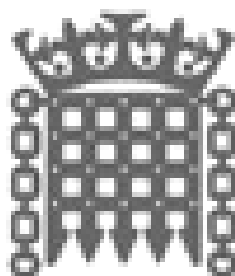


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FOREWORD



As the chair of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health (the Group) and President of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development, I am pleased to report that the Group has had yet another active and successful year.

Thanks to continued pressure from the Group, the UK Government is increasing its political and financial support to family planning and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Of particular importance this year has been the International Conference on Population and Development review process and progress with the post-2015 development framework. The Group has been involved in both processes to shape the global population and development agenda through parliamentary debates, conferences, meetings with Ministers and civil servants and letter writing.

The UK Government's support for a gender goal and a target on universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights within the post-2015 development framework has been explicit in all fora, as has its support for further improving access to abortion services following rape in war zones.

Other highlights this year has been progress in connection with the Group's hearings on child marriage and female genital mutilation. Forced Marriage became a criminal offence in June 2014 and the first UK prosecutions for female genital mutilation were announced by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in March 2014. The UK International Development (Gender Equality) Bill became an Act of Parliament in March 2014 and stipulates that the Secretary of State for International Development has to consider the impact of the UK's Official Development Budget (about £7billion annually) on gender equality.

Five Parliamentarians have joined the Group this year following a study tour to Myanmar and briefing meetings.

In 2014/15 the Group will continue to recruit new members and scrutinise, monitor and hold the UK Government accountable to its political and financial commitments via conferences, meetings, letter writing, parliamentary questions and debates, and media activities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Tonge".

Baroness Jenny Tonge
Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on
Population, Development and Reproductive Health

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

The UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health's (the Group) committee includes Members of Parliament (MP) and Peers from the Conservatives (C), Liberal Democrats (LD), Labour (L) and the Crossbenches (XB). The committee is active in planning and running the Group's business.

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Ann Mette Kjaerby

Parliamentary Researcher and Administrator

Benjamin Hunter

NEW GROUP MEMBERS (APRIL 2013 - MARCH 2014)

The Group continues to engage and recruit new parliamentarians via briefing meetings, report launches, press activities, receptions, conferences and study tours.

Select members whom had spoken on family planning (FP) and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in Parliament this year were contacted for briefing meetings in collaboration with Women and Children First (UK). This included:

Damian Hinds MP, Rehman Christi MP, Zac Goldsmith MP, Fiona O' Donnell MP, Carole Dinenage MP, Stephen O'Brien MP, Seema Malhotra MP, Richard Benyon MP, Laura Sandys MP and Amber Rudd MP.

Communications followed with Carole Dinenage MP, Damien Hinds MP and Stephen O'Brien MP. Stephen O'Brien MP subsequently joined the Group.

In November 2013 letters were sent to Myanmar study tour delegates, inquiring about their interest in becoming active members. John Mann MP, Meg Munn MP and Craig Whittaker MP all agreed to join the Group.

Current members have also sensitised colleagues, which resulted in Baroness Hodgson joining the Group in May 2013.

New Group Members

John Mann MP (L)

John Mann MP was elected as Labour MP for Bassetlaw in June 2001. He has run high profile campaigns on consumer debt, heroin and treatment for addiction. In 2003 he ran a successful campaign to keep Bassetlaw Hospital 'Accident and Emergencies' department open and in 2006 he won the campaign to stop Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust from being merged into a wider county-wide primary care trust. John Mann MP sits on the influential Treasury Committee and previously served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Minister for the Olympics Tessa Jowell MP, and for Richard Caborn MP, then Minister for Sport. He is a former Chairman of Labour Students.

Meg Munn MP (L)

Meg Munn MP was elected in 2001 as Labour MP for Sheffield Heeley constituency. She was Minister for Women and Equality (2005-2007), then Foreign Office Minister until October 2008. Since 2008 she has been Chair of the Kurdish Region in Iraq All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) and has visited the region a number of times, including leading the UK Trade & Investment and Middle East Association trade delegation to the Erbil International Trade Fair

in October 2011. Meg Munn MP has led numerous training/mentoring sessions and is currently engaged in a long-term project supporting development in the Iraqi Parliament. She was Chair of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (2008-2010), and Vice-Chair (2010-2012).

