civil rights, family, health, education, leisure and juvenile justice. Speakers included: Baroness Floella Benjamin; Asha Ali, Kids Company Ambassador; Louise King, Save the Children and Paola Uccellari, Children's Rights Alliance for England.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 43

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist (RCOG) dinner, 21st November, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge was invited and attended above dinner for fellows', members and trainees to the College.

Conservative Friends of Sri Lanka briefing meeting, 27th November, HoC, London

The APPG on PDRH's researcher attended above event. Dr Jevon Thiagarajah, Chairman of the Institute for Human Rights, a Sri Lankan NGO and the Executive Director of the Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies, presented his findings on Human Rights in the country. A range of reports that have been published alleging human rights abuses in the final years Sri Lanka's civil war was referred to. Examples included the Sri Lankan Government's inquiries, the UN Secretary-General's Expert Group report and those by various human rights non-governmental organisations. The chair noted that each report was subject to limitations, such as how much access they had to different groups in the north and the east of Sri Lanka, and suggested that the reports had to use other, perhaps less reliable, forms of evidence. The chair also noted that Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International (which have both produced reports criticising the Sri Lankan Government) had been invited to sit on the panel of the event, but they had refused.

A question and answer session followed, which focussed largely on how Sri Lankans in the UK could help to promote peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka.

The Royal Society report launch: Resilience to extreme weather, 3rd December, The Royal Society, London

The APPG on PDRH's researcher attended above report launch. Speakers included Professor Martyn Poliakoff, Foreign Secretary of The Royal Society, Professor Georgina Mace, Chair of the report working group, together with working group members Professor Peter Cox, Rowan Douglas, Professor Katrina Brown and Dr Bhaskar Vira. Richard Black and professor Sir Mark Walport, Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government chaired and guided a question and answer session following presentations.

The Guttmacher and UNFPA report update launch: ‘Adding it up’, British Library, 4th December, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and the APPG on PDRH’s researcher attended the above report launch, which documented the dramatic health and economic benefits of investing in reproductive health services in poor countries. Presenters included: Dr Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet; Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, UNFPA; Ms. Ann Starrs, President and Chief Executive, Guttmacher Institute; Dr Susheela Singh, Vice President for Research, Guttmacher Institute and Dr Nyovani Madise, Professor, University of Southampton. The report estimated unmet need for modern contraceptives and the negative outcomes that follow for women and their families; the need for maternal and newborn care, including interventions to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV; and the necessary care to treat four common sexually transmitted infections. The findings make clear that reproductive health remains a global priority, requiring urgent attention.

Hard copies of the report was sent to select members upon their request.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 44

APPG Global Health Dinner, 19th January, HoC, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Heather Wheeler MP attended above dinner. Two lead researchers Sarah Curran and Helena Ligido-Quigley, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine provided an overview of research conducted in mapping the UKs impact on health globally across the four sectors in commerce; government programmes; education and research and aid philanthropy.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 45

A vision for International Development in 2015 and beyond with Mary Creagh MP, Shadow SS for ID, Sussex University, 29th January, Brighton

The APPG on PDRH’s advisor attended above discussion where Mary Creagh MP, Shadow SS for ID, set out Labour’s vision for the role that the UK can play in shaping the SDGs to address some of the most pressing global challenges faced. She was joined by Purna Sen, the Labour prospective parliamentary candidate for Brighton Pavilion and Deputy Director of the Institute of Public Affairs at the London School of Economics. Professor Melissa Leach, International Development Studies Director, chaired the session.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 46

Joint British Association for Sexual Health and HIV and Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health meeting: Challenging issues in Sexual Health, Tenth Anniversary meeting, 30^h January, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended above annual general meeting, which had presentations on the challenging issues in both contraception and genital urinary medicine in the UK. Ann Furedi spoke on the topic: ‘Women and access to sexual and reproductive health care: is it time for the fourth wave of feminism?’

Please find enclosed invitation and full programme as appendix 47

Celebration of Dr Tim Black's life, founder of MSI, 9th February, The Royal Society, London

Baroness Jenny Tonge and advisor attended Tim Black's life memorial service following his death in December. The event celebrated Tim's life and achievements, his unique contribution to the family planning and safe abortion sector and the incredible legacy that he has left behind. Family, friends and colleagues shared stories and reminiscences and a short film was screen about his life.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 48

European Meetings

European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development

Collaboration between the APPG on PDRH and EPF, as well as other regional parliamentary networks, remain strong. Parliamentary advocacy activities have been shared on-line, discussed over the phone and at meetings.

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the EPF council meeting in April 2014. A total of 20 MPs from 17 countries attended this meeting held immediately prior to the IPCI ICPD in Stockholm. The meeting began with an exchange of views with main strategic partners of the parliamentary movement in Europe on ICPD and SRHR. This was followed by discussions on the current state of EPF, activities of APPGs, highlights from 2013 and outlook for 2014, and then the elections to the new EPF Executive Committee, EPF Membership requests and an overview of Finances.

Baroness Jenny Tonge stood down as the President of EPF at this council meeting after three active years as per EPF statutes.

Throughout the year, Baroness Jenny Tonge has been heavily engaged in EPF activities and spoken at numerous events and conference, and coordinated regional letter writing and published articles.

She spoke at the Africa Regional Forum for Parliamentarians on Population and Development, Cote d'Ivoire March 2014; at the International Parliamentary Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD PoA, Stockholm, April 2014; at the Spanish APPG on PD post-2015 agenda event, June 2014; at the first European Parliamentary Working Group on Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and Development meeting on September 2014 after the Elections and at the Africa Forum on Population and Development conference in Paris, France, December 2014.

Baroness Jenny Tonge also participated in the Parliamentary side event at the UN General Assembly follow-up to ICPD beyond 2014, September 2014, New York (further information on above conferences and meetings can be found under the conference and APPG section).

EPF letters were signed by EPF executive members and sent to European government officials as follows:

On 5th March 2014 letters were sent to European governments requesting they sign and/or rectify the Istanbul Convention. Three years after opening for signature in Istanbul, the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence entered into force in August 2014. Until

March 2014, only 14 member states of the Council of Europe had ratified this new human rights treaty and another 22 states had signed it.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 49

In August 2014 a letter was drafted to the Spanish authorities opposing the proposed new abortion restrictions to be put forward to the Spanish Parliament for approval. The draft law was however formally withdrawn by the Government and the minister promoting the law resigned as Minister and from Parliament and left politics.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 50

In September Baroness Jenny Tonge welcomed the announcement by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, that the Spanish government had abandoned plans to tighten the country's abortion law.



Baroness Jenny Tonge interviewed about proposed new Spanish abortion law, Spain

In May 2014 Baroness Jenny Tonge joined the global 'I Decide' campaign. A photo-shoot was taken of activists around the world calling for women and girls everywhere to have the right to decide fundamental issues in their lives, such as who they live with, how many children they have and what happens to their bodies.



Baroness Jenny Tonge at photo-shoot, London

On 5th June EPF launched a new handbook providing members of parliament and other decision-makers with a concise guide to how they can contribute to advancing environmental sustainability in the post-2015 framework. The APPG on PDRH gave feedback to the draft handbook, which was launched on World Environment Day.

In July 2014 communication exchanges between EPF and UK APPG on PDRH occurred in connection with UK Conservative Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) opposition to SRHR, which is contrary to UK Government coalition policy.

Baroness Jenny Tonge successfully published EPF articles in connection with WPD, 10th July 2014 in Euractive and one on 11th November 2014 in Devex in response to the growing humanitarian crises and SRHR. This article was also translated into Spanish and published in the Spanish press (please see further details in the press section).

In January 2015 communications exchanges between EPF and UK APPG on PDRH took place in connection with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Essential Medicines List and the inclusion/exclusion of misoprostol and in March 2015 communications focussed on EPF funding and the UK new Bill to honour its pledge of 0.7% of GNI to ODA.

Please find communications enclosed as appendix 51

In February 2015 a meeting was held between Baroness Jenny Tonge, Baroness Anne Jenkin, Neil Datta and the APPG on PDRH's advisor to discuss UK APPG on PDRH involvement with EPF, after Baroness Jenny Tonge's standing down as their President in April 2015.

EPF conference for European APPG Secretariats, 26th – 29th November 2014, Heraklion, Crete, Greece.



Secretariats to APPGs on Population and Development, Kreta, Greece

The APPG on PDRH's advisor attended above annual parliamentary secretariat retreat in Heraklion, Kreta. The objective of the gathering remains to reflect on the year's activities and to look ahead to population and development parliamentary advocacy in Europe for the coming year. Participants received updates from UNFPA, on supporting parliamentary work, and from IPPF, on the New Strategic Framework. Also under discussion were UN processes, communications activities and combatting anti - choice initiatives In European Parliaments.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme as appendix 52

European Non-Governmental Organisations for SRHR

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

European Non-Governmental Organisations for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (EuroNGOs) e-mail lists and daily press cuttings ensure the UK APPG on PDRH members are updated on new and relevant campaigns.

Information of particular interest to members has been circulated via e-mail or standard mail throughout the year.

EuroNGOs workshop on accountability for the post-2015 development framework – untapping civil society potential, 29th October 2014, Madrid, Spain

The APPG on PDRH's advisor attended the above workshop. The workshop gathered 83 participants from 21 countries and it was hosted by EuroNGOs Spanish members the Federación de Planificación Familiar Estatal (FPFE) and Alianza por la Solidaridad. Participants improved collective understanding of the concept of accountability, articulated ideas for the post-2015 and explored existing and possible avenues for individual and collective actions in researching, reporting and reviewing government policies and practices related to the post-2015 agenda.

Full information can be found here: <http://www.eurongos.org/we-do/learning-training/accountability-for-the-post-2015-development-framework-untapping-civil-society-potential.html>

EuroNGOs Annual General Meeting: Putting the puzzle together: SRHR in the post-2015 world, 30th – 31st October 2014, Madrid, Spain

The APPG on PDRH's advisor and researcher attended the EuroNGOs Annual General Meeting in Madrid, which remains an excellent platform for sharing experiences, networking and obtaining information on new SRHR campaigns and advocacy activities in Europe, as well as further afield.



EuroNGO members

This year's Annual General Meeting, hosted by EPFE brought together 156 participants, from 29 countries all over the world. Participants represented 64 organisations from the SRHR community and beyond, along with other constituencies close to the sector, including UN agencies, foundations, research centres and governments' representatives.

The conference focussed on the theme "Putting the puzzle together: SRHR in a post-2015 world", and called for the inclusion of SRHR in the UN negotiations

leading to the approval of the new set of developmental goals in September 2015. Designed around six interactive sessions, the conference gathered the SRHR community to:

- Spread ideas, analyse information, share intelligence and promote strategic thinking to support the SRHR community to influence the post-2015 negotiations;
- Promote alliance building and international coordination, clarify positions and seek common ground to support the SRHR community advocacy work until September 2015;
- Mobilise organisations and individuals for actions that: contribute to the advancement of the 1994 ICPD PoA and the SRHR agenda through consistent actions that bring the outcomes of the ICPD operational review into the post-2015 negotiations; and contribute to global efforts to include specific SRHR targets and indicators within the post-2015 development framework.

Full conference information is available here: <http://www.eurongos.org/we-do/conferences/2014-conference.html>

Study Tour

Sri Lanka study tour, 12th – 18th November 2014

During June/July 2014 the APPG on PDRH disseminated invitations to new MPs and targeted peers, inviting them to join a study tour to Sri Lanka to gain insight into global SRHR and international development activities, with a specific focus on programmes in fragile states and gender based violence in conflict.

The Sri Lankan FPA (an IPPF member association) was in charge of logistics and liaison on the ground, with support from IPPF's regional office in Delhi and head office in London.

Sri Lanka was chosen as the study tour destination for reasons that included its success in bringing family planning services to communities and people despite poverty and low GNI. Furthermore 30% of UK and global ODA targets fragile/conflict affected states such as Sri Lanka. Last but not least, Sri Lanka is a country of interest to many MPs for other reasons such as its political situation.

Numerous MPs showed an interest in the study tour and the APPG on PDRH's adviser subsequently met and briefed Andrew George MP and Ann Clwyd MP. The final delegation was to include: Baroness Jenny Tonge, Baroness Anne Jenkin, Lord Steel and Craig Whittaker MP. Several MPs had to pull out close to departure due to conflicting parliamentary obligations.

On 5th November the delegation was gathered for a skype briefing in the UK Parliament with the Executive Director of the Sri Lankan FPA and IPPF regional staff based in Delhi.

Unfortunately the study tour was cancelled four days prior to the departure, as visas had not been granted by the Sri Lankan authorities due to recent landslides and country budget preparations.

The study tour is now planned for November recess 2015 with new members joining the study tour delegation.

Please find enclosed study tour programme as appendix 53

General Written Briefings

144 written briefings were disseminated to members this year. The majority of briefings were sent to update members on new UK and international SRHR/family planning policies, funding, research or programme activities. Some briefings were sent in response to specific requests in support of parliamentary debates, legislation or questions. All members of the APPG on PDRH received a list of relevant upcoming events and debates in Parliament each week, and suggested oral questions to ask Government Ministers each month.

Below is a full list of briefings sent to members:

1st April 2014: All members received information on the forthcoming DFID FGM/Child Marriage Summit.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 54

1st April: HoL members received briefing for Glenys Kinnock's debate on gender equality and the post-2015 development framework.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 55

1st April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received summary of BPAS and MSI briefings for HoL Abortion debate on 3rd April.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 56

22nd April: Baroness Jenny Tonge and Viscount Craigavon received IPPF's commission on population and development briefing paper.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 57

22nd April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the article: 'Scandal of the doctors who were let off after approving abortions from women they'd never met.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 58

24th April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the Guardian article: 'The 1967 Abortion Act should be reviewed.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 59

28th April: All members received the International Parliamentary Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD PoA statement of commitment from Stockholm.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 60

29th April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on maternal health in support of her speech at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society dinner in the HoL.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 61

29th April: Baroness Jenny Tonge and Baroness Glenys Kinnock received UK SRHR Network analysis of DFID's new opposition team.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 62

29th April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the Guardian article: 'Iraq's Jaafari personal status law by Gordon Brown.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 63

29th April: All members received the Telegraph article: 'Morning after pill and health professionals.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 64

2nd May: All members received a briefing on ODA from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 65

2nd May: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on UK ODA.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 66

6th May: Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article on: 'El Salvador luxury developments funded by millions in UK aid.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 67

8th May: Select members received article on: 'High court in London says Northern Ireland women not entitled to free National Health Service abortions in England.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 68

12th May: All members received an invitation to human papillomavirus and cervical cancer in developing countries briefing meeting by GAVI Alliance and the Forum of African first ladies meeting on 4th June.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 69

12th May: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the proposed new Spanish abortion Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 70

12th May: Select members received an article on: 'Conscientious objection and abortion.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 71

13th May: Baroness Jenny Tonge received follow up information in support of her speech on maternal health at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society annual dinner.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 72

14th May: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a report by FPA and Brook: 'Decision-making support within the integrated care pathway for women considering or seeking abortion.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 73

14th May: Select members received the Telegraph article: 'Anti-choice MPs David Burrowes sent letter to metropolitan police regarding pre-signed abortion forms.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 74

15th May: Select members received Harry Stopes-Roe obituary.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 75

15th May: Select members received new World Bank Report: 'Voice and Agency – empowering women and girls for shared prosperity.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 76a

16th May: Baroness Jenny Tonge and Lord Rea received WHO's latest report findings on 'Top causes of deaths and illness in adolescents'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 76b

19th May: Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefing on Jordan and SRHR activities prior to her trip to the country to look at refugee camps.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 77

21st May: Baroness Jenny Tonge received RCOG briefing on conscientious objection.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 78

23rd May: All members received the Telegraph article: 'Gender-selective abortion is illegal, Jeremy Hunt announces.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 79

29th May: Select members received revised draft list of the new SDG indicators.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 80

30th May: All members received EPF analysis of European elections and SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 81

30th May: Baroness Jenny Tonge received contact details for the Editor of the Guardian letters.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 82

2nd June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefings on topical population issues for the World Environment Day event in Kew Gardens on 5th June.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 83

2nd June: All members received information on Baroness Jenny Tonge's Private Member's Bill on 'abortion - one Dr signature'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 84

2nd June: Select members received the Mail on Sunday article: 'Midwives to carry out 'main role' in abortions on the NHS.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 85

3rd June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the Economist article: 'Why shrinking populations may be no bad thing.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 86

5th June: All members received the link to the new UNFPA/WHO and International Confederation of Midwives report: 'The State of the World Midwives.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 87

5th June: Select members received the article: 'Iran banning vasectomies to increase birth rate.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 88

12th June: Select members received the Huffington Post article: Baroness Jenny Tonge's Private Member's Bill to amend the 1967 Abortion Act – one Dr signature.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 89

12th June: Select members received the latest publication: 'UK abortion statistics, England and Wales 2013: key findings.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 90

20th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received BPAS briefing for the 2nd reading of her Private Member's Bill to amend the 1967 Abortion Act.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 91

20th June: Select members received the article: 'The Islamic Republic of Iran's flavoured condoms, free vasectomies, and gender reassignment surgery.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 92

30th June: All members received DFID's updated abortion paper.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 93

3rd July: All members received the Medical News today article: 'Ten countries spotlighted for reducing mortality rates.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 94

8th July: All members received information the top 10 countries to have reduced maternal mortality rates due to reduced total fertility rate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 95

14th July: Select members received an article on: 'Vasectomy can increase risk of developing lethal prostate cancer.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 96

17th July: All members received an article from the Guardian: 'Desmond Swayne MP – new International Development Minister.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 97

17th July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the Lancet article: 'WHO and the SDGs by Marleen Temmerman.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 98

18th July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on UK maternal mortality rate for the HoL Action for pre-eclampsia event on 22nd July.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 99

21st July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing for Baroness Hodgson's HoL debate on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) on 22nd July.