Stephen O'Brien MP (C)

Stephen O'Brien MP was elected as a Conservative MP for Eddisbury in a 1999 by-election. He has held several important roles while an MP including Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (PUSS) for International Development (ID) (2010-2012) and Shadow Minister for Health (2005-2010). Stephen O'Brien MP has held the position of Chairman in APPGs on Malaria, and on Tanzania, and served as Vice-Chairman of the All-Party Aid Trade and Debt Group.

Craig Whittaker (C)

Craig Whittaker MP was elected Conservative MP for Calder Valley at the 2010 General Elections. He serves on the Education Select Committee and has a special interest in enhancing the educational achievements of looked after children and is Chairman of a local charity called TLC (Together for Looked-After Children). He is also the Chairman of the APPG on 'Looked after Children & Care Leavers,' Chairman of the APPG on 'Adoption and Fostering' and Co-Chairman of the APPG on Street Children.

Baroness Hodgson (C)

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger became a Conservative peer in 2013. She is a former President of the Conservative Women's Association and Board Member of the Conservative Party. Baroness Hodgson has campaigned extensively on issues relating to gender equality and women and security, with a specific interest in conflict settings. She has visited Rwanda and took part in the 2008 UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), and is vice-Chair in the UK APPG on Women, Peace and Security.

This year the Group advertised for a new part-time researcher/administrator as Katharine Dow moved to a full-time university research position. The Group received 300 applications and five were short-listed for interview. Benjamin Hunter was successful and joined the Group in January 2014.

GROUP 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 FP in Parliament and internationally;
- To provide parliamentary backing to the Secretary of State for International Development (SS for 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

Group Committee Meetings

The Group held five committee meetings between April 2013 and March 2014:

20th May 2013

15th July 2013

21st October 2013 (Annual General Meeting - AGM - and committee meeting)

2nd December 2013

10th February 2014

Please find agendas and committee meeting minutes enclosed as appendix 1

Group Parliamentary Briefing Meetings

This year, 17 Parliamentary briefing meetings/receptions were co-organised by the Group, where members were briefed on topical population, reproductive and maternal health, FP and international development (ID) issues in support of their parliamentary advocacy.

Joint APPG on International Development briefing meeting: Parliamentarians Ending Poverty – “The Future of International Development: 2015 and Beyond, 24th April, House of Commons (HoC), London

The Group in collaboration with 21 APPGs hosted the above event. Keynote speakers included Justine Greening MP, SS for ID; H.E. Mr Wesley Johnson, Liberian Ambassador to the UK and Sir Richard Jolly, Honorary Professor at the Institute of Development Studies and Former Assistant Secretary General of the UN.

At the meeting Justine Greening MP outlined the UK's vision for the future of international development and the framework required to support it; Mr Johnson discussed the impact of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) in his country and shared his priorities for the future framework; and Sir Richard Jolly gave his perspectives on the lessons learnt during the original UN MDG process.

Several group members attend the event and raised questions on FP and the new MDG Framework.

Please find invitation enclosed as appendix 2

Joint Group, APPG Global Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), Women and Children First (UK) and University College London report launch: Reducing maternal mortality via community groups, 20th May 2013, HoC, London

This reception was organised to launch new LSHTM and Women and Children First (UK) research findings on saving mothers' lives. Findings were presented from Bangladesh, India, Malawi, and Nepal, which all showed that supporting women's groups had significantly reduced maternal deaths.

Several members attended the event and joined in the question and answer session that followed.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 3

International Centre for Research on Women briefing meeting, 5th June 2013, House of Lords (HoL), London

The Group met with Ravi Verma, International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) regional director for the Asia Region and Sarah Degnan Kambou, President of ICRW, for an introduction to the organisations work and its current projects and possible areas for collaboration. The Group's Hearings on child marriage and funding opportunities were also discussed.