Please find enclosed sample briefing as appendix 100

22nd July: Baroness Shreela Flather and Baroness Anne Jenkin received a briefing for Baroness Hodgson's HoL debate on the UNCSW.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 101

23rd July: All members received BBC news on DFID's forthcoming 'Girls Summit'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 102

4th August: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the prevalence of child marriage.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 103

4th August: Committee members received Population Sustainability Network (PSN) SRHR – post-2015 agenda briefing.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 104

13th August: Committee members received the article: 'Iranian parliament bans vasectomies in bid to boost birth rate.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 105

13th August: All members received DFID Select Committee report: 'Global Food Security' with numerous highlighted references to population and family planning.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 106

15th August: All members received information on Michael Moore MP's Private Member's Bill on securing the 0.7% of GNI commitment to overseas aid – the second reading being on Friday 12th September.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 107

18th August: All members received the New York Times article: 'Climate and Population letter by UNFPA.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 108

4th September: All members received the Telegraph article: 'Abortion time limit.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 109a

5th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the Index Report to be completed at the Commission on Population and Development.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 109b

15th September: All members received the Guardian article: 'UK Private Member's Bill and ODA.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 110

17th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on the new post-2015 development framework and processes.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 111

23rd September: All member received the article: 'UK opens first clinic for child victims of FGM.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 112

30th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received Ipas briefing on abortion in El Salvador and Latin America.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 113

2nd October: Viscount Craigavon received UNFPA communications on UN Population Projections.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 114

20th October: All members received link to the new publication: 'Cost of maternal mental health problems in the UK.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 115

24th October: Select members received Global Justice Centre briefing on abortion in war zones and the European Union.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 116

3rd November: All members received FP2020 new report showing more women and girls have access to contraceptives in the world's poorest countries.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 117

4th November: All members received the Telegraph article: '10 Minute Rule Bill on sex-selection – 181 voted in favour and one voted against.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 118

4th November: Select members were contacted regarding Fiona Bruce MP's 10 Minute Rule Bill on sex-selection and the wider European anti-choice agenda relating to this, conscientious objection and counselling.

6th November: All members received the Guardian article: 'Not enough support for victims in proposed Slavery Bill.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 119

11th November: Select members received the Guardian article: 'Population in the Sahel.'

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 120

12th November: Select members received the Guardian article: 'Sterilisation in India and subsequent deaths.'

Please find enclosed article enclosed as appendix 121

12th November: All members received invitation to UNFPA's 2014 State of World Population report launch on 18th November.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 122

19th November: All members received the link to UNFPA's 2014 State of World Population report, its executive summary and press release and select members received hard copies also.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 123

20th November: Baroness Jenny Tonge received Girls not Brides press release: 'UN General Assembly to adopt historic resolution on child, early and forced marriage.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 124a

1st December: All members received invitation to UNFPA and the Guttmacher report update launch for: 'Adding it up'.

Please find enclosed press release as appendix 124b

1st December: Richard Ottaway MP received follow up parliamentary questions to Foreign and Commonwealth Office oral question on population.

Please find enclosed follow up parliamentary questions as appendix 124c

1st December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on UK SRHR Network and Population Matters.

Please find enclosed information as appendix 124d

3rd December: Viscount Craigavon and Baroness Jenkin received the EU report on the post-2015 development framework, as background reading to 11th December HoL debate on the new development agenda.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 125

3rd December: All members received invitation to a London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine universal health coverage event on 12th December.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 126

3rd December: Baroness Jenny Tonge and Viscount Craigavon received a press release informing them that Julie Bunting had been appointed as the new President of Population Council.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 127a

3rd December: All members received information about the International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill: Report Stage and third reading on Friday 5th December.

Please find enclosed information sent as appendix 127b

3rd December: Select members received the article: 'Sex please! Danes vow to save town schools by having more kids.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 127c

4th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received FGM and child marriage briefing for NGO briefing meeting on 9th December.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 128a

4th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received summary information on the process for Private Member's Bills in HoL.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 128b

5th December: Viscount Craigavon received a briefing on the global development goals for HoL debate on 11th December.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 129

5th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received FORWARD briefing for FGM debate in HoL on 11th December.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 130

5th December: Committee members received the article: 'Nigel Farage confused over UKIP's sex education policy.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 131

8th December: All members received new SDG synthesis report.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 132

8th December: All members received an article on: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to redefine ODA.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 133

9th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information for on women in the Middle-East for HoL debate on 9th December.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 134

9th December: Viscount Craigavon received population briefing for HoL debate on 11th December.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 135

9th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received SDG and SRHR briefing.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 136

9th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a link to the World Bank and Hans Rosling's references to family planning and economic growth.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 137

9th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on Afhad University for women in Sudan as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 138

9th December: Committee members received PowerPoint presentation on latest research from Uganda on anti-malaria in pregnancy presented at the APPG on PDRH committee meeting on 8th December.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 139

10th December: Baroness Jenkin received briefing on MDGs and SRHR for HoL debate on 11th December.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 140a

5th January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing for HoL debate on 14th January.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 140b

5th January: All MPs received a copy of MSI's manifesto for motherhood.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 141

7th January: Baroness Shreela Flather received the article: 'Ethiopians seeking birth control – caught between church and state.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 142

7th January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the article: '7 family planning trends to watch for in 2015 and numerous briefings on fertility, family planning and GDP for 14th January HoL debate.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 143

11th January: All members received the article: 'UK FGM trial.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 144

12th January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the SDG synthesis report.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 145

13th January: Ann Clwyd MP received follow up information on UK FGM trial and prosecution.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 146

16th January: Select members received the article: 'The Doctor who championed hand-washing and briefly saves lives.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 147

16th January: All members received the article: 'Humanity's Future: Below replacement fertility.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 148

20th January: All members received the article: 'Pope advising people not to breed like rabbits.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 149

20th January: Lord Watson received briefing for the international development debate in HoL on 23rd January.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 150a

21st January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received links to DFID operational plan in Sierra Leone.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 150b

22nd January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on Turkey and SRHR.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 151

22nd January: Select members received the article: 'Abortion pardon in Guadalupe.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 152

22nd January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received article on Ebola virus.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 153

22nd January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on Sierra Leone, Ebola and its health system.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 154

28th January: All members received BPAS briefing for the sex-selection amendment to the Serious Crime Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 155

28th January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the International Development Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 156

3rd February: Select members received information that FP2020 Executive Director Valerie DeFillipo stepped down.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 157

4th February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the Financing for Development conference, Addis Ababa.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 158

4th February: All members received RCOG briefing note for Fiona Bruce MP's amendment on sex-selection and abortion to the Serious Crime Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 159

5th February: Baroness Jenny Tonge receive list of amendments tabled to the Serious Crime Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 160

6th February: Committee members received UNFPA letter on future funding to NGOs and APPGs.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 161

7th February: Baroness Gould received briefing for International Women's Day debates as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 162

9th February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefing from Dr Sylvie Dubuc, Senior Researcher Fellow University of Oxford on sex-selection.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 163

9th February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the Lancet article: 'Health systems in Sierra Leone and the International Monetary Fund.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 164

12th February: All members received the invitation to the G7 Parliamentary Conference in Berlin, Germany.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 165

12th February: Select members received Marge Berer's synopsis and analysis of the first FGM prosecution and case in the UK courts.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 166

13th February: Select members received UNFPA's 10 Myths publication on child marriage.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 167

16th February: All members received summary of DFID select committee report with references to SRHR: 'Beyond Aid: The future UK approach to development.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 168

23rd February: All member received MSI and RCOG briefings on sex-selection for the Serious Crime Bill debates.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 169

23rd February: Select members received copy of Caroline Lucas MP's letter sent to constituents with regards to sex-selection and the Serious Crime Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 170

25th February: All members received the article: 'The new HIV drug to men to have sex with men, which reduces HIV infection rate.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 171

25th February: All members received the article: 'The Serious Crime Bill and sex-selection debate and vote.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 172

25th February: All members received the article: 'Daily pill Truvada cuts spread of HIV by 86% new study shows.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 173

2nd March: Baroness Shreela Flather received RCOG and BPAS briefing on sex-selection for the Serious Crime Bill debate on 2nd March.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 174

4th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received follow up information relating to sex-selection and FGM for the Serious Crime Bill debate on 2nd March.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 175

4th March: All members received Amnesty International UK International Women's Day briefing.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 176

4th March: All members received new NGO report in support of International Women's Day debates: 'Turning promises into progress.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 177

5th March: Baroness Jenkin and Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefing on female representation on UK boards for International Women Days debates.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 178

10th March: Select members received briefing on UK population assistance.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 179

10th March: Richard Ottaway MP received information on UNFPA as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 180

10th March: Select members received the article: 'Is education the best form of teen contraception?'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 181

10th March: All members received the article: 'UK passes Bill to honour pledge of 0.7% foreign aid target.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 182

12th March: All members received the article: 'Iran aims to ban vasectomy and cut access to contraceptives to boost births.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 183

12th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the SDGs.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 184

17th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received Population and Sustainability Network briefing on rights.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 185

17th March: Select members received information on the Home Affairs Committee's new report on FGM.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 186

18th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received press release from Human Rights Watch on the new Spanish abortion Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 187

23rd March: All members received the Guardian article: 'DFID and the SDGs.'

Please find enclosed article as appendix 188

25th March: All members received the link to the International Development Select Committee report: 'DFID performance in 2013 – 2014: The Departmental Annual Report 2013 – 2014.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 189

Throughout the year topical oral parliamentary questions were disseminated to members for tabling in HoC and HoL along with the upcoming business relevant to APPG on PDRH members. Many questions related to the SDG negotiations and conferences leading up to the September 2015 Summit (a full list of oral and written parliamentary questions can be found on the APPG on PDRH website and in the parliamentary section of this annual report).

General Collaboration, Meetings, Correspondence and Consultations

The APPG on PDRH continue to campaign and advocate for the full implementation of the ICPD PoA, with a continued focus on family planning and population dynamics and its inclusion in the post-2015 development framework.

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

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

UNFPA; IPPF; MSI; UK SRHR Network; BPAS; Amnesty International; Save the Children; Virgin; WHO; Plan UK; FORWARD; Girls not Brides; Agency for Culture and Change Management (UK) (ACCM UK); Share Action; Population Matters; the Global Justice Centre; YouAct; Personal, Social, Health Education and Economic (PSHEE) Association; UK professional associations and colleges; academic institutions; national,

regional and international parliamentary groups and individuals working on SRHR and related health issues.

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

Meetings

UNFPA

APPG on PDRH members have met and spoken formally and informally with Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, UNFPA at various meetings and conferences this year and the APPG on PDRH secretariat has been in regular contact with UNFPA Head Office in New York, as well as the Nordic Office in Copenhagen in connection with the UNFPA State of the World Population report launch in the UK, parliamentary debates, the IPCI ICPD PoA, Stockholm, and other regional/international conferences.

On 20th October 2014 the APPG on PDRH completed the UNFPA Assessment of Implementing Partners evaluation and follow up information was given to the UNFPA consultant as requested.

On 19th December 2014, Baroness Jenny Tonge was interviewed by a UNFPA consultant in connection with the IPCI ICPD PoA in Stockholm and Ann Mette Kjaerby was interviewed on the same subject on 8th January 2015.

At the end of January 2015, Baroness Jenny Tonge was again interviewed by another UNFPA consultant on the subject of UK SRHR stakeholders.

On 2nd February 2015 the APPG on PDRH secretariat completed the IPCI ICPD PoA evaluation survey, as requested.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 190

IPPF

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

The APPG on PDRH secretariat remain in regular contact with IPPF Head Office in London. The majority of correspondence has related to collaborative parliamentary events and briefings for parliamentary debates. This year also included correspondence in connection with the planned study tour to Sri Lanka with IPPF member association in Sri Lanka (please see the study tour section for further information).

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 191

MSI

Throughout the year the APPG on PDRH has been in regular communications with MSI. Several briefing papers pertinent to HoC and HoL debates were received and joint parliamentary briefing events were organised (please see the parliamentary briefing meeting section for further information).

The APPG on PDRH also collaborated with MSI in response to many anti-choice parliamentary activities, including Fiona Bruce MP's amendment on sex-selection to

the Serious Crime Bill in February 2015, debates on rape in war zones and access to abortion services and Desmond Swayne MP's visit to MSI clinics in Myanmar soon after his appointment as the new International Development Minister.

Some joint press activity also took place in connection with the MSI and its supported European Parliamentary Working Group on Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and Development.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 192

UK SRHR Network

The APPG on PDRH has communicated regularly throughout the year with the UK SRHR Network and its member organisations and staff. Of particular interest has been the network's activities on its Motherhood Manifesto, which was circulated to all APPG on PDRH members prior to the General Elections.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 193

BPAS

The APPG on PDRH has communicated regularly with BPAS this year and also met to discuss Baroness Jenny Tonge's Private Member's Bill in June 2014 to amend the UK Abortion Act 1967, to make provision for the termination of pregnancy following certification by one registered medical practitioner and to discuss Fiona Bruce MP's 10 Minute Rule Bill in November to clarify the UK law relating to abortion on the basis of sex-selection; and for connected purposes and her later amendment on sex-selection to the Serious Crime Bill.

Unfortunately Baroness Jenny Tonge's Private Member's Bill did not receive a second reading. Fiona Bruce MP's amendment to the Serious Crime Bill was defeated by 292 to 201. A review of the extent of sex selective abortion was backed by 491 to 2.

The UK Government said in the February's 2015 Serious Crime Bill debate that it had been consistently clear that sex selective abortion was "already illegal" and Health Minister Jane Ellison MP new guidance had been issued by the Department for Health in May 2014, which independent sectors had to comply with.

Numerous briefings were circulated prior to above debates and votes with support from BPAS, MSI and the RCOG.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 194

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

The APPG on PDRH continue its collaboration with Forced Marriage and FGM NGOs following the 2001 FGM - and 2012 Child Marriage Hearings and Reports. The APPG on PDRH also held meetings with Brent Council, which this year published its new gender based violence report, which sets presidency for other councils to follow suit. Communications has also taken place in relation to the UK Government's FGM and Forced Marriage Summit in July 2014 and NGOs were sent information regarding the new Iraq law on child marriage, which resulted in social media activities from numerous UK NGOs in April 2014.

In July 2014 the APPG on PDRH commented, as requested, on the 'Girls not Bride's' FGM and Forced Marriage new paper and in January 2015 the APPG on PDRH

collaborated with FORWARD and dissemination their briefing prior to the debate on the Home Affairs Select Committee FGM report.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 195

Amnesty International

The APPG on PDRH met and was briefed by Amnesty International staff this year on the issues of gender based violence in Egypt, which resulted in PQs tabled in January 2015 as follows:

"To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the government of Egypt regarding the criminalisation of all forms of violence against women and girls in that country by introducing legal provisions consistent with international law and standards."

"We welcome the provisions for the protection of women's rights in the new constitution adopted in January 2014, and the June 2014 law criminalising sexual harassment for the first time. We continue to discuss the issue of gender-based violence with the Government of Egypt. In 2014 the UK sponsored a delegation of Ministry of Justice officials to meet UK counterparts and discuss issues of gender-based violence. These discussions helped inform drafting of the new Egyptian law. On 5 November Egypt underwent its second review under the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR), during which the UK recommended completion of the National Strategy on Violence Against Women with a clear and credible implementation plan, and that Egypt invite the Special Rapporteur for Violence Against Women to visit."

A meeting was also held in March 2015 to discuss Amnesty International's latest campaign activities and the APPG on PDRH provided contact details for possible speakers at their forthcoming conference on abortion.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 196

Save the Children

The APPG on PDRH communicated and met with Save the Children representatives this year in connection with the Ebola crises and health system strengthening.

Save the Children report: 'A Wake Up Call: lessons from Ebola for the world's health systems' was subsequently disseminated to select members.

At a meeting in February 2015 the forthcoming Bill on ODA was also discussed and votes against tabled amendments.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 197

Virgin Atlantic and Malcolm Potts

The APPG on PDRH in collaboration with Malcolm Potts sent a letter to the Virgin Group highlighting the importance of family planning and corporate responsibility. A meeting followed in August 2014 with support from MSI between Baroness Jenny Tonge, Malcolm Potts, his colleague Dr Hosang and a team at Virgin Atlantic. Peter Norris, Chairman of the Virgin Group and Holly Branson showed an interest in the engagement on family planning and corporate responsibility.

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

The APPG on PDRH communicated with Dr Temmerman, Director of Reproductive Health and Research at WHO and ex-MP in April 2014 in connection with their 4th institutional meeting on critical factors in women's health in Rome. Baroness Jenny Tonge subsequently attended and spoke at the meeting, which had attendance from the Italian Parliament.