ICRW is a global NGO conducting policy and programme research on social and economic issues hindering the advancement of women and girls living in marginalised communities across the globe. The organisation has its headquarters in Washington DC and regional offices in Delhi, India and Nairobi, Kenya and receives funding from the Department for International Development (DFID). In the UK, the organisation works with several other NGOs including Girls Not Brides and the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women. In June 2013 they co-hosted a public discussion on violence against women and girls at the Royal Society with Girls-Not-Brides.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 4

Joint Group, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and LSHTM World Population Day meeting and reception, 10th July 2013, HoL, London

Above events were hosted to bring attention to this year's World Population Day.

An afternoon technical briefing and panel discussion was held under the World Population Day theme: Healthy lives: Young women, rights and pregnancy.

Julia Bunting, Director, Programmes and Technical Division, IPPF moderated the event with the following three speakers: Jane Edmondson, Deputy Director, Policy Division, Human Development Department, DFID; Valerie DeFillipo, Director of Family Planning 2020 Global Partnership on FP2020 and Dr Nonhlanhla Dlamini, National Director for Adolescent Health, Republic of South Africa. Jane Edmondson presented the UK Government's commitment to adolescent girls and Valerie DeFillipo presented progress made since the FP2020 launch one year earlier, whilst Dr Nonhlanhla Dlamini outlined adolescent pregnancies around the world, the geography, the history and the changing future.

A panel and general discussion followed on the themes:

- *Adolescent pregnancies - has the UK finally reversed the rise and what may have contributed? Professor Kaye Wellings, LSHTM;*
- *Why is the UN now focusing more on adolescents? What are the priorities in UNICEF? Susan Kasedde, UNICEF lead for adolescent health;*
- *What have we learned about reaching adolescents with reproductive health services, and what works? Dr Deepmala Mahla, Marie Stopes International (MSI); and*
- *The Lancet has initiated a Commission on Adolescent Health – what difference will this make? Professor David Ross, LSHTM*

The event was attended by government officials, academics, embassy representatives and NGOs.

At the World Population Day evening reception key note speakers included: Lord Ahmad, DFID's spokesperson in the HoL, Peter Piot, Director at LSHTM, and

Tewodros Melesse, Director General at IPPF. Speakers outlined their contribution to adolescents SRHR around the world.



Lord Ahmad, HoL

The reception was attended by embassy representatives, MPs, NGOs and academics. Networking followed the speeches.

Joint media activity was instigated on the day with operational editorials disseminated by the Group, LSHTM and IPPF. Two articles were published in the Huffington Post and IPPF achieved coverage in Euractive.

Please find enclosed invitation to World Population Day events with programme, sample draft speeches, and Group OpEd as appendix 5

Reckitt Benckiser meeting on FP and corporate responsibility, 15th July and 16th December 2013, HoL, London

The Group had on numerous occasions contacted Myriad to set up a meeting between the Group and their corporate responsibility representative to discuss FP, but without success. In July 2013, the Group finally managed to set up a meeting with Dr Cathal Coyle, Reckitt Benckiser Medical Marketing Manager – the person now in charge of marketing Durex.

At the meeting Dr Cathal Coyle presented Reckitt Benckiser marketing strategy in the UK, dissemination networks and UK condom research findings.

He recommended Baroness Tonge meet with Charles Shepherd, Durex Global Professional Relations Manager to discuss international dissemination strategies and corporate responsibility. This meeting took place in December 2013.

At the meeting it became apparent that Reckitt Benckiser works closely with certain country Ministries on the dissemination of medical supplies, however no work had been undertaken with DFID in connection with FP dissemination. Charles Shepherd agreed to contact relevant staff within DFID after the Group initiating discussions.

Please find enclosed communications with Reckitt Benckiser representatives as appendix 6

Joint Group and 'Made in Europe' DFID project report launch, 8th October 2013, HoC, London

The Group met with Saif Ahmad, Chief Executive Officer, and Sarah Javid, Director of Operations, for a briefing meeting on 'Made in Europe' upon their request in June 2013. The NGO outlined their work and its DFID funded project on mobilising Muslim communities and NGOs to support global maternal health in line with MDG5.