In September 2014 the APPG on PDRH again communicated with Dr Temmerman in response to WHO's post-2015 Health Paper, which lacked references and support for SRHR and in February 2015 the APPG on PDRH contacted Dr Temmerman, drawing attention to WHO Essential Medicines List and academics applying to exclude misoprostol from the list. A letter from the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) endorsing 800mcg of misoprostol to be added to the Essential Medicines List was sent with an accompanying letter.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 198

Correspondence

Population Matters

The APPG on PDRH communicated with Population Matters representatives in connection with the IPCI ICPD PoA, Stockholm this year, as well as other population related issues.

Catherine Howarth, Share Action

The APPG on PDRH communicated with Catherine Howarth, Chief Executive of Share Action regarding Bayer and DFID/Gates Foundation work on pricing and long acting injectable contraceptives in May 2014.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 199

Hilary Burrage

Hilary Burrage, a sociologist consultant and writer contacted the APPG on PDRH during recess requesting information on FGM and the round table meetings held with Keir Starmer and the action plans that followed. She has now published a book on FGM.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 200

Malaria Consortium

The APPG on PDRH was contacted by the Malaria Consortium in connection with their new research on malaria in pregnancy from Uganda. A briefing meeting was organised in December to update members.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 201

Global Justice Centre

The APPG on PDRH along with many other UK Parliamentarians received numerous briefing papers from the Global Justice Centre on women raped in armed conflict and abortions under the Geneva Conventions.

Please find enclosed sample communications and briefings as appendix 202

Richard Reid

The APPG on PDRH was contacted by Richard Reid in August 2014 requesting information on regional APPGs to include in research by Professor Marian Sawer at the Australian National University. Information requested was forwarded.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 203

Sudanese Embassy

Baroness Jenny Tonge received a letter introducing her to the new Sudanese Ambassador in London, which prompted a reply, asking him to join her in the HoL to discuss Sudan and maternal health in December 2014.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 204

Kevin Riley

The APPG on PDRH was contacted by a member of the public Kevin Riley who requested information about the UK abortion law in October 2014. Information was sent as requested.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 205

Cathy Bartley, Bartley Robbs Communications

Cathy Bartley contacted the APPG on PDRH in February 2015 in connection with the London Symposium on Nutrition to be held on 26th February. She was referred to the APPG on Children, as invitation more relevant to this APPG.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 206

YouAct

The APPG on PDRH sent YouAct representative, Grace Wilentz information about the opportunity to apply for grants to the March 2016 Women Deliver Conference in Copenhagen for youth delegates.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 207

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education Association

The APPG on PDRH contacted the PSHEE Association for a summary update on compulsory PSHE in UK schools to support Baroness Barker with her workshop in South Africa in March 2015.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 208

Consultations

The APPG on PDRH submitted written evidence to the Education Select Committee inquiry into PSHE and Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) in schools in May 2014, showing concern that PSHE is not currently compulsory in all UK schools and that at-risk children can be withdrawn from PSHE classes. The APPG on PDRH continue to advocate for statutory SRH in PSHE education for all pupils.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 209

Full final report available here:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmselect/cmeduc/145/145.pdf>

The APPG on PDRH submitted written evidence to the Environment Audit Select Committee inquiry on SDGs in October 2014, highlighting the importance of family planning and SRHR and environmental sustainability. Their report was published 17th December with the title 'Connected world: Agreeing ambitious Sustainable Development Goals in 2015'.

The report has several references to SRHR and population, which were disseminated to all APPG on PDRH members.

Full report is available here:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmselect/cmenvaud/452/452.pdf>

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 210

Press

The APPG on PDRH continues its press activities to help engage new members and inform the public of member's activities. The APPG on PDRH secretariat examine daily SRHR and population press articles and drafted letters and comments are sent to relevant editors and interviews set up as and when relevant.

Since the MSI social media workshop in February 2014, the APPG on PDRH has tweeted regularly in connection with parliamentary activities including events hosted or attended and in connection with parliamentary debates. Topics include: 'The Right to Heal' screening; Foreign and Commonwealth Office and DFID Summits; reported law breaking by those carrying out abortions; the new development agenda; Baroness Jenny Tonge's Private Member's Bill to amend UK Abortion Act; APPG on PDRH involvement in conference fringe events; IPCI ICPD PoA in Stockholm; sexual violence in conflict; latest estimates on maternal mortality rates; deportation of mother and two daughters to Nigeria and their risk of FGM; Home Affairs Committee report on FGM; Paris meeting of African parliamentarians; APPG on PDRH parliamentary hearings on Population Dynamics and the SDGs; debate on neonatal mortality; sex-selection abortion amendment; Baroness Jenny Tonge's article in Huffington Post on abortion; BBC article on UK criminalising forced marriage; Plan UK's campaign 'Because I am a girl to end FGM'; DFID Select Committee evidence session on Sierra Leone and Liberia; MDG 2014 progress report; World Population Day reception; debate on humanitarian situation in Iraq; DFID Girl Summit; sexual violence in conflict; victims of sexual violence; Istanbul Convention and Ugandan anti-homosexuality legislation; child marriage; UK International Development Bill; Spanish government plan to limit abortion access; MSI report on access to safe abortion; new UK clinic for victims of FGM; World Contraception Day; FGM training in London nurseries; International Day of the Girl; cost of maternal health in the NHS; International Day to End Violence against Women; anti-choice activists outside MSI clinics; the Guttmacher report, Adding it up; and more (please see APPG on PDRH website for full tweet strapline on front page).

In April 2014 Baroness Jenny Tonge was interviewed by the Spanish *Al Pais* paper at the IPCI ICPD PoA in Stockholm and was again contacted in May – both interviews created publicity in Spain.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 211a

In May 2014 Hilary Burrage, sociologist, consultant and writer contacted the APPG on PDRH to obtain information on FGM, as she was writing a book on the topic. She received a copy of the group's FGM hearing report and summary information on all follow up activities.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 211b

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended a video message conference organised by the Guardian and Action Aid at the Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict Summit, which was on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLqskBdMUWY>

On 13 June 2014 an article was published in the Huffington Post in connection with Baroness Jenny Tonge's Private Member's Bill to amend the UK 1967 Abortion Act to reduce the number of doctors required to authorise an abortion from two to one.

Please find enclosed full article as appendix 212

In July 2014, the APPG on PDRH joined MSI in their media push to keep SRHR at the centre of any success to the post-2015 development framework.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 213

In October 2014 Baroness Jenny Tonge was interviewed twice by the independent producer Naka Alkhzraji at Amsha Ltd, for an independent programme: "Beneath the surface", for Hidayat TV. The interviews focussed on FGM, child marriage and maternal health and were aired on TV regularly throughout the year.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 214

An interview also to place in October 2014 with Ama Josephine Budge in Parliament, a programmer, curator and columnist for the magazine, Hysteria.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 215

In December 2014, the APPG on PDRH was contacted by Cathryn Wood from Development Media, requesting information on the research presented to the APPG on PDRH in December on Pregnancy and anti-malarial treatment in Uganda. The Malaria Consortium presentation was sent along with its researcher's contact details.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 216

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

The UK Government remains explicit in its support for international family planning and SRHR. The APPG on PDRH has held the UK Government accountable to its promises via amendments to Bills, Private Member's Bills, debates, Early Day Motions (EDM) and parliamentary questions.

Of particular importance this year has been Baroness Jenny Tonge's Private Member's Bills, to reduce the number of doctors required to authorise an abortion from two to one and to consider population trends in UK ODA.

Other Private Member's Bills tabled this year of interest were to secure 0.7% commitment to overseas aid and to make PSHE statutory.

The UK Government's Serious Crime Bill was also of particular importance and relevance to the APPG on PDRH, as it included legislative changes on FGM and Forced Marriage in the UK.

Debates of particular interest and importance has related to the UNCSW, Child Marriage; FGM; abortion services in war zones for women and girls raped; South Sudan and SRHR, pre-eclampsia in the UK, EC policy on abortion after rape in war zones, Brunai's anti-human rights policies; violence against women; funding to SRHR; IPCI ICPD PoA; Financing for Development conference in Addis Ababa; UK Support to

Sierra Leone Health system; convention on the elimination of violence against women and of course the prominence of family planning and SRHR in the post-2015 development framework.

Below are summaries of Bills, statements, debates, EDMs and parliamentary questions of particular relevance to APPG on PDRH activities (please see the APPG on PDRH website for full parliamentary activities).

House of Commons

Oral Ministerial Statements

Iraq and Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict, 16th June 2014

William Hague MP described the current state of the Islamic State incursion in Iraq and outcomes from the Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict Summit. He highlighted the launch of an international protocol for documenting and investigating sexual violence in conflict, and an announcement of £6 million in UK funding to support survivors of rape.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 217

Nigeria, 12th January 2015

Hugo Swire MP provided an update on Boko Haram in northern Nigeria. He discussed the abduction of schoolgirls from Chibok and described how the UK Government was supporting their return.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 218

Written Ministerial Statements

Health Education England (Mandate), 1st May 2014

Daniel Poulter MP announced the publication of the government's Health Education England mandate for 2014 -2015, which sets out what Health Education England needs to deliver using its budget of £5million.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 219

Nigeria: Chibok abductions, 12th May 2014

William Hague MP described the government's response to the abduction of more than 200 girls in Nigeria. He stated that the Prime Minister had spoken to the Nigerian President and that a UK team had arrived in Nigeria to offer advice to the Nigerian authorities. The team had met with security advisors, members of the armed forces, and had talked with police and community members to discuss family and victim care. The team were also looking at economic and social factors behind the instability in northern Nigeria.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 220

Foreign Affairs Council for Development, 13th May 2014

Justine Greening MP updated the House on the agenda for the Foreign Affairs Council for Development in Brussels, chaired by Baroness Ashton. She noted that the post-2015 development agenda, EU development programmes, and the July 'Girls summit' would be discussed at the meeting.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 221

Foreign Affairs Council, 12th June 2014

Justine Greening MP updated the House on discussions at the Foreign Affairs Council for Development in Brussels. She noted that the post-2015 development framework was the main discussion item and that the EU has now published a communication on this.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 222

UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2014 - 2017, 16th June 2014

William Hague MP announced the publication of the UK's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2014 -2017. He noted that the aim of the plan is to put women and girls at the centre of UK efforts to prevent and resolve conflict, to promote peace and security and to prevent and respond to violence against girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 223

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls Overseas, 3rd July 2014

Lynne Featherstone MP updated the House on her work as Ministerial Champion for Tackling Violence against Women and Girls. She noted the release of the UK Government's refreshed National Action Plan and the introduction of the International Development (Gender Equality) Bill. She also described a DFID summit in Mozambique on ending child, early and forced marriage, and the recent summit on ending sexual violence in conflict settings.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 224

Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict: Next Steps, 14th July 2014

William Hague MP reiterated the aims of the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI) and listed a series of steps that the UK Government, and specifically the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, would pursue in coming years.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 225

Departmental Annual Report and Accounts, 15th July 2014

Justine Greening MP announced the publication of the Department for International Development's annual report and accounts for the year 2013 - 2014.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 226

Mitochondrial Donation, 22nd July 2014

Jane Ellison MP announced the publication of the Government's response to a consultation on draft regulations to allow mitochondrial donation to prevent the transmission of serious mitochondrial diseases from mother to child. She noted that respondents were generally positive and that the Government will put regulations before Parliament.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 227

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls Overseas, 16th October 2014

Lynne Featherstone MP updated the House on her work as ministerial champion for tackling violence against women and girls overseas. She highlighted the Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict Summit and the Girl Summit, and pointed to a recent announcement by DFID to provide £30 million for life-saving assistance in South Sudan including to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 228

Modern Slavery, 11th November 2014

Theresa May MP announced the publication of a review of the national referral mechanism on modern slavery. She welcomed the review's recommendations to improve victim support and to protect child victims of trafficking.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 229

Women, Peace and Security Implementation Plan, 11th December 2014

James Duddridge MP announced the publication of an implementation plan for the UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security for 2014 - 2017. He noted that the plan set out the UK Government's priorities for the coming years, with specific attention to six countries: Afghanistan, Burma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Libya, Somalia and Syria.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 230

Mitochondrial Donation, 17th December 2014

Jane Ellison MP noted that the UK Government had laid regulations to allow mitochondrial donation to prevent the transmission of serious mitochondrial disease from mother to child. She noted that the regulations followed an extensive process of consultation and that Parliament would now have the opportunity to consider and vote on the regulations.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 231

Violence against Women and Girls, 18th December 2014

Theresa May MP informed the House that the UK Government was tabling amendments to the Serious Crime Bill to strengthen protection afforded to victims of domestic abuse. She noted that this followed a consultation process in which 85% of respondents felt that existing laws were inadequate, and 55% felt the existing law should be strengthened with a new offence to close the gap in the law relating to coercive and controlling behaviour in intimate relationships.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 232

Violence against Women and Girls Overseas, 5th February 2015

Lynne Featherstone MP updated the House on her work as ministerial champion for tackling violence against women and girls overseas. She highlighted recent visits to India and Burma and noted that her new ministerial role in the Home Office would allow her to ensure a coherent approach across international and domestic work.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 233

Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, 12th March 2015

James Duddridge MP updated the House on progress since the summit in June 2014. He noted that the international protocol (developed in conjunction with the summit) had been translated into five languages and that the UK Government was providing support to countries to implement the protocol. He also highlighted a recent joint visit between the UK and Canada to assess how support could be provided to investigate sexual violence perpetrated by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, and stated that the UK

continued to lobby more countries to accede to the Rome statute of the International Criminal Court and to implement it fully in domestic legislation.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 234

Legislation

International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill – second reading, 12th September 2014

Michael Moore MP led a second reading of his Private Member's Bill, which place a duty on the SS to meet the UN's 0.7% of GNI target for aid. He noted that the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Labour manifestos for the 2010 election contained pledges to enshrine the 0.7% target in law, and suggested that aid was important for reducing poverty and protecting the interests of the UK. Other speakers highlighted the importance of aid for developing demand for UK products, and suggested that other countries might follow suit in meeting the UN's 0.7% target for aid. Those arguing against the bill felt that it set a dangerous precedent to fix the target in law and noted that other countries may use increased UK aid as a smokescreen to reduce their own contributions.

The House voted 166 ayes to 7 noes, and the bill passed to the Committee Stage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 235

Sex and Relationships Education (Curriculum) Bill – first reading, 21st October 2014

Diana Johnson MP introduced a Bill to put education about sex and relationships, resilience against bullying and sexual abuse and ending violence against women and girls in the national curriculum. She noted the problem of child abuse and exploitation in parts of the UK, and the issue of online child abuse.

The Bill passed to a Second Reading, but failed to progress any further.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 236

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (Statutory Requirement) Bill – second reading, 24th October 2014

Caroline Lucas MP moved that her Private Member's Bill, to mandate all schools to provide Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education, be read a second time.

The motion was opposed and the second reading postponed to a later date. The Bill failed to progress any further.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 237

International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill (Money) – Queen's recommendation signified, 24th October 2014

Desmond Swayne MP moved a money resolution for Michael Moore's Private Member's Bill. Members of the House went on to debate the Bill itself.

The House voted 295 ayes to 7 noes, and the resolution passed.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 238

Abortion (Sex Selection) Bill – first reading, 4th November 2014

Fiona Bruce MP tabled a Bill to clarify the law relating to abortion on the basis of sex-selection. She alleged that the practice was widespread in the UK and that an amendment to the 1967 Abortion Act was needed to clarify that termination of pregnancy on the grounds of the sex was illegal.

The House voted 181 ayes to 1 noes, and the Bill passed to Second Reading, however the Bill was later dropped as Fiona Bruce MP tabled it as an amendment to the Serious Crime Bill.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 239

International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill – Reporting Stage, 5th December 2014

David Nuttall MP moved a series of amendments to Michael Moore's Private Member's Bill. Members of the House went on to debate the Bill itself.

The House voted 6 ayes to 148 noes, and the amendments were rejected. The Bill later passed a Third Reading without incident, and moved to the House of Lords.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 240

Alcohol Labelling (Pregnancy) – First Reading, 7th January 2015

Bill Esterson MP moved a Bill to require establishment of a statutory scheme providing for clear and consistent labelling of alcoholic beverages as they relate to foetal health and safety and that of pregnant women. He noted that one in every 100 children born each year in the UK are damaged by alcohol, but that labelling on alcohol should make clearer the risks to pregnant women.

The Bill was read and passed to a Second Reading but failed to progress any further.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 241

Human Fertilisation and Embryology, 3rd February 2015

Jane Ellison MP moved that the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Mitochondrial Donation) Regulations 2015 be approved by the House. She highlighted an extensive consultation process that had led to the draft regulations, and noted that the regulations offered the only hope to some women of having healthy genetically related children.

The House voted 382 ayes to 128 noes, and the regulations were approved.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 242

Serious Crime Bill – Report Stage, 23rd February 2015

Robert Buckland MP and other member of the House moved a series of amendments to the Serious Crime Bill, including a duty among regulated professions to notify the Police of FGM.

The amendments were passed without vote.

The Bill also included an amendment, tabled by Fiona Bruce MP that '*Nothing in section 1 of the Abortion Act 1967 is to be interpreted as allowing a pregnancy to be terminated on the grounds of the sex of the unborn child.*'

The House voted 201 ayes to 292 noes, and the amendment was rejected.

A second amendment on sex-selective abortion was tabled which mandated the UK Government to review the evidence that sex-selective abortion is taking place in England, Wales and Scotland.

The House voted 491 ayes to 2 noes, and the amendment passed.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 243

Debates

Cervical cancer screening, 1st May 2014

Steve Rotheram MP led a debate on cervical cancer screening, following the death of a teenager, Sophie Jones, from cervical cancer. He highlighted a public petition and suggested that the government should issue guidance for all women to have the choice of taking a smear test regardless of age.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 244

Human rights: Saudi Arabia, 24th June 2014

Katy Clark MP led a debate on the human rights situation in Saudi Arabia. She described several cases of human rights abuses and highlighted the low status of women and girls in the country.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 245

Gender equality in overseas Parliaments, 25th June 2014

Catherine McKinnell MP introduced a debate on the representation of women in Parliaments worldwide. She highlighted the positive impact of women in policy-making and pointed to a need for a post-2015 development goal on empowering women and girls to achieve gender equality.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 246

Nigeria (abducted girls), 2nd July 2014

Gordon Brown MP introduced a debate on the missing Nigerian schoolgirls. He highlighted worries over their physical and mental well-being, and noted that global interest in the situation had again waned. Gordon Brown also pointed to some positive steps in the region, such as the development of an international intelligence response unit, but suggested there was a need for greater military and law enforcement support.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 247

North and West Africa (UK response), 3rd July 2014

Sir Richard Ottaway MP led a debate on the security situation in North and West Africa. He highlighted the growing presence of extremist groups and argued for a quick UK response. Other speakers referred specifically to the situation in Northern Nigeria and the abducted schoolgirls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 248

Refugee camps, 22nd July 2014

Pauline Latham MP led a debate on the conditions in refugee camps around the world. She highlighted her positive experiences in a well-run camp in Jordan and her dismay at the hopelessness of refugees in a camp in Rwanda. She also expressed concern at levels of early marriage in some camps and the lack of protection for women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 249

Mitochondrial replacement (public safety), 1st September 2014

Fiona Bruce MP highlighted a recent review by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which she suggested highlighted concerns for subsequent generations of children born through maternal spindle transfer and pronuclear transfer, and called upon the government to delay bringing forward regulations of mitochondrial replacement.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 250

Surrogacy, 14th October 2014

Jessica Lee MP brought attention to deficiencies in the law regarding surrogacy in the UK and suggested that Parliament should explore how it can better help families and surrogates. She suggested that there should be new law on surrogacy in the UK, a code of practice and written agreements between different parties in surrogacy arrangements, and an international framework to regulate cross-border surrogacy.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 251

Foetal alcohol syndrome, 14th October 2014

Bill Esterson MP introduced a debate to highlight the dangers of drinking during pregnancy and to clarify the UK Government's position on the issue. He highlighted evidence on the dangers of drinking during pregnancy and questioned why the UK Government has contradictory advice of either not drinking at all, or drinking in small amounts.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 252

Ovarian cancer (gene testing), 4th November 2014

Margaret Richie MP highlighted the poor prognosis of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer and highlighted a range of ways in which the UK Government could improve the life expectancy of such women. Specifically she highlighted greater utilisation of genetic testing and strengthening of referrals networks to ensure that most-at-risk women are tested quickly.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 253

Central African Republic, 19th November 2014

Stephen Twigg MP brought attention to the current situation in Central African Republic and the human rights abuses that had occurred. He also drew attention to reports from the International Rescue Committee that sexual violence was the main fear of women and girls in the country. The debate included reference to sexual violence experts who had been deployed to the country, co-financed by the UK.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 254

Health systems (developing countries), 11th December 2014

Sir Malcolm Bruce MP led a debate on a series of recent reports on the Ebola crisis in West Africa and on health systems strengthening. Fiona Bruce MP described the case of a girl in Ethiopia who had received teaching from UK-funded health workers which encouraged her to stay in school and avoid child marriage. Anas Sarwar MP highlighted the need for the UK Government to work closely with victims and survivors of FGM to improve their programmes in Sierra Leone.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 255

Rohingya Community (Burma), 14th January 2015

Jonathon Ashworth MP highlighted the plight of Rohingya communities in Burma and how their situation had not improved since sectarian violence displaced thousands of people in 2012. Hugo Swire MP noted that he had published on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website a letter regarding sexual violence towards Rohingya communities.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 256

Sustainable Development Goals, 28th January 2015

Mary Creagh MP moved a motion that 2015 is a historic year for the development community and that it is unacceptable that one billion people live in extreme poverty, and that they will be most severely affected by climate change. Her motion also criticised the UK Government for not supporting stand-alone SDGs on health and on climate change, and for failing to bring forward legislation to commit the Government to spend 0.7% of GNI on ODA.

The House divided, Ayes 200, Noes 290, and the motion was defeated.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 257

Female Genital Mutilation, 29th January 2015

Keith Vaz MP introduced a debate following the publication (earlier in the year) of a Home Affairs Select Committee report on FGM. He highlighted the scale of the issue in the UK and abroad, noting that the first UK prosecution was ongoing, and described some of the recommendations from the report including mandatory reporting and the criminalisation of failures to report.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 258

International Women's Day, 5th March 2015

Maria Miller MP highlighted the range of activities in the UK to celebrate International Women's Day 2015. She described the progress that had been made in pursuit of gender equality and drew attention to high level appointments of women such as a female President of the Royal College of Surgeons and the first female Formula One racing driver.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 259

HIV Treatment: Low and Middle- Income Countries, 11th March 2015

Pamela Nash MP highlighted the recent publication of a report by the APPG on HIV: *Access Denied*. She noted that there had been good progress in rolling out access to antiretrovirals, but pointed to continued gaps in coverage and the need for more funding to ensure that expansion in coverage does not stall.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 260

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Maternity Care, 1st April 2014

Stephen McPartland MP, Henry Smith MP and John Howell MP each asked the Department of Health (DoH) about its recent steps to improve maternity care. Daniel Poulter MP replied that each woman has a named midwife responsible for her care, the number of midwives has increased and a capital investment fund has led to improvements in more than 100 maternity units.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 261

Afghanistan election (women), 9th April 2014

Karl Turner MP asked DFID about their assessment of women's participation in Afghanistan presidential election. Justine Greening MP replied that approximately one-third of women voted, and that the UK government had spent £5 million to support the participation of women in the election.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 262

Development framework (health), 9th April 2014

Ian Mearns MP asked DFID about its health priorities for the post-2015 development framework. Justine Greening MP replied that they want to see progress across the board, particularly on maternal and child health, and that they wanted a dedicated health goal. She also stated that they will look across the board at measures to reduce maternal mortality including family planning and child and early marriage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 263

Violence against women, 28th April 2014

Bridget Phillipson MP and Debbie Abrahams MP asked the Home Office about its progress in tackling domestic violence. Norman Baker MP replied that the Home Office has published an updated action plan, begun rolling-out a domestic violence disclosure scheme, commissioned a review on domestic violence and criminalised forced marriage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 264

Female genital mutilation, 28th April 2014

Gavin Shuker MP and Lyn Brown MP asked the Home Office about discussions on implementing the recommendations of the joint royal colleges' report 'Tackling FGM in the UK'. Norman Baker MP replied that the government is committed to tackling FGM and eight Departments had signed a declaration reaffirming their commitment.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 265

Violence against women, 1st May 2014

Pauline Latham MP asked the Minister for Women what recent discussions she had held with the Home Office on reducing violence against women. Nicky Morgan MP replied that she attends a quarterly inter-ministerial meeting on violence against women and girls, and that the Minister of Equalities and herself had given a presentation in the Cabinet on policy issues of particular relevance to women.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 266

Abortion, 13th May 2014

Fiona Bruce MP asked the Attorney-General what steps he was taking to prosecute those practitioners who do not comply with abortion law. Dominic Grieve MP replied that the Crown Prosecution Service would review any cases it received from the police and that the DoH was developing further guidance for practitioners.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 267

Female Genital Mutilation, 13th May 2014

Guy Opperman MP asked the Attorney-General what steps he was taking to prosecute cases involving FGM. Oliver Heald MP replied that the first prosecution was under way and that lead prosecutors had been appointed in each Crown Prosecution Service area. He also noted that he and the Director of Public Prosecutions had written to Ministers in the DoH, Home Office and Ministry of Justice to suggest ways that the law could be strengthened.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 268

Polypropylene Transvaginal Mesh Implants, 10th June 2014

Graeme Morrice MP asked the DoH is they would commission a review on the safety of polypropylene transvaginal mesh implants. Daniel Poulter MP replied that a working group has been set up to identify ways to address concerns.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 269

Meriam Ibrahim, 12th June 2014

David Nuttall MP and Andrew Stephenson MP asked the Church of England's representative what representations the Church had made regarding Meriam Ibrahim. Tony Baldry MP replied that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Church of England supported the call from the Christian Muslim Forum for the death sentence to be dropped, and would continue to support the Archbishop of Sudan on the issue.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 270

Nigeria, 17th June 2014

Mark Lazarowicz MP and Richard Benyon MP asked the Foreign and Commonwealth Office what they are doing to support peace and security in Nigeria. Mark Simmonds MP replied that the Foreign Secretary had chaired a meeting with regional foreign ministers and representatives from the US and France to strengthen the international response. He also noted that a package of measures had been announced to support peace building and security in Nigeria, and that the UK Government had increased its support for girls' education.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 271

Central African Republic, 17th June 2014

Laurence Robertson MP asked the Foreign Minister what plans he had to visit Central African Republic. Mark Simmonds MP replied that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office was aware of the situation in the country and that he looked forward to visiting as soon as was practicable.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 272

Post-2015 Development Framework, 18th June 2014

Sandra Osborne MP asked the SS for ID what her priorities are in discussions for the post-2015 development framework. Justine Greening MP replied that UK wants a simple, inspiring, measurable set of goals centred on eradicating extreme poverty. She stated that the goals should be outcome-focused, measure reductions in preventable deaths, and give women and girls SRHR.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 273

Female genital mutilation, 18th June 2014

Julian Huppert MP asked DFID what they are doing to end FGM worldwide. Lynne Featherstone MP replied that the UK has launched a flagship programme of £35 million in at least 17 countries and will host a summit in July to step up efforts to end the practice as well as child, early and forced marriage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 274

Rights of women and girls, 3rd July 2014

Neil Carmichael MP asked the Minister for Women about recent discussions with international counterparts on protecting women and girls overseas. Nicky Morgan MP replied that she had met many of her counterparts at the Summit on Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict and discussed how best to work collaboratively to achieve their aim.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 275

Humanitarian situation (Northern Iraq), 3rd September 2014

Paul Flynn MP asked DFID for its assessment of the humanitarian situation in Northern Iraq. Justine Greening MP replied that the Government is concerned about the situation and reports that 1.8 million people have been displaced in Iraq. During follow-up questions Ann Clwyd MP highlighted that 3,000 Yazidi women had been gang-raped and sold into sexual slavery and suggested more needed to be done to help such women. Justine Greening MP replied that she had recently announced £10 million in extra humanitarian support to Iraq, part of which was aimed to protect women and girls and to provide them with trauma counselling and support.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 276

Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, 23rd October 2014

Jeremy Lefroy MP and Gregory Barker MP asked the Foreign Secretary what progress he had made as the Prime Minister's special envoy on preventing sexual violence in conflict. William Hague MP replied that UK teams of experts had been deployed to Mali and the Syrian borders, and an expert would soon be deployed to Iraq. He also highlighted the adoption of zero tolerance approaches to sexual violence among UN Peacekeepers and African Union soldiers.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 277

Sustainable development, 5th November 2014

Kerry McCarthy MP asked DFID what discussions had taken place to include climate justice in the SDGs. Justine Greening MP replied that environmental sustainability and climate change are and key priority for the UK Government and noted that she had regular discussions with international counterparts, including the UN Secretary-General, on the topic.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 278

DFID questions - topical questions, 5th November 2014

Tony Baldry MP asked the SS for ID if she would make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. Justine Greening MP highlighted a series of events that she had attended including a meeting with the heads of the UN and the World Bank to discuss the SDGs, and a speech at a follow-up event to FP2020.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 279

Modern slavery, 17th November 2014

Pauline Latham MP asked the Home Office what steps they had taken to end modern slavery. Theresa May MP replied that the UK Government was determined to end such practices and was introducing the Modern Slavery Bill and a modern slavery strategy, and had just appointed an independent anti-slavery commissioner.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 280

Rape and domestic violence, 18th November 2014

Justin Tomlinson MP asked the Solicitor-General what steps he had taken to improve the conviction rate for rape and domestic violence. Robert Buckland MP replied that a national rape action plan had been published and a consultation had been launched on legal guidance to prosecutors.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 281

Domestic Violence Support Services, 27th November 2014

Luciana Berger MP asked the Minister for Women and Equalities what assessment she had made of the effect of Government policies on domestic violence support services. She highlighted the closure of services across the country and noted that some areas lacked any refuges for women. Nicky Morgan MP replied that the Government had ring-fenced £40 million for specialist domestic and sexual violence services, and that earlier that week the Government had announced an additional £10 million for refuges.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 282

Boko Haram, 17th December 2014

Richard Fuller MP asked DFID what projects it had to support Nigeria in tackling Boko Haram. Desmond Swayne MP replied that they had doubled investment in North-East Nigeria. Ann Clwyd MP then asked what DFID was doing to find and return 700 women and children who had been abducted by Boko Haram. Desmond Swayne MP replied that they had established a joint intelligence cell with France, USA and Nigeria, and were providing all the technical assistance that they could.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 283

Mental Health Care (Pregnant Women), 13th January 2015

Stewart Jackson MP asked the Ministry of Health what steps they are taking to improve mental health care for pregnant women and new mothers. Daniel Poulter MP replied that the Government had prioritised mental health care and support for pregnant women and new mothers in its mandate to NHS England.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 284

Sustainable Development Goals, 4th February 2015

Seema Malhotra MP and Naomi Long MP asked the SS for ID about recent progress to agree the SDGs. Justine Greening MP replied that the UK plays a leading role internationally and, although it supports the breadth and balance of the proposed 17 goals and 169 targets, it would argue for a much more concise and workable agenda in future negotiations.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 285

Sex and Relationship Education, 2nd March 2015

Simon Wright MP asked the Department for Education whether it will ensure that all children receive age-appropriate sex and relationship education. Nick Gibb MP replied that sex and relationship education must be taught in all maintained secondary schools, and that schools must have regard to the Department's Sex and Relationship Education Guidance.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 286

Female Genital Mutilation/Early Forced Marriage, 18th March 2015

Mark Pawsey MP asked DFID what recent progress had been made on its policies and programmes to tackle FGM and forced marriage. Justine Greening MP replied that the Department was tracking commitments from the Girl Summit and supporting national efforts in 25 countries. She noted that the UK is now the world's largest donor on FGM, and that it is implementing major new programmes to end child and forced marriage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 287

Written Questions

Members of Parliament tabled a wide variety of SRHR, family planning and population written parliamentary questions this year on the following subjects, which are all available on the APPG on PDRH website:

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- Rape: Democratic Republic of Congo
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- Sexual Offences Prevention Orders
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- West Africa: Ebola
- World AIDS Day
- Womb: transplant surgery

Early Day Motions

EDM 1265 – Canada-UK Colloquium Report on Global Health, 3rd April 2014

Andrew Rosindell MP, 5 signatures

'That this House commends the recently published report of the Canada-UK Colloquium on Global Health, which reflects the shared values of the UK and Canada and the importance of their working together to improve global health, affecting all societies at home and abroad; notes the recommendations in the report that point to practical action, both nationally and through international institutions, to protect the wellbeing of mothers, newborn babies and children, and to develop improved systems to combat neglected tropical diseases and non-communicable chronic diseases such as mental illness, obesity, alcohol and smoking-related conditions that affect the future of everyone's health; and calls on the Government to build on the UK's and Canada's successful co-operation in these areas, through health diplomacy and medical research, to improve the economic livelihood of citizens in all countries where help is needed.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 288

EDM 1312 – Schoolgirls in Nigeria, 1st May 2014

Harriet Harman MP, 94 signatures

'That this House deplores the abduction of over 200 schoolgirls from the Government Secondary School in Chibok, Borno State, north-eastern Nigeria on 14 April 2014; fears for their safety; welcomes the Foreign Secretary's condemnation of the attack on 16 April 2014; calls on the Government to support and encourage the efforts of the Nigerian authorities to locate the schoolgirls and bring about their safe return and to seek the engagement of the UN Women's Agency in support of the schoolgirls; and expresses solidarity and support for the right of every girl to receive an education.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 289

EDM 23 – Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishaq, 4th June 2014

Naomi Long MP, 72 signatures

'That this House recognises the fundamental importance of the non-derogable right to freedom of religion or belief, as aspired to in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and enshrined as law in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; reaffirms the centrality of the freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice to this right; asserts that Mrs Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishaq's right to freedom of religion or belief has been flagrantly abused by the legal system of the Republic of Sudan; commends Mrs Ibrahim for asserting her internationally-recognised right and refusing to recant her faith; congratulates Mrs Ibrahim on the recent birth of her child and abhors that this birth occurred in prison; and calls in the strongest terms upon the Republic of Sudan to uphold Mrs Ibrahim's fundamental right to freedom of religion or belief by pressuring the Sudanese judiciary to overturn the charges against Mrs Ibrahim and release her with immediate effect.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 290

EDM 33 – Warzone rape in Congo and beyond, 4th June 2014

Naomi Long MP, 44 signatures

'That this House notes the horrific continuation of the use of rape and sexual violence as a weapon of war in conflicts around the world; further notes the shocking scale of this crisis in Congo where an estimated 48 women are raped every hour; applauds the work of the Secretary of State for Foreign and

Commonwealth Affairs to end these atrocious crimes; welcomes his initiative to host an international conference on warzone rape with UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie in the UK; supports Save the Congo's 48AnHour campaign which aims to mobilise an international effort to end Congo's culture of impunity for the use of rape as a weapon of war and for crimes of international concern; and calls on the Secretary of State to support the creation of a hybrid international Criminal Tribunal for Congo to address impunity behind the wars, revenge attacks and conflicts that continue to consume the Congolese people.'