The research conducted at the start of the project identified that despite the fact that a large percentage of maternal deaths take place in Muslim-majority countries, the response by UK-based Muslim development NGOs to date had been extremely limited. Only 35% worked on maternal health with almost an exclusive focus on infrastructure and service delivery, while vital issues such as FP, female genital mutilation (FGM) and early marriage were not addressed.

The 'Made in Europe' campaign aimed to address some of the barriers preventing an increase in maternal health programming by Muslim development NGOs, such as a lack of expertise among staff, limited supporter awareness about maternal health and the reputational risk to NGOs of challenging traditional attitudes to maternal health.

It was agreed at the meeting, that the Group would help launch their end of project findings in October 2013 with the title: "At Our Mothers' Feet project: Mobilising Muslim communities to campaign on global maternal health".

According to the organisation this is the first campaign of its kind in the Muslim sector and had achieved some significant progress:

- 12 Muslim NGOs pledged to start or increase work on global maternal health, of which seven have already started to implement new projects;
- One Muslim NGO formed a partnership with the White Ribbon Alliance with whom they are working in Pakistan;
- Over 30 events had taken place with Muslim communities around the UK including khutbhas (sermons) at mosques, workshops and school lessons;
- The project has been endorsed by over 50 high profile religious and community leaders in the UK;
- Over 60 pieces of media coverage have been secured in ethnic/faith-based media; and
- A song had been developed to promote the campaign in partnership with The Sound of Reason - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVGm7sFAAAc>

Please find enclosed communications and invitation to event as appendix 7

Joint Group, APPG on Bangladesh and MSI round table event: The Right to Health: making rights and accountability a reality, 15th October 2013, HoC, London

Above round table event was organised to present and discuss practical solutions for tackling poverty, inequality and addressing the barriers to health care, with a particular focus on reproductive health in Bangladesh, Somaliland, India and the UK. MSI shared lessons from a project, supported by DFID/UK Aid that had transformed access to maternal health in one of the most remote regions of Bangladesh. Health Poverty Action, IPPF and INVOLVE shared case studies from Somaliland, India and the UK illustrating how active public involvement can strengthen health systems and accountability.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme as appendix 8

Joint Group, APPG Global Health and Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Global Health Strategy Launch, 24th October 2013, HoC, London

The Group co-hosted above report launch with Lord Crisp, Chair APPG Global Health and Mr David Richmond, President and Dr Paul Fogarty, Senior Vice President Global Health of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG). Mr David Richmond and Dr Paul Fogarty were key note speakers at the event, introducing participants to the RCOG and its new Health Strategy. A film on RCOG's work in Uganda was also showcased at the event prior to a question and answer session and networking.

Please find enclosed invitation, programme, and front and contents page of report as appendix 9

Joint Group, APPG Global Health and Action for Global Health panel discussion: The Health Worker Crises: an analysis of the issues and main international responses, 28th October 2013, HoL, London

The Group jointly organised above panel discussion with Lynne Featherstone MP, PUSS for ID, as the key respondent.

Sarah Edwards, Head of Policy and Campaigns, Health Poverty Action introduced their 'Health Workers for All project'; Victoria Kimotho, African Medical and Research Foundation presented the scale of the problem and why health workers are so important, with a focus on the health of women and girls; David McCoy, University College London and People's Health Movement, presented the UK's responsibility for tackling the Human Resources for Health crises and what opportunities the 3rd Global Forum could offer; Janet Davies, Royal College of Nursing (RCN) presented the UK perspective – domestic challenges and their potential impact on the global health workforce and Lynne Featherstone MP, PUSS responded to presentations and messages.

The event was chaired by Meg Hillier MP, Vice-chair APPG on Global Health. Baroness Jenny Tonge was invited to make the first intervention on the topic of FP availability and health work force.