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EDM 125 – Rights of women and girls in armed conflict, 17th June 2014

Mark Williams MP, 28 signatures

'That this House notes that victims of rape in situations of armed conflict are defined as wounded and sick under international law; further notes that as such they are entitled to non-discriminatory medical treatment, including counselling and abortion services; observes that UK aid funding should respect the supremacy of international law in respect of the rights of women who have suffered rape in conflict zones; and calls on the Government to review all funding to aid agencies operating in conflict zones to ensure that all aid providers in receipt of UK monies facilitate access to counselling and abortion services for all women and girls impregnated by rape.'

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EDM 130 – Ovarian cancer, 17th June 2014

Margaret Ritchie MP, 31 signatures

'That this House recognises that ovarian cancer is a devastating illness that places an enormous emotional and physical strain on those who are diagnosed with it and their families; pays tribute to the carers, clinicians and campaigners who work to combat this disease and to support those who are diagnosed with it; acknowledges that despite progress with cancer research, ovarian cancer remains one of the hardest cancers to diagnose and to treat; notes that a woman diagnosed with ovarian cancer today has only a 46 per cent chance of being alive in five years; expresses concern that this illness remains one of the hardest cancers to diagnose, with 30 per cent of people first diagnosed when it has already reached an extremely advanced stage and for many this is when they arrive at an A&E ward in chronic pain; further expresses encouragement that it is now possible for women, at the point of diagnosis with non-mucinous epithelial ovarian cancer, to have a genetic test for mutations on the BRCA1 and 2 genes which increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer; further notes that such techniques can help identify family members who have a high risk of developing the illness and the successful introduction of BRCA testing by the NHS in Scotland; and calls on the Government to support BRCA testing across the NHS to ensure that fewer families have to live through this tragedy.'

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EDM 182 – Burma, 25th June 2014

Valerie Vaz MP

15 signatures

'That this House supports the call for action for peace in Kachin State signed by 55 organisations worldwide; further supports calls from 80 organisations for Burma to scrap proposed legislation that would unlawfully restrict the right to freely choose a religion; notes that it has been over three years since the Burma Army broke a 17-year ceasefire with the Kachin Independence Army; calls on the government of Burma to cease its attacks in Kachin State; further notes since June 2011 over 120,000 Kachin people have been displaced and over 200 villages have been destroyed; condemns the human rights abuses and breaches of the Geneva Conventions in Kachin State, especially the use of sexual violence; acknowledges the need for further peace talks between the Burmese government, the Burma Army, Kachin Independence Organisation and the Kachin Independence Army; welcomes Charles Bo,

the Archbishop of Yangon's call for the rights of all ethnicities and religious faiths to be protected and his message of peace; call on the Government to provide humanitarian assistance to the internally displaced people in Kachin and Northern Shan States; and further calls on the Government to establish an independent investigation into the use of rape and sexual violence.'

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EDM 273 – UK Girl Summit, 17th July 2014

William Cash MP, 25 signatures

'That this House welcomes the 22 July 2014 UK Girl Summit, organised by the Home Secretary and Secretary of State for International Development on behalf of the Prime Minister, with the aim of mobilising domestic and international efforts to end female genital mutilation (FGM) and child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) within a generation; believes that girls and women have the right to live free from violence and discrimination and to achieve their potential; and supports efforts in the UK and abroad to end FGM and CEFM within a generation, including by securing new commitments from the private sector, faith leaders, other civil society organisations, governments and international organisations.'

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EDM 286 – Continued femicide of women in Iraqi-Kurdistan, 22nd July 2014

Jeremy Corbyn MP, 21 signatures

'That this House notes with grave concern that honour killing and suicide has become a phenomenon that is considered the biggest threat to women's lives and health in the Kurdistan region of Iraq; further notes that as a result many women are killed or have committed suicide while to date there has been no more than 10 convictions as illustrated in official statistics and the observance of International Human Rights agencies; acknowledges that there exists huge ignorance and disinterest in the prevention of such atrocities against women; further notes that areas for improvement include the allocation of a reasonable budget to tackle violence against women, more shelters and services to support and protect women, a just system in which perpetrators can be tried or proper attempts to implement the anti-DV Law that has been in force since 2011, the abolition of legislation that discriminates against women causing more violence for example allowing polygamy for men, rights of divorce belonging to men, unequal inheritance, punishing women for adultery, abortion and similar; further notes that allowances are made for tribal deals on honour killing cases which often prevent justice from prevailing and result in zero convictions; further notes that more focus is required on the widespread existence of child marriage and traditional bride exchanges between families; and urges the Government to raise these points with its counterpart in Iraqi-Kurdistan with a view to protecting women and young girls to ensure their safety and to allow this newly developing region to acquire the respectable acceptance of the international community.'

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EDM 291 – Girl Summit 2014, 22nd July 2014

Keith Vaz MP, 27 signatures

'That this House welcomes the international Girl Summit held on 22 July 2014; notes that the Female Genital Mutilation is a criminal, horrifying and inhumane practice; congratulates the Prime Minister on this initiative; acknowledges the work done by the community campaigners such as Leyla Hussein; hopes that outstanding work done by the hon. Member for Battersea which started with the establishment of the APPG and FGM, continues; and urges the Government to adopt in full the recommendations of the Home Select Affairs Committee to eradicate this horrific abuse for good.'

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EDM 392 – Modern Slavery, 23rd October 2014

Alan Meale MP, 34 signatures

'That this House believes that British citizens would prefer that the goods and services they purchase from UK companies were free as far as possible from involvement in aspects of modern slavery in either their production or supply; notes that the Government's current proposed legislation is limited in its objectives to ensure that UK supply chains are slavery-free; and calls on the Government, where necessary, to strengthen mechanisms to end this blight in our society.'

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EDM 465 – ILO Convention on Gender-Based Violence at Work, 3rd November 2014

Katy Clark MP, 41 signatures

'That this House notes the UN Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November 2014; further notes with concern that gender-based violence is present in every society in the world and that globally one in three women will be beaten or sexually abused in their lifetime and that this occurs everywhere, even in the workplace; further notes that while some International Labour Conventions, particularly No. 111 on gender equality and Convention No. 189 and Recommendation No. 200, refer to the issue of violence against women, they do not adequately address all forms of gender-based violence at work including prevention and protection of affected workers; and calls for the Government to take action on the UN Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women by giving its support to the creation of a new ILO Convention specifically on gender-based violence at work and by requesting that this be on the agenda of the next meeting of the ILO Governing Body.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 299

EDM 504 – Abortion Services in Blackfriars, 11th November 2014

Diane Abbott MP, 25 signatures

'That this House is extremely concerned about the significant upsurge in anti-abortion activism targeting clinics; would like to draw attention to the ongoing protests outside the British Pregnancy Advisory Service clinic in Blackfriars where activists are staging large protests of over 20 people, a mix of men and women activists carrying graphic posters; is concerned that activists are also routinely entering the surgery, causing great distress to staff and patients and are specifically targeting the mother and baby clinic, handing expectant mothers graphic leaflets and that they are directly approaching women and passers-by, and filming conversations with members of the public without informing or asking for consent first; notes with concern that the practice now feels so intimidated that it has asked to close the service down; further notes that these protests are particularly concerning because they are obstructing women from receiving the medical help that they are entitled to; while recognising that these groups are legally entitled to protest, feels that they should not be allowed to harass those women who decide to seek this sort of treatment; and calls on the relevant authorities to take immediate action to stop the protestors from harassing patients and staff on a routine basis.'

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EDM 560 – Afghan Women, 26th November 2014

William Cash MP, 26 signatures

'That this House supports the Tokyo Mutual Accountability Framework and in particular the commitment to Afghanistan and ensuring that Afghan women have full human rights in education, health, employment and participation in all walks of life.'

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EDM 587 – Sexual Violence in Conflict in Burma, 2nd December 2014

Valerie Vaz MP, 32 signatures

‘That this House condemns the continuing use of rape as a weapon of war and the recent escalation in military attacks in Kachin, Northern Shan and Karen States; notes the recent report by the Women's League for Burma detailing evidence of the continuing use of rape and sexual violence; calls for a nationwide ceasefire and an end to the use of rape and sexual violence as a weapon of war by the Burmese army; further calls on the Government to urge the government of Burma to engage in genuine political dialogue with ethnic nationalities without preconditions; further calls on the Government to urge the government of Burma to uphold its obligations under international law to end impunity and ensure accountability; further calls on the Government to urge the government of Burma to amend the constitution of that country to remove the current disqualification of Burmese citizens with foreign children becoming President; further calls on the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict to address the issues in Burma highlighted by the Women's League for Burma's Report; and further calls on the Government to support an independent international investigation into rape and sexual violence in Burma and to provide funding to women's organisations from Burma which document sexual violence by the Burmese army and assist survivors.’

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EDM 612 – Buffer Zones Around Abortion Clinics and Pregnancy Advisory Bureaux, 10th December 2014

Caroline Lucas MP, 19 signatures

‘That this House notes with concern the recent escalation in anti-abortion activity targeted at women and staff attending abortion clinics and pregnancy advisory services; further notes that approaching and recording women and staff, alongside the distribution of misleading information and distressing images, intimidates women and jeopardises access to legal healthcare services; believes in upholding the right to peaceful protest; further believes that the right to peaceful protest should not interfere with the fundamental right for women to make individual reproductive choices; further notes that campaigns against women exercising their sexual health rights can continue without occupying the space immediately outside clinics; supports the British Pregnancy Advisory Service's Back Off campaign to implement buffer zones outside reproductive health clinics as a means of ensuring that women are not harassed or obstructed from accessing confidential advice and treatment; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to protect the rights of women to access lawful healthcare by enabling the introduction and implementation of buffer zones around clinics offering abortion and sexual health services.’

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EDM 629 – Foetal alcohol syndrome, 15th December 2014

Barry Sheerman MP, 25 signatures

‘That this House notes the proven link between alcohol ingested during pregnancy and a wide range of health defects affecting the child upon birth, including brain damage, heart, kidney and liver damage and developmental problems; commends the work of groups such as the FASD Trust and FAS Aware in raising awareness of Foetal Alcohol Syndrome; further notes that there is no clear evidence that points to a minimum safe amount of alcohol to consume during pregnancy; and calls for a holistic public health strategy focused on early intervention and encouraging no alcohol during pregnancy.’

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EDM 730 – Cervical Cancer Prevention Week, 26th January 2015

Annette Brooke MP, 58 signatures

'That this House notes that 25 to 31 January 2015 is Cervical Cancer Prevention Week, which is aimed at raising awareness of the causes and symptoms of cervical cancer and improving prevention efforts; further notes that eight women are diagnosed with, and three women die from, cervical cancer every day, despite the fact that it is largely preventable through HPV vaccination and cervical screening; further notes that, although all women aged 25 to 64 are invited to a free cervical screening test every three to five years, over 20 per cent, particularly those from disadvantaged areas, do not attend for screening; asks that relevant community and age-specific information is made available to women about cervical cancer symptoms, prevention and related issues; recognises what it considers to be the excellent work of Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust in supporting women and their families; and asks hon. Members, clinicians and policymakers to join the fight to eradicate cervical cancer.'

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EDM 735 – Protection of abortion services, 26th January 2015

Diane Abbott MP, 25 signatures

'That this House is extremely concerned about the threatening and intimidating behaviour exhibited by anti-abortion activists targeting clinics; draws attention to the relentless protests outside the British Pregnancy Advisory Service Clinic in Blackfriars, where activists carrying enormous, disturbing and graphic posters are continuously menacing staff and patients; notes that activists are handing expectant mothers horrifying leaflets and filming conversations with members of the public without asking for consent; further notes that the activists have disguised their activities as prayer vigils, or as peaceful protests, but in reality they are taking advantage of the protections afforded to these activities; is concerned that police have not acted in fear of interfering with protesting rights; recognises that these groups are legally entitled to protest; feels that these particular protests are tantamount to harassment; and demands that the police act immediately to protect the clinic and enforce a buffer zone.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 306

EDM 748 – Sexual violence in Burma, 29th January 2015

Valerie Vaz MP, 26 signatures

'That this House condemns the rape and murder of Maran Lu Ra, aged 20 and Tangbau Hkawn Nan Tsin, 21, by members of the Burma Army; notes that these two women were Kachin teachers working with the Kachin Baptist Convention; further notes that local police have taken no action; further notes that the Kachin Women's Association Thailand has documented over 70 cases of gang-rape, rape and attempted sexual violence by Burma Army troops in Kachin and northern Shan states since the Burma Army broke a 17-year ceasefire with the Kachin Independence Army in June 2011; also notes that the government of Burma signed the Declaration to End Sexual Violence in Conflict last year but has failed to implement its provisions; calls on the Government to urge the government of Burma to stop immediately the military offensives in these ethnic areas and bring the perpetrators of sexual violence to justice; and further calls on the Prime Minister to enact provisions in the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative to send a team of experts to Burma to hold an inquiry and investigate this case.'

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EDM 847 – PSHE and child sexual exploitation, 6th March 2015

Graham Allen MP, 31 signatures

'That this House is deeply concerned about recent cases of child abuse across the country; notes that recent reports from the Education Committee, the Joint Committee on Human Rights, the Home Affairs Committee and the Children's Commissioner have all highlighted the key role that Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education can play in keeping pupils safe; further notes that recent reports into child sexual exploitation in Birmingham, Rochdale, Rotherham and Manchester have echoed the important role of PSHE in preventing child sexual exploitation; further notes that the NSPCC, Barnardo's and six royal medical colleges have all called for the subject to be made statutory; and calls on the Government to ensure that children and young people are provided with the skills and knowledge to help

protect themselves from child sexual exploitation by making PSHE education a statutory part of the curriculum.'

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EDM 882 – India's Daughter and ending violence against women, 17th March 2015

Jeremy Corbyn MP, 60 signatures

'That this House notes the very powerful effect of Leslee Udwin's documentary, India's Daughter, inspired by the Indian peoples' response to the gang rape of a 23 year old medical student, Jyoti Singh, as demonstrated by the resulting month-long protests of men and women from all walks of life; further notes the relevance of the film in raising awareness of on-going worldwide efforts to educate everyone against violence against girls and women; congratulates the UK for its leadership in working to end female genital mutilation, child marriage and gender inequality; deplores the Indian government's decision to ban the film, which has denied the people most affected by rape and murder a platform to speak for themselves and has prevented a light being shone on what needs to change in the grossly unequal attitudes toward women worldwide and especially Dalit women who are disproportionately affected; further notes that the blanket ban contravenes fundamental rights of free speech and freedom of expression; and calls on the international community to do more to extend their solidarity to all those who are suffering as a result of continuing violence against girls and women, including the family and friends of Jyoti Singh, and to all those campaigning to end it.'

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EDM 894 – Hormone pregnancy test drugs, 18th March 2015

Graeme Morrice MP, 25 signatures

'That this House notes that children were born with serious deformities due to hormone pregnancy test drugs taken by expectant mothers between 1953 and 1975; further notes with concern that many of those affected cannot retrieve their medical records from this period; further notes evidence from 1964 which shows that GPs discussed moves to destroy reports about controversial medicines; welcomes the Government's announcement instructing the Women's Health Expert Advisory Group to carry out an independent review of all evidence on oral hormone pregnancy tests; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health to ensure that the review is fully comprehensive and transparent.'

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House of Lords

Oral Ministerial statements

Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict, and Iraq, 16th June 2014

Baroness Warsi updated the House on the current situation in Iraq, and highlighted the outcomes of the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict. She noted a commitment from the UK of £6 million in funding to survivors of sexual violence and the launch of an international protocol for documenting and investigating sexual violence in conflict.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 311

Nigeria, 12th January 2015

Baroness Anelay updated the House on the current situation in Iraq, and highlighted the outcomes of the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict. She noted a

commitment from the UK of £6 million in funding to survivors of sexual violence and the launch of an international protocol for documenting and investigating sexual violence in conflict.

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Legislation

Abortion Act 1967 (Amendment) Bill First Reading, 12th June 2014

Baroness Tonge introduced a Bill to amend the Abortion Act 1967 to make provision for the termination of pregnancy following certification by one registered medical practitioner.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 313

Serious Crime Bill – Report Stage, 28th October 2014

Baroness Smith tabled an amendment to ensure anonymity of victims where FGM is alleged. The amendment was withdrawn once the Government agreed to engage in further discussions on the issue with a view to including something at the Third Reading.

Baroness Meacher tabled an amendment to make an offence of encouraging or assisting the promotion of the practice of FGM. She explained that her amendment targeted community and religious leaders and groups of parents who promote FGM. Baroness Williams responded that the Serious Crime Bill and existing legislation was sufficient and that there was no need for additional legislation. The amendment was withdrawn.

Lord Bates, on behalf of the Government, tabled an amendment to make it an offence to fail to protect a girl from FGM. The amendment was agreed.