Questions from the floor and discussions followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme as appendix 10

Brent Council FGM and Child Marriage meeting, 11th December 2013, HoC, London

The Group met with Ann John, Chair of Brent council task group on FGM and forced marriages along with other council members. Brent Council was in the process of formulating recommendations on FGM and forced marriages and requested the meeting to discuss and share their findings and possible recommendations on FGM. Members were particularly interested to learn what developments had proceeded the Group's Hearing report 'Childhood lost' launch the year previous, as Sandra Kabir, Council Member had attended the launch and disseminated the hearing report to all council members.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 11

Burma study tour round table discussion, 11th December 2013, HoL, London

The Group in collaboration with APPG Burma and MSI organised a round table debriefing meeting to discuss the Myanmar study tour with interested parties and to give feedback to MSI.

Study tour delegates Heather Wheeler MP, Meg Munn MP, John Mann MP, Craig Whittaker MP and Baroness Jenkin attended the meeting along with Baroness Jenny Tonge, Baroness Glenys Kinnock, Mary Hla, Campaigns Officer, Burma campaign and a representative from DFID Select Committee currently involved in its Myanmar inquiry.

Members provided a quick overview and impressions of the study tour.

Mary Hla then proceeded to outline their campaign activities and messaging and a discussion followed regarding UK Aid in Myanmar.

Please find enclosed invitation to round table meeting as appendix 12

Joint Group and APPG Sexual and Reproductive Health meeting with China National Commission of Health and FP delegation, 13th January 2014, HoC, London

Xiaoyu Song, Project Manager of Sino-Bridge International (a subsidiary of a parent company based in Beijing, People's Republic of China, which facilitates exchange visits between the UK and China) contacted the Group, requesting a meeting. This was set up with the 25 Chinese delegates led by Ms Nan Chunmei, the Inspector of Personal Department, National Health and Family Planning Commission of China, to present and discuss parliamentary advocacy and UK policies on population, development and sexual health.

Baroness Jenny Tonge and Baroness Joyce Gould initiated discussions by presenting Group activities and UK sexual health policies and laws with particular reference to adolescents.

A question and answer session followed via an interpreter.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 13

Global Justice Centre meeting, 17th December 2013, HoC, London

The Group met with Zarin Hainsworth, Director Serene Communications Ltd. who worked on Global Justice Centre's UK parliamentary campaign activities on rape in war zones and access to safe abortion services.

Zarin Hainsworth gave an update on latest advocacy activities and informed the Group that the Global Justice Centre will now coordinate UK activities from the USA, but she continues to campaign and work independently for access to safe abortion services in war zones.

Please find communications enclosed as appendix 14

Chatham House briefing meeting on abortion in conflict affected states, 29th January 2014, HoC, London

The Group met with Louise Arimatsu and Hannah Bryce from the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House to discuss access to safe abortion services in conflict zones, with particular reference to access to services and national verses international law.

It became apparent during the briefing meeting that there are different interpretations of the legality of abortion services after rape in war zones.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 15

Maternity Action and Royal College of Midwives (RCM) meeting on UK Immigration Bill and Maternity care, 12th February 2014, HoC, London

The Group met with Sarah LaPham, Maternity Action, and Simon Popay, RCM, to discuss the impact of the new UK Immigration Bill on maternity care of vulnerable migrant women across the UK. The Bill proposed by the UK Government altered for the UK National Health Service (NHS), which included care for pregnant women. Their briefing concluded that current NHS charging arrangements already make it difficult for vulnerable migrant women to obtain essential maternity care, despite them having significantly worse maternal and infant health than the rest of the population. National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidance also acknowledged the poor health outcomes for this group of women and recommend measures are taken to promote early engagement with maternity services.

The additional costs associated with delayed access to antenatal care were outlined at the briefing.

Baroness Cumberlege had agreed to table an amendment in support of free services for pregnant immigrants and Baroness Jenny Tonge supported the amendment.

During committee stage the amendment was unfortunately withdrawn along with similar amendments.

Please find enclosed communications, cost benefit analysis presented and amendment tabled as appendix 16

RCOG and RCM meeting on lower segment caesarean section verses spontaneous vaginal delivery in the UK and abroad, 20th March 2014, HoC, London

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that the caesarean section rate should not be higher than 10 - 15% to ensure the best outcome for mothers and their babies. In the UK however around 25% of babies are now delivered via lower segment caesarean section. In the developing world the caesarean section rate is around 14%.