Lord Bates, on behalf of the Government, tabled an amendment to introduce FGM Protection Orders. The amendment was agreed.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 314

Modern Slavery Bill – First Reading, 5th November 2014

The Bill was brought from the Commons, read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 315

Serious Crime Bill – Third Reading, 5th November 2014

Bill passed and sent to the Commons.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 316

Modern Slavery Bill – Second Reading, 17th November 2014

Lord Bates led the second reading of the Bill. He highlighted the issue of modern slavery in the UK, and the urgent need to effectively prosecute perpetrators. He noted that the Bill increased the maximum sentence available for modern slavery offences, strengthened legislation to support reparations from perpetrators to victims of modern slavery, and introduced modern slavery prevention orders to target convicted traffickers. The Bill was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 317

International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill – Second Reading, 23rd January 2015

Lord Purvis led the second reading of Michael Moore MP's Private Member's Bill. He explained that the Bill would help to secure long-term support for those in the world most in need, and noted that the Bill had drawn cross-party support. The Bill was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 318

International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill – Committee Stage, 6th February 2015

Various Peers tabled minor amendments to the Bill in order to delay the Bill's progress. Each amendment was withdrawn in turn following discussions of the merits and pitfalls of the Bill. The Bill was reported without amendment.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 319

Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Mitochondrial Donation) Regulations 2015, 24th February 2015

Earl Howe moved that the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Mitochondrial Donation) Regulations be approved. He explained that the aim of the regulations to ensure that women could have their own genetic children, free of diseases caused by mitochondrial DNA. He also highlighted the extensive consultation processes that had taken place and noted that there remained several safeguards in place to ensure that there would be proper regulation. The House voted, 48 not content and 280 content, and the draft regulations were approved.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 320

International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Bill – Report Stage, 27th February 2015

Various Peers tabled minor amendments to the Bill in order to delay the Bill's progress. Each amendment was either withdrawn or went to vote, following discussions of the merits and pitfalls of the Bill and the amendment. All amendments were defeated. The Bill was reported without amendment and went to a third reading where it was passed and later made into law.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 321

Debates

Development: post-2015 agenda, 2nd April 2014

Baroness Kinnock led a debate on the post-2015 development framework and whether it should include a goal dedicated to inequality. She argued that recent improvements in development have not helped significant minorities and that chronic system inequities limit progress. Baroness Kinnock suggested that a new framework should include targets for wealth and gender gaps, and that data for other targets should be disaggregated in order to monitor progress among vulnerable groups.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 322

Abortion, 3rd April 2014

Baroness Knight led a debate on reported law breaking by those carrying out terminations of pregnancy. She highlighted recent reports of pre-signed forms and allegations of sex-selective abortion, and suggested that the Abortion Act 1967 be upheld so that those who break it are prosecuted.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 323

Queen's Speech debate – fifth day, 11th June 2014

Baroness Warsi introduced the fifth day of debate on the Queen's speech. She highlighted discussions and outcomes from the recent summit on ending sexual violence in conflict, and drew attention to the upcoming 'Girls' summit in July. Other speakers highlighted the importance of ending sexual violence in Syria and Somalia, supporting female appointees to the United Nations, and preserving the accountability of DFID to parliament.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 324

Iraq, 25th June 2014

Baroness Warsi moved that the House take note of the security and political situation in Iraq. She highlighted the rapid advance of extremist groups and drew attention to the likely consequences for those left in the cities abandoned by Iraq Government forces.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 325

Egypt: human rights, 26th June 2014

The Lord Bishop of Coventry led a short debate on the Government's assessment of the human rights situation in Egypt. Other speakers highlighted the issue of gender-based violence in Egypt and drew attention to high levels of FGM and early and forced marriage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 326

Women: local services, 26th June 2014

Baroness Tyler led a short debate on local services available to women with multiple and complex needs such as homelessness, domestic violence and substance abuse problems. She highlighted the barriers faced by such women in using government services and noted the stigma that they often felt.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 327

Republic of Sudan: human rights, 14th July 2014

Baroness Cox led a short debate on the human right situation in Sudan. She highlighted several instances of human rights abuses, including sexual violence and the prosecution of a pregnant woman for apostasy.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 328

Women: equality and empowerment, 22nd July 2014

Baroness Hodgson led a short debate on the role of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She highlighted the achievements of the Commission on the Status of Women but also noted its recent shortcomings in failing to produce statements on active conflicts. Baroness Hodgson pointed to the struggle of the Commission to maintain the achievements and language of previous agreements, particularly with regard to SRHR.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 329

Malawi, 23rd October 2014

Lord McConnell led a debate on economic and social development in Malawi. He highlighted various indicators of development including high maternal mortality in the country, and noted that Malawi is unlikely to achieve MDG 5 for maternal health.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 330

Women: homelessness, domestic violence and social exclusion, 6th November 2014

Baroness King tabled a motion on women facing economic and social difficulties. She suggested that women had borne the brunt of cuts in budgets for public services, and noted that women often face multiple, interrelated challenges and asked that the Government meet with Women's Aid to help improve support for women and children.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 331

India, 26th November 2014

Lord Harries highlighted the issue of poverty and caste discrimination in India. He noted that high levels of illiteracy among Indian women and highlighted the problem of rape and sexual assault of poor women and girls who are particularly vulnerable to attack while defecating in fields and secluded areas. He asked that the UK Government helps to support India to improve access to clean water and sanitation.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 332

Health: lesbian, bisexual and trans women, 3rd December 2014

Baroness Barker led a debate on the National Health Service and its provisions to improve the health of lesbian, bisexual and trans women. She noted that the constitution of the National Health Service states it should provide a comprehensive services available to all, but she also cited evidence suggesting that the needs of lesbian women were ignored and that such women faced discrimination when seeking health services. She asked the Government for a strategy for promoting the health of lesbians and bisexual women and for improved standards for general practitioners to ask appropriate and non-discriminatory questions.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 333

Sudan and South Sudan, 8th December 2014

The Earl of Sandwich led a debate on the conflicts in Sudan and South Sudan. He highlighted instances of sexual violence and suggested that the UN response had been ineffective. He proposed that the UK Government increase its diplomatic efforts in the countries and encourage greater dialogue between opposing sides. Other speakers reiterated the issue of rape in Sudan and South Sudan and stated that the UN must take stronger action.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 334

AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, 11th December 2014

Lord Fowler highlighted the global burden of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, and emphasised the impact of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. He

highlighted the importance of prevention and vaccines, and urged the UK Government to continue to commit funds to the organisation.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 335

Global Development Goals, 11th December 2014

Lord McConnell explained the importance of the MDGs and their impact on the lives of 2 billion people, and emphasised the role of the UK in leading debate on the follow-up development agenda. He highlighted inequality, peace and security, the position of women and climate change as key drivers of development.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 336

Female Genital Mutilation, 11th December 2014

Baroness Rendell led a debate on prosecutions for the practice of FGM. She explained the existing legislation that prohibited FGM but noted that no-one had yet been prosecuted in the UK. She also highlighted the work of the Home Office, DoH and DFID to eliminate FGM, which included a £35 million programme to combat the practice in other countries.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 337

Developing World: maternal and neonatal mortality, 15th January 2015

Baroness Hayman highlighted the scale of maternal and neonatal mortality worldwide and noted that the poorest, youngest, least educated and rural women were most at risk. She explained that many causes of maternal and neonatal mortality relate to wider social issues such as malnutrition, education for girls and child marriage, and suggested that such reducing such deaths should be a development priority.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 338

Health: human papilloma virus, 20th January 2015

Lord Patel noted the impact of the human papilloma virus on men as well as women and explained the financial benefits of extending vaccination to boys in comparison to the cost of vaccinating boys. He also noted the public health benefits of vaccination for boys and suggested that the Government and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation should recommend that boys be vaccinated for human papillomavirus.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 339

NHS: maternity care, 5th February 2015

Lord Harrison highlighted a recent publication by the National Federation of Women's Institutes and personal experiences which indicated that maternity care in the UK is fragmented, that there is a lack of choice of location for giving birth, and that it is difficult to arrange convenient times for postnatal care. He noted that recruitment of midwives had not kept pace with the increased number of births in the UK and that future service provision was threatened by an aging cohort of midwives who would soon be retiring in large numbers.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 340

HIV/AIDS, 5th March 2015

Lord Fowler outlined the prevalence and cost of HIV in the UK and suggested that more emphasis was needed on prevention, in particular on raising awareness of HIV.

He explained that a taskforce should be convened to develop a campaign on HIV testing and that men who have sex with men should be able to access Truvada to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 341

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Nigeria: Chibok abductions, 14th May 2014

Lord Bach asked the Foreign and Commonwealth Office what actions they had taken to assist the Nigerian government in rescuing the schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram. Baroness Warsi replied that the UK was providing bilateral and multilateral support and that a UK team had arrived in Nigeria to understand the situation and assist the Nigerian government.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 342

Violence against women, 9th June 2014

Baroness Thornton asked the Government what steps they had taken to reduce levels of violence against women. Lord Ahmad replied that the Government has created two new offences: stalking and forced marriage. He also highlighted the re-launch of the Government's 'This is Abuse' campaign and the upcoming 'Girls' summit in July 2014.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 343

Sudan: Meriam Ibrahim, 10th June 2014

Lord Alton asked the Government what actions they had taken to secure the release of Meriam Ibrahim. Baroness Northover replied that the Prime Minister and senior Ministers condemned the death sentence given to Meriam Ibrahim and had raised concerns with Sudanese Ministers. The Sudanese charge d'affaires was summoned in London.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 344

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 17th June 2014

Baroness Hodgson asked the Government whether they had nominated any women for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women Committee. Baroness Northover replied that the UK has never nominated a candidate but welcome the positive contributions of others.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 345

Syria: sexual violence, 2nd July 2014

Baroness Jenkin asked the Government about their assessment of alleged sexual violence committed against civilians in Syria. Baroness Warsi replied that they are deeply and increasingly concerned by the sexual exploitation of displaced people. She added that they are committed to supporting victims of sexual violence, and to documenting such crimes.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 346

UK National Plan on Women, Peace and Security, 14th July 2014

Baroness Prosser asked the Government about their implementation plan for the UK National Plan on Women, Peace and Security. Baroness Warsi replied that the plan

would be published before the end of the year and would establish baseline measures for current support for women and girls and targets to be achieved by the end of the plan.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 347

Health: midwives, 22nd July 2014

Lord Harrison asked the DoH for their assessment of the sufficiency of midwives in the UK. Lord Howe replied that the number of full-time equivalent midwives in England had increased by more than 1,700 since May 2010, and that over 6,000 midwives were in training.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 348

South Sudan, 28th July 2014

Baroness Hodgson asked the Government what steps they are taking to ensure an inclusive peace settlement in South Sudan and highlighted widespread sexual violence towards women and girls. Lord Wallace replied that high-level messages from the UK to all parties in Sudan had made clear the need for peace talks that included civil society, and have directly supported such efforts.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 349

Rape, 21st October 2014

Baroness Hussein-Ece asked the Home Office what is their strategy for dealing with the increase in reported cases of rape. Lord Bates replied that the Government was committed to tackling sexual violence and had published a violence against women and girls action plan. He noted that more women were having the confidence to come forward to report sexual violence.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 350

Nigeria: Boko Haram, 30th October 2014

Baroness Cox asked the Foreign Office what assessment they had made of recent developments in Nigeria, specifically regarding Boko Haram. Baroness Anelay replied that they were monitoring events closely and the Boko Haram had violated a ceasefire. Baroness Cox then highlighted the abduction of 2,000 women and girls, and Baroness Anelay replied that the UK Government was in discussion with Nigerian authorities and was providing intelligence support.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 351

Central African Republic, 3rd November 2014

Lord McConnell asked the Government what support they would provide to the UN Mission in Central African Republic. Baroness Anelay replied that the Government would continue to support UN efforts to build the military and civilian assets in the country. In a later question, The Lord Bishop of Norwich highlighted violation of women and children in Central African Republic and asked whether the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative would be extended to the country. Baroness Anelay replied that she would take his views back to the Foreign Office.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 352

Health: HIV, 17th November 2014

Lord Fowler asked the Department for International Development for their latest estimate on the number of people living with HIV and whether they would try to persuade countries to stop criminalising homosexuality. Baroness Northover replied that 35 million people were living with HIV and noted that being inclusive will help to turn around the pandemic.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 353

Afghanistan: development strategy post-2014, 20th November 2015

The Earl of Sandwich asked the Government about their plan for development in Afghanistan. Baroness Kinnock later asked about the security, protection and support of women human rights defenders. Lord Bourne replied that the UK is jointly funding a programme (with Australia) to combat violence against women, and stated that the issue would be examined at the upcoming London conference on Afghanistan's development.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 354

Domestic violence: refuges, 25th November 2014

Baroness Thornton asked the Government what assessment they had made of the adequacy of provision of refuges for women and children fleeing domestic violence. She highlighted the closure or reduction of services in various parts of the country. Lord Ahmad replied that the Government was announcing a £10 million fund to support women's refuges and would be publishing strengthened statutory guidance to set out clear standards for support that victims can receive.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 355

Domestic violence, 25th November 2014

Baroness Gale asked what progress had been made since the introduction of 'Clare's Law'. Baroness Williams replied that the Government would review implementation of the scheme in the new year.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 356

HIV: stigma, 1st December 2014

Baroness Gould asked the DoH what plans they had to develop a campaign to address HIV stigma. Earl Howe replied that the Government funds the Terrance Higgins Trust to implement the HIV Prevention England programme, which helps to tackle stigma. He also highlighted the development of Public Health England's People Living with HIV Stigma Index.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 357

HIV: late diagnosis, 1st December 2014

Baroness Prosser asked the DoH what action they would take in 2015 to support a reduction in late HIV diagnoses. Earl Howe replied that late diagnosis was declining and that implementation of the sexual health improvement framework in England will help to reduce late diagnoses.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 358

HIV and AIDS: vaccine, 1st December 2014

Lord Collins asked the DFID what assessment they have made of progress towards developing a vaccine to address global HIV. Baroness Northover replied that the Government has committed nearly £1 billion to tackling HIV, and that although there has been some progress in vaccine research, it is not possible to say when a viable vaccine might be developed and available.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 359

Sudan, 9th December 2014

Baroness Cox asked for Foreign Office's assessment of recent developments in South Sudan. Baroness Anelay replied that the Government was concerned by ongoing conflicts and highlighted the lack of access for the UN to investigate allegations of mass rape in Darfur. She stated that they welcomed efforts to move towards a ceasefire and peace talks.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 360

Abortion (Sex-Selection) Bill, 16th December 2014

Baroness Knight asked the DoH what action they intended to take following the first reading of the Abortion (Sex-Selection) Bill in the House of Commons. Earl Howe replied that the Government had made clear that abortion on the grounds of gender alone was already illegal, and would continue to monitor birth ratios and any other evidence that emerges.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 361

HIV, 15th January 2015

Lord Fowler asked the DoH what assessment they had made regarding the proportion of people living with HIV who are undiagnosed. Earl Howe replied that they estimated approximately 24% of people living with HIV in the UK were undiagnosed.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 362

Boko Haram, 27th January 2015

Baroness Quin asked the Government what recent assistance they had given to the rescue and recovery of the abducted Nigerian schoolgirls. Lord Wallace replied that the UK had increased its support for the Nigerian Government to help locate the schoolgirls and to tackle the broader threat of Boko Haram. He noted that this included military, intelligence and development support to Nigeria.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 363

Asylum Seekers: women, 28th January 2015

Lord Hylton asked the Home Office whether they intended to consult Asylum Aid about ways to improve protection and fairness for women asylum seekers and support for those who have suffered gender-based harm. Lord Bates replied that Home Office officials regularly meet with Asylum Aid and recently discussed their Protection Gap campaign with a view to further improving the management of asylum claims from women.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 364

Pregnancy: discrimination at work, 2nd February 2015

Baroness Thornton asked the Government what measures they were taking to address the findings of a recent Trades Union Congress report on discrimination at work for pregnant women. Lord Popat replied that the Government welcomed the report and noted that they have commissioned research from Equality and Human Rights Commission on the attitudes of employers to pregnancy and maternity leave.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 365

Women: postnatal depression, 5th February 2015

Baroness Royall asked the DoH what steps they have taken to support women suffering from postnatal depression. Earl Howe replied that the Government has taken steps to increase the size of the healthcare workforce and that by 2017 specialist perinatal mental health staff would be available to every birthing unit.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 366

Sexual violence against women and girls, 5th March 2015

Baroness Hussein-Ece asked the Home Office what steps they were taking to foster greater public understanding about the prevention of sexual violence against girls and women in the light of the Crown Prosecution Service's recently published toolkit. Lord Bates replied that the toolkit complements the Home Office's teenage relationship abuse and prevention campaign and the materials developed to support better teaching of sex and relationship education in schools.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 367

Written Questions

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

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| -Abortion | -HIV infection: children |
| -Afghanistan | -Honour based violence |
| -Afghanistan: women and girls | -Human papillomavirus |
| -Armed conflict: sexual offences | -Human papillomavirus: vaccination |
| -Asylum: females | -India |
| -Bangladesh | -International AIDS Vaccine Initiative |
| -Brunei | -International assistance |
| -Burma | -International Conference on |
| -Children: marriage | Population and Development |
| -Congenital abnormalities | -In vitro fertilisation |
| -Contraceptives | -Iraq |
| -Contraceptives: children | -Kenya |
| -Convention on Preventing and | -Marriage |
| Combating Violence against Women | -Maternity services |
| and Domestic Violence | -Meriam Ibrahim |
| -Democratic Republic of Congo | -Morocco |
| -Deportation: Nigeria | -Multiple births |
| -Developing countries: abortion | -Nigeria |
| -Developing countries: family planning | -Overseas aid |
| -Developing countries: health services | -Overseas aid: population funding |
| -Developing countries: HIV infection | -Overseas aid: product development |
| -Development aid | partnerships |
| -Domestic violence | -Palestinians |

- Domestic Violence Protection Orders
- Egypt
- EU aid
- Female genital mutilation
- Forced marriage
- Forced Marriage Protection Orders
- Genito-urinary medicine
- Health: contraception
- Health: HIV
- Health: pregnancy
- Health education: sex
- Health services
- Health services: overseas aid
- HIV infection
- Pakistan
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
- Population
- Pregnancy: drugs
- Pregnancy: sodium valproate
- Prostitution
- Sharia law
- Slavery
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Zimbabwe

UK GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

The APPG on PDRH continue to hold the UK Government accountable to its promises and furthering the ICPD PoA via Private Member's Bills, amendments to legislation, debates, EDMs and parliamentary questions. The APPG on PDRH has also met and spoken both formally and informally at meetings, receptions and conferences with DFID ministers and civil servants.

DFID team

The DFID ministerial team until the UK General Election in May 2015 was:



Justine Greening MP, SS for ID



Lynne Featherstone MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for ID



Desmond Swayne MP, Minister of State for ID

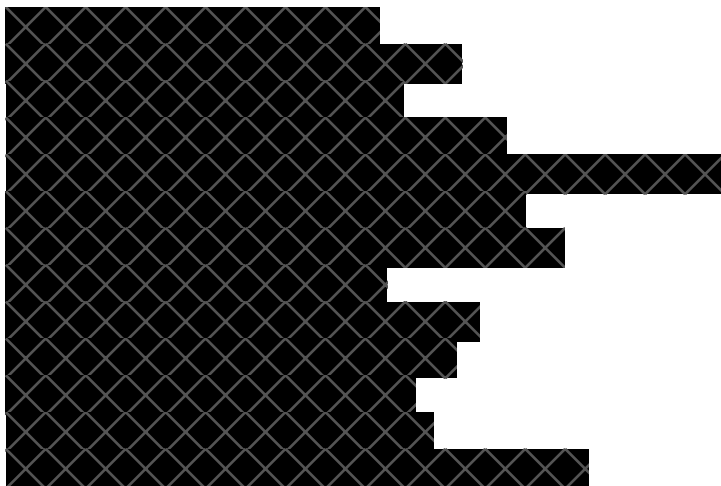


Baroness Northover, HoL spokesperson for ID.



Mark Lowcock, Permanent Secretary

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



DFID Meeting

The APPG on PDRH contacted Justine Greening MP, SS for ID in February 2014 requesting a meeting with her and her team to discuss:

- SS for ID vision for family planning/SRHR;
- Funding to family planning/SRHR;
- Progress on FP2020;
- Family planning/SRHR and the post-2015 development framework;
- APPG on PDRH support to DFID; and
- FGH/Child Marriage conferences 2014.

A meeting was held on 10th July 2014 in Parliament with Lynne Featherstone MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for ID, who had ministerial responsibility for DFID's reproductive health activities.

Lynne Featherstone MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for ID provided an overview of DFID's programme activities, latest conferences and SDG negotiations. Discussions followed on DFID's financial support to family planning/SRHR and programme activities in fragile and conflict effected states.

UK Government Correspondence

The majority of correspondence this year between the APPG on PDRH and UK Ministers related to the preparatory meetings and negotiations on family planning/SRHR and the post-2015 development framework and the UK Government conferences on FGM/Child Marriage and Gender Based Violence in Conflict.

A letter was sent in April 2014 requesting information on who would be on the UK delegation for the Commission on Population and Development and the DFID priority issues in relation to the new Index report to be discussed and agreed upon at the conference.

In April 2014 the APPG on PDRH sent a briefing to UK Ministers and SDG negotiators commenting on the SDG Open Working Group making reference to SRHR and population dynamics.

The same month select cabinet ministers received a copy of the IPCI ICPD PoA statement of commitment, which was endorsed by 260 parliamentarians from 134 countries around 6 continents in Stockholm in April 2014.

In June 2014 a letter was sent to Justine Greening MP, SS for ID and David Hallam, UK Envoy on Post-2015 Goals on family planning and the Open Working Group for the SDGs.

Replies were received to all letters sent, reiterating the UK Government's support for a gender goal and a target on universal access to SRHR services within the new development framework.

Please find enclosed all correspondence as appendix 368

UK Government Publications

UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security was published in June 2014 June and available here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/319870/FCO643_NAP_Prioritising_final3.pdf

UK Action Plan to tackling Violence against Women and Girls progress report was published in March 2015 and available here:

The Serious Crime Act which included tightened regulation surrounding FGM and forced marriage was published in March 2015 and is available here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/9/contents/enacted>

The International Development (ODA) Target Act was published in March 2015 and is available here: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/12/contents/enacted>

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

DFID has provided UNFPA with £20 million of core funding each year for the period 2010/11 to 2014/15 and in 2013/14 £41.9 million and in 2014/15 £203.3 million was provided as non-core funding. This non-core component is made up of 20 contributing programmes, which will each undergo annual reviews to assess performance and determine future funding.

In 2014/15 DFID provided MSI with £4.35 million and IPPF with £8.6 million of funding through its Programme Partnership Arrangement grants. In addition MSI received £12.5 million in 2013/14 and £13.4 million in 2014/15 as non-core funding.

UNICEF received £286.9 million in 2013/14 and £274.6 million in 2014/2015 in non-core funding and WHO received £163.5 million in 2013/14 and £84.5 million in 2014/15 is non-core funding. UN Women received £800,000 in 2013/14 and £500,000 in 2014/15 as non-core funding.

Women and Children First UK received £177,638 in 2014/15 from DFID's Global Poverty Action Fund.

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting HIV and AIDS, 2009/10 – 2014/15 (GBP millions)

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

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

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

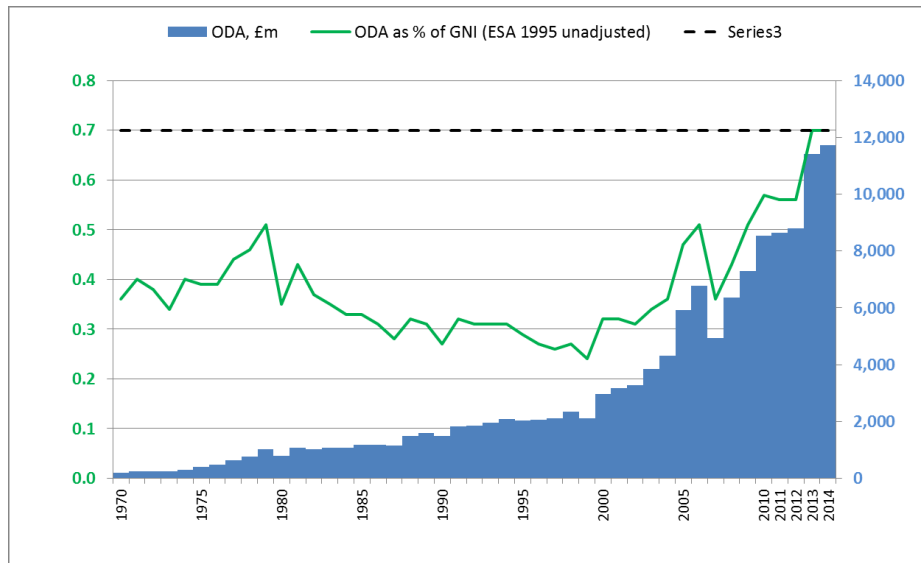
Tables 2 and 3 provide details of DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health and HIV/AIDS activities. However, according to DFID, the UK's direct spend on HIV should not be seen as the sum of their work. DFID is seeking to increasingly optimise linkages and integration with other sectors where greater impact and efficiency can be achieved. The UK also supports the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS projects and programmes at the country level, strengthening health systems in their partner countries to deliver HIV outcomes and funding research. DFID are unable to accurately disaggregate UK HIV expenditure from these wider interventions.

DFID Core contributions to International Organisations, 2007/08 – 2014/15 (GBP thousands)

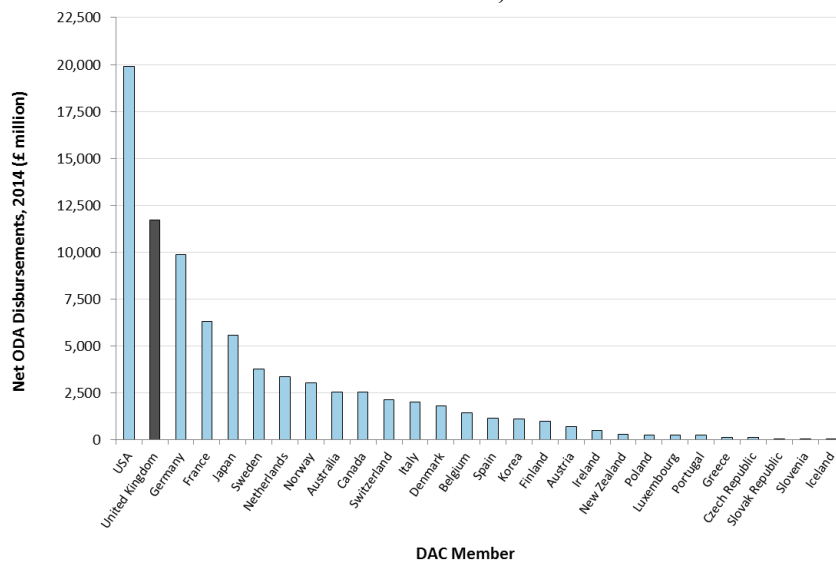
Organisation	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	Funding Stream
UNFPA	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	22,060	20,038	20,000	DFID – Core Funding
WHO	14,500	14,500	12,500	27,240	28,723	26,967	23,824	15,299	DFID and Other Govt. Depts. – Core Funding
UNICEF	48,000	46,000	47,800	40,000	23,600	21,000	16,151	26,000	DFID and Other Govt. Depts. – Core Funding
UNAIDS	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	11,030	10,000	19,000	DFID – Core Funding
IPPF*	8,600	8,600	8,600	6,450	12,015	7,500	8,600	7,500	Programme Partnership Agreement
MSI	–	–	–	–	1,063	0	770	885	CSCF – Non Core Bilateral Funding;
	4,350	4,300	4,353	4,353	–	–	–	–	Programme Partnership Agreement
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	285,000	543,044	127,908	128,100	296,600	163,400	50,000	100,000	DFID Programme – Core Funding
UN Women	12,500	12,500	–	–	–	–	–	–	DFID – Core Funding

* This includes funding from the Governance and Transparency Fund

UK ODA levels 1970 – 2014 (£ millions)

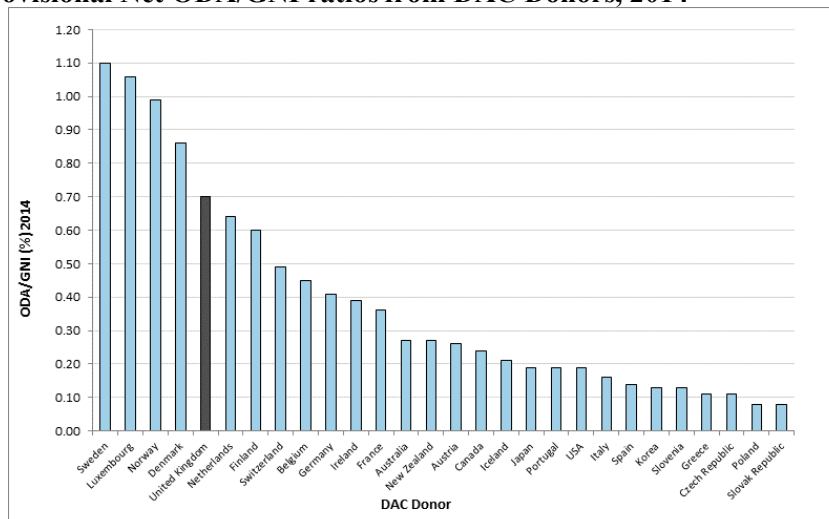


Provisional Net ODA from DAC Donors, 2014



Note: Figures for the UK are final; all others are provisional

Provisional Net ODA/GNI ratios from DAC Donors, 2014



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

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

World Health Organization Violence against Women meeting, 10th April 2014, Rome, Italy

Baroness Jenny Tonge was invited by WHO to attend and speak at the above event in Rome. It was the 4th institutional meeting promoted by Osservatorio Nazionale sulla Salute della Donna (ONDa) which is the National Observatory on Women's Health in Italy. The overarching theme of the meeting was to discuss critical factors in women's health and in particular violence against women. The meeting was attended by Italian MPs, ONDa, women's association and the press.

Marleen Temmerman, Director of Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO, opened the meeting and disseminated WHO guidelines on violence against women. Beatrice Lorenzin, Italian Minister of Health and Mario Giro, Minister for Foreign Affairs, then welcomed participants and county case studies were presented from the UK and Belgium. Presentations followed on data on gender based violence in Italy, violence and its mental and physical health effects, and socio-economic effects of violence against women. A lively debate followed presentations amongst participants.

Please find enclosed outline of Baroness Jenny Tonge's presentation, full programme and speakers as appendix 369

International Parliamentary Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD PoA, 23rd – 25th April, Stockholm, Sweden



Baroness Jenny Tonge, Viscount Craigavon and the APPG on PDRH's advisor attended the sixth International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD PoA, which was organised by UNFPA, EPF, the Swedish Parliament, the Swedish APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, and the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. IPCI Stockholm came at a very significant time for the ICPD mandate, marking the 20th anniversary Cairo PoA. The event focused attention on the links between population issues and sustainable development. In particular, attendees highlighted the importance of protecting the rights of women and adolescents, and of

providing comprehensive sexuality education and reproductive health services, to promote economic growth and social development.

At the end of the three day event, the participants reaffirmed themselves to the ICPD PoA by unanimously adopting the Stockholm Statement of Commitment. In it, the parliamentarians committed to mobilise their constituencies and governments to make bold efforts to ensure that the principles of the Cairo PoA be fully integrated in the post-2015 global development agenda and that human rights, gender equality, women and young people be at its heart. They called for the integration of population dynamics in all development planning at national and subnational levels as a critical foundation for sustainable development. The parliamentarians pledged, among other actions to:

- Enact and advocate for the enforcement of laws and policies to respect and protect the SRHR of all individuals;
- Adopt laws to promote and protect human rights and eliminate discrimination without distinction of any kind;
- Design policies and programmes that harness the demographic dividend through enhancing the capabilities of young people to contribute to social and economic development and innovation;
- Promote legislation to eliminate child, early and forced marriage, by enacting and enforcing laws on the minimum legal age of marriage of 18 years; and eliminate harmful practices such as FGM/cutting;
- Review and repeal laws that punish women and girls who have undergone illegal abortions, as well as end imprisonment for such acts, bearing in mind that in no circumstances should abortion be considered as a family planning method;
- Advocate for increased development assistance budgets for population assistance, and ensure the target of 0.7 per cent of GNP for ODA as agreed at the previous IPCI/ICPD conferences; among others.

In addition to the main Statement of Commitment, a Declaration on Human Rights was adopted by acclamation by the participants. In this document, the parliamentarians “call on all States to guarantee equality before the law and non-discrimination for all people, by adopting laws and policies to protect the human rights of all individuals, without distinction of any kind.”

The Stockholm conference was attended by more than 260 parliamentarians from 134 countries across 6 continents.

For more information and details on the conference, visit: <http://www.ipci2014.org/en>

The Stockholm statement was sent to relevant UK Ministers in late April 2014 and was also referenced by Baroness Jenny Tong in the HoL debate as follows:

‘.....we liaise with, and have encouraged the formation of, similar parliamentary groups to ours and similar forums in Australasia and Africa. All those parliamentarians all over the world are having meetings and making declarations on the very things we have been talking about this afternoon—impressing on their Governments, when they go back home from their meetings, that this is the line that they must take, both in their own country and internationally. The international parliamentary conference on the implementation of all these declarations, meetings and forums that have taken place among parliamentarians was held in Stockholm earlier this year. Some of

us went from our all-party group. This conference agreed that SRHR—remember all those elements—should be high on the list for the post-millennium goals agenda.....’

UK Summit: Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict, 10th – 13th June 2014, London



Several APPG on PDRH members attended the above summit, which was held in connection with William Hague MP's (SS for Foreign and Commonwealth Office) announcement in May 2012 on his initiative to prevent sexual violence in conflict. The summit was co-chaired with Angelina Jolie, Special Envoy for the UN Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) and was used by Foreign and Commonwealth Office, DFID and the Ministry of Defence to launch the UK's new National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.

This was the largest gathering ever brought together on the subject, with 1,700 delegates and 129 country delegations including 79 Ministers. The summit agreed practical steps to tackle impunity for the use of rape as a weapon of war, and to begin to change global attitudes to these crimes. During the summit there were over 175 public events in London, and an 84-hour global relay of events around the world. The Chair's Summary and Statement of Action can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/sexual-violence-in-conflict>

Prior to the summit the APPG on PDRH had been in correspondence with organisers of the event at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in connection with EPF members participating in the summit. Members from Yemen, Azerbaijan and Portugal were subsequently invited to attend, but unfortunately had to send their apologies later due to national parliamentary activities.

During the summit the APPG on PDRH joined MSI, Médecins Sans Frontières, Ipas and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance to organise a side event to discuss how to improve access to lifesaving health services. The session included a screening of the film 'Grace under Fire' which followed Dr Grace Kodino a leading reproductive health advocate, as she explored the impact of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This fringe event, 'Surviving Sexual Violence', brought together leading experts to discuss practical solutions from health providers and women survivors from across the world and created a lively discussion.



Baroness Jenny Tonge with speakers at the summit side event

Baroness Jenny Tonge also participated in a video messaging event at the summit, which was broadcast online.

UK Government and United Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF) Girl Summit, 22nd July 2014, London

Select members attended the above summit hosted by the UK Prime Minister in collaboration with UNICEF, aimed at mobilising domestic and international efforts to end FGM and child, early and forced marriage within a generation.

The summit was opened by the UK Home Secretary Theresa May and UK SS for ID Justine Greening MP, alongside heads of state, practitioners, survivors, charities and community groups. The summit showcased initiatives that tackled FGM and child and early/ forced marriage, at local or national levels, and was a forum for sharing learning and discussing the most pressing challenges, opportunities and successes in accelerating change at scale. The summit secured new commitments from the private sector, faith leaders, other civil society organisations and governments. Further information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/girl-summit-2014-outcomes-and-commitments>

Select members also attended the reception at Lancaster House on 21st July sponsored by the Orchid Project, where Theresa May MP, Home Secretary; Justine Greening MP SS for ID and Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF spoke.

Please find enclosed information on Summit as appendix 370

UN General Assembly on the follow up to the ICPD beyond 2014, and side event: Outcome of the 2014 IPCI ICPD, 22nd September, New York



Baroness Jenny Tonge attended above UN General Assembly and spoke at the IPCI ICPD Outcome side event, organised by EPF, UNFPA, the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the UN and the Permanent Mission of Zambia to the UN.

Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, and government ministers from Sweden and Zambia welcomed participants to the side event and a panel discussion followed with six IPCI participant MPs drawn from all regions of the world.

Over 100 parliamentarians, government ministers, representatives of diplomatic missions and civil society members attended the side event. The event was intended to highlight, for UN member states and other key players in the formulation of the new development agenda, the outcome of IPCI 2014 and the call of the world's parliamentarians for the integration of the ICPD PoA in the post-2015 global development agenda. Launched at the event, was an 80-page report on the Stockholm conference and a short video giving an overview of the IPCI 2014.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 371

Third Annual meeting of the Ouagadougou Partnership, 17th – 19th December 2014, Paris, France



Baroness Jenny Tonge attended and spoke at above conference on the topic of mobilising long term parliamentary support for family planning. Parliamentarians from ten African countries attended the third annual meeting of the Ouagadougou Partnership in the French capital. The meeting was also attended by French MP Catherine Coutelle, along with representatives from FP2020, UNFPA and civil society.

The partnership is composed of nine West African states who signed the 2011 Ouagadougou Declaration on Population, Development and Family Planning.

Please find enclosed programme and PowerPoint presentation as appendix 372

High level event on Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development: The synthesis of success, 2nd March 2015, Riga, Latvia

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended and spoke at the above event. The event was organised to highlight the importance of women and girls as central actors in moving towards sustainable development and to combine proposals for unlocking women's full

economic potential in the context of the post-2015 framework. The event was organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with the European Commission, the Latvian government, and in close cooperation with civil society, especially women's movements and the private sector. The Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU had put gender equality and women's empowerment, as one of its main priorities, in the EU development cooperation agenda.

Further information available here: <https://europa.eu/eyd2015/en/latvia/events/event-gender-0203>

SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

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

Support has been via e-mails and telephone conversations, face to face meetings in the UK Parliament and at external meetings, workshops and conferences.

UK APPGs working on international development issues

The APPG on PDRH has attended APPGs on international development meetings this year to discuss collaborative events. A joint meeting was hosted to engage UK MPs in the post-2015 development framework debates in the UK Parliament (please see APPG on PDRH briefing meeting section). The APPGs also agreed to host a joint MPs 'freshers' event soon after the UK General Election to introduce new MPs to APPGs with a high profile speaker. Bill Gates kindly agreed to speak at the event, which was hosted by The Speaker of the UK Parliament in July 2015 and will be reported on in next year's annual report.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 373

APPGs working on Health issues

The APPG on PDRH also attended meetings with APPGs working on health issues to discuss collaborative events.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 374

UK APPG on Global Health

The APPG on PDRH has met, communicated and collaborated closely throughout the year with the APPG on Global Health in connection with its annual dinner and briefing events in Parliament (please see APPG on PDRH parliamentary briefing section for further information). Baroness Jenny Tonge also participated and supported the APPG on Global Health with its hearings: 'Patient empowerment'. She attended preparatory meetings and hearings and administrative support was provided by the APPG on PDRH's advisor to their call for written evidence, editing and general feedback on report content, layout and design.

The final hearing report was launched in May 2014 entitled: 'Patient empowerment: for better quality, more sustainable health services globally'. It took a global perspective on how to empower patients to play a more active role in their care.



The link to APPG Global Health reports can be found here: <http://www.appg-globalhealth.org.uk/>

The APPG on PDRH has also communicated with the APPG on Global Health in connection with its new hearings on mental health i.e. press releases on the new Indonesian Mental Health Law passed after five years in planning was sent in support.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 375

APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health in the UK

The APPG on PDRH has communicated regularly with the above APPG on issues including European pro- and anti-choice campaign activities and its latest inquiry into accountability and standards in SRH.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 376

APPG LGBT+

Ann Mette Kjaerby met with Harry Prance from Crispin Blunt MP's office in response to his request for support in setting up a new APPG on LGBT+. A questionnaire was completed along with a 30 minute interview. Following a consultation with various stakeholders a report was published on 1st June recommending the establishment of a new APPG on LGBT+.

Please find enclosed communications and report as appendix 377

Spanish APPG on Population and Development



Baroness Jenny Tonge was invited to speak at an event organised by the Spanish APPG on Population and Development in June 2014 along with other European MPs. The event was organised with UNFPA and WHO representatives to review achievements in the twentieth year of implementation of the Cairo PoA. Presentations evolved around the challenges of engaging parliamentarians and bringing SRHR into the negotiations of the post-2015 agenda. The event was also timed to coincide with discussions on abortion legislation in the Spanish parliament.

Please find enclosed invitation and Baroness Jenny Tonge's briefings to above event as appendix 378

In February 2015 the APPG on PDRH forwarded briefings on sex-selection and a summary of related anti-choice activities in the UK Parliament, in preparation for similar anti-choice activities and debates in the Spanish Parliament.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 379

European APPG on Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and Development, 25th September 2014, Brussels

Baroness Jenny Tonge was invited to speak at above event in connection with the world contraception day. It was the European Parliamentary Working Group on Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and Development (EPWG) first briefing meeting in the new Parliamentary term. The event was entitled: "Putting Women at the centre of our efforts in the new European Parliament" and was attended by MEPs and their assistants, representatives from the UN, civil society, academic institutions and permanent representations.



Baroness Jenny Tonge with other presenters

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Rwanda APPG on Population and Development

The APPG on PDRH continue its contact with the Rwandan APPG and has sent potential funding opportunities to the secretariat.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 381a

Latin American Regional Parliamentary Group on Population and Development

The APPG on PDRH has sent potential funding opportunities to above secretariat.

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Finnish APPG on Population and Development

The APPG on PDRH has sent potential funding opportunities to above secretariat.

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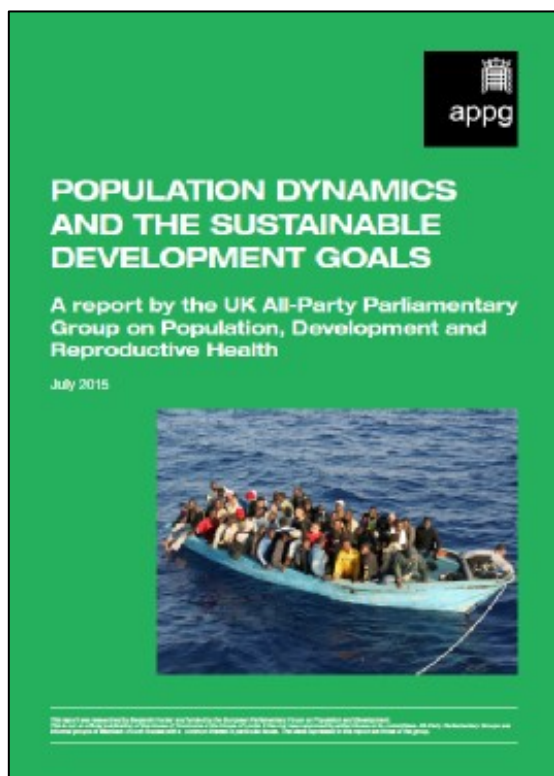
Australian APPG on Population and Development

The Australian APPG secretariat contacted the APPG on PDRH to obtain information on the UK International Development (Gender Equality) Bill and its processes through the UK Parliament. The APPG on PDRH's researcher sent a summary outline and briefing as requested.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 381d

HEARINGS

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



In 2014-2015 the APPG on PDRH prepared and organised new parliament hearings on Population Dynamics and the SDGs and two key determinants of sustainable development: climate change and conflict

Press releases, letters and e-mails were disseminated in December 2014, requesting written evidence from interested parties.

Please find enclosed press releases disseminated as appendix 382

23 organisations submitted written evidence to the hearing committee and 21 were shortlisted to give evidence at five oral hearings (full list of written and oral evidence available on the APPG on PDRH website).

The hearing report was compiled and written during the General Elections and launched at the World Population Day reception co-hosted with IPPF on 9th July 2015.

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

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

Summary recommendations are:

1. Increase funding for family planning and the wider SRHR agenda to 10% of ODA and 10% of national development budgets.
2. The SDGs and targets must not be renegotiated. The draft framework contains goals on healthy lives and gender equality and targets on SRH and reproductive rights, including family planning. It is imperative that these goals and targets are subsequently translated and included in all national development plans and accompanying budgets.
3. Advocate for SDG indicators at global and national levels that are reliable and comparable, measure progress in achieving universal access to family planning and the SRHR agenda. These indicators must be disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts.
4. Urgently press for further commitments to reduce resource consumption and carbon emissions, and support investment in low-carbon forms of development.
5. Amend the UK International Development Act 2002 to mandate the SS to consider the impact of development assistance on population dynamics, and vice versa.
6. Utilise the economic arguments presented in this report to support governments, and finance ministries in particular, to develop appropriate laws,

policies and investments that promote universal access to family planning and the wider SRH agenda.

7. Legislate and develop policies and programmes to prevent and address gender-based violence and invest in long-term planning capabilities with better quality data on population dynamics, contraceptive prevalence and unmet need for family planning.
8. Support and invest in secondary education for girls to promote gender equality and empower women.
9. Champion universal access to health care and remove unnecessary barriers, particularly for young people and migrant workers.
10. Work with conflict, humanitarian, security and climate change groups to promote a holistic approach to sustainable development that ensures universal access to family planning and SRHR.

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

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

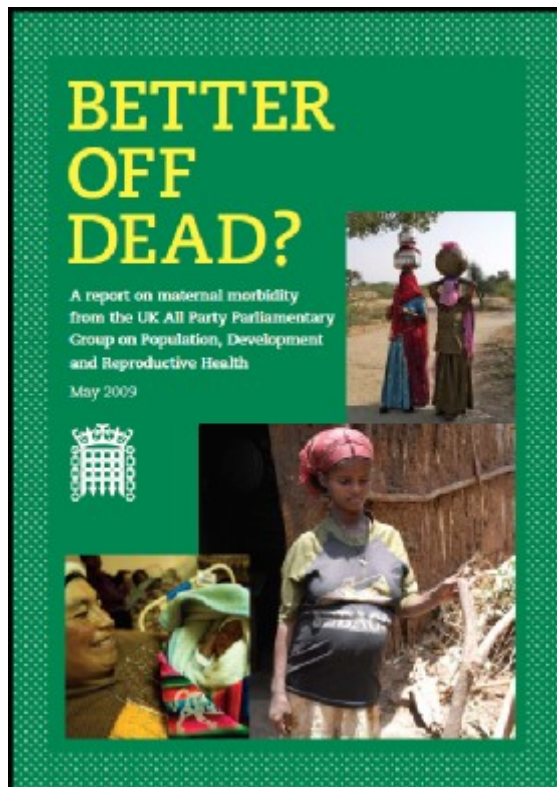


The APPG on PDRH continue to follow up on its child marriage hearing report: “A Childhood Lost”, since its launch in November 2012. The report has been references in numerous UK parliamentary debates and been presented at national and international meetings.

Most importantly this year was the Government Bill on Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing, which became an Act in June 2014. Part 10 of the Act makes forced marriage and the breach of a forced marriage order a criminal offence.

The report has been available and also referenced at regional and global conferences and closer collaboration has been instigated with the UK forced marriage unit.

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



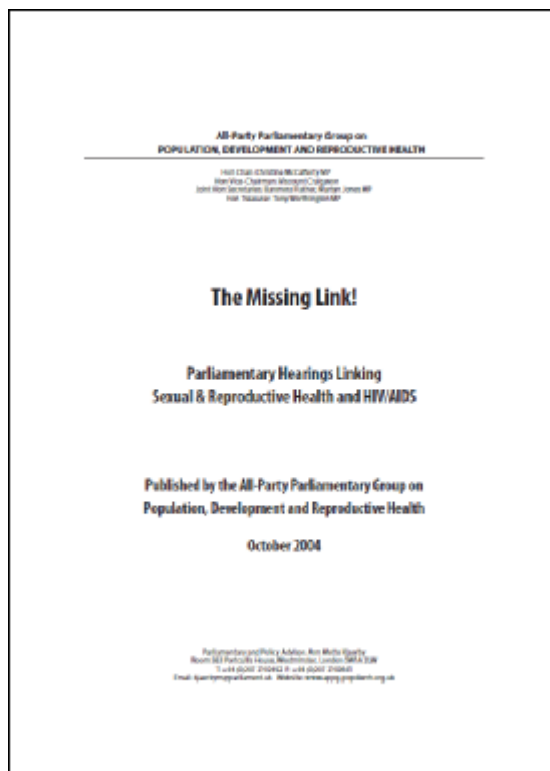
The APPG on PDRH continue to promote and reference its 2009 Maternal Morbidity Hearing Report: ‘Better off Dead?’ in parliamentary debates, press articles, and at national and international conferences. All hard copies have been disseminated, but the report can be downloaded from the APPG on PDRH website here: <http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications.html>

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



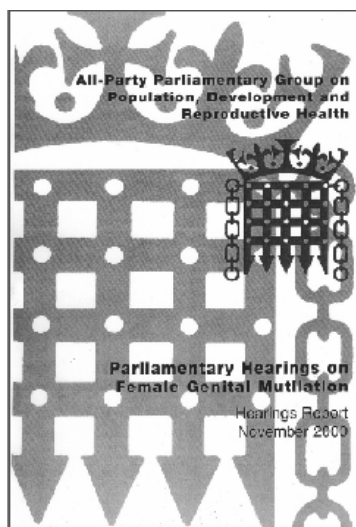
The APPG on PDRH continue to promote and reference the 2007/2009 Hearing Report: 'Return of the Population Growth Factor and its Impact upon the Millennium Development Goals' and 2009 updated summary leaflet.

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



The APPG on PDRH 2004 Hearing Report: 'The Missing Link', has seen little publicity over recent years, as the advantages of linking SRHR and HIV/AIDS, policies, services and programmes, are now commonly accepted and UK policy.

APPG on PDRH Hearing Report: FGM, 2000



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

FGM data is now also collected by key workers to determine the prevalence of FGM and as a means to protect girls. Further information available here:

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/fgm>

In March 2014, the UK Crown Prosecution Service announced its first prosecution of an NHS doctor under the FGM Act 2003, for re-infibulation of a woman after she gave birth in 2012. A second man was also prosecuted for encouraging and aiding the doctor. Both defendants however were acquitted and found not guilty.

Articles on FGM continue to show regularly in many of the UK papers and magazines.

Please find enclosed sample articles as appendix 384

PUBLICATIONS

Activity Reports

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

Hearings/Surveys/Reports

Population Dynamics and the Sustainable Development Goals, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACCOUNTS

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ACCM (UK)	Agency for Culture and Change Management (UK)
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
APEC	Action for Pre-Eclampsia
APPG	All-Party Parliamentary Group
APPG on PDRH	All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health (the Group)
BPAS	British Pregnancy Advisory Service
C	Conservative
DFID	Department for International Development
DoH	Department for Health
EDM	Early Day Motion
EPF	European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
EU	European Union
EuroNGOs	European Non-Governmental Organisations for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FORWARD	Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development
FP2020	Family Planning 2020
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNI	Gross National Income
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HoC	House of Commons
HoL	House of Lords
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ID	International Development
IPCI	International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation
L	Labour
LD	Liberal Democrat
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MEP	Member of European Parliament
MP	Member of Parliament
MSI	Marie Stopes International
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NHS	National Health Service
ODA	Official Development Assistance
PoA	Programme of Action
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
SS	Secretary of State
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCSW	UN Commission on the Status of Women
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WHO	World Health Organization
XB	Cross Bencher

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