This briefing session by Professor James Walker, University of Leeds and past Senior Vice-President of the RCOG, Global and Public Health, and Louise Silverton, Director of Midwifery, RCM provided members with information regarding the financial and health costs and benefits between caesarean sections and spontaneous vaginal delivery. Of particular interest at this meeting was also a paper circulated on the intra-partum effects on the neonatal health outcomes including later allergies in connection with lower segment caesarean section.

Please find enclosed invitation, paper circulated and summary notes from meeting as appendix 17

UK SRHR Network briefing meeting: 'Topical FP/SRHR issues', 24th March 2014, HoC, London

The Group met with members of the UK SRHR Networking including: Aoife Nic Charthaigh, Plan UK; Mary Gonza Mosinghi, MIFUMI; Sarah Hyde, Independent Consultant; Anne Quesney, Independent Consultant and Trustee of the Gender and Development Network (GADN); Marianne Haslegrave, Commonwealth Medical Trust, and Alison Marshall, IPPF for an update on topical FP/SRHR issues.

NGO representatives presented summary updates on the CSW held in March 2014; the future UN Commission on Population and Development and its negotiated outcome document and Index report; abortion laws and services globally and an update on the situation in Uganda on homosexuality.

A round table discussion followed presentations elaborating on topics presented.

Please find enclosed invitation, communication and summary notes from meeting as appendix 18

Non Group Briefing Meetings

Group members and staff attended 14 external FP/SRHR briefing meetings this year.

UK SRHR Network meeting: 'Health in the post 2015 Framework', 25th April 2013, Imperial College, London

Members attended above meeting for an update on the UK Government's position on Health in the post 2015 Framework and to discuss parliamentary advocacy and 'SRHR must haves' in the post 2015 MDG Framework.

The agenda was as follows:

- *Review of recent development for Botswana, Monrovia and Bali and the Inequalities consultation;*
- *The UK Government's position by Gillian Mann, DFID lead on the post-2015 Framework;*
- *Discussion: How to influence the UK Government and Ministers;*
- *What UK SRHR Network agree on: Presentation of 'must haves' document;*
- *Discussion: UK SRHR Network advocacy and priorities; and*
- *Broader discussion/intelligence sharing*

Gillian Mann noted that DFID was consulting on health and assessing data and the strengths and weaknesses of different suggested goals. DFID's core principle will be to put equity at the centre of goals, ensuring health systems are recognised as being critical and focussing on outcomes to measure effectively and meaningfully.

Please find enclosed invitation, communications and minutes of meeting as appendix 19

ICRW and partner discussion: ‘Let’s raise our voices: Ending violence against women and girls’, 3rd June 2013, The Royal Society, London

Members attended the above discussion on how to act as a global community to prevent and respond to the silent epidemic of violence against women and girls. The conversation built on the 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in March 2013 and explored an issue of particular interest to the G8 leadership.

Cherie Blair, Cherie Blair Foundation of Women, welcomed delegates and Lynne Featherstone, PUSS for ID, gave the key note speech. Panellists included: Mabel van Oranje, Girls Not Brides; Nata Duvury, National University of Ireland, and Ravi Verma, International Center for Research on Women.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 20

Joint APPG Africa, APPG FGM and the Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa meeting: ‘What can Parliamentarians do?’, 21st May 2013, HoL, London

Group assistant represented the Group at above meeting where Jane Ellison MP, Chair of the APPG on FGM and Dr Jeff Balch, Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa presented current efforts on tackling FGM in the UK and the initiatives that can be taken by UK parliamentarians to end FGM nationally and internationally.

Discussion focussed on greater collaboration between DFID, NGOs, and UK Parliamentarians.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 21

The Royal Society event: What civil society and policy makers can get from science in the post-2015 development agenda, 6th June 2013, the Royal Society, London

Assistant represented the Group at above discussion, which examined what scientists and innovators need to do to ensure that their insights are both usable and used in the post-2015 MDG debate.

The discussion was organised by the Royal Society, the British Council, SciDev.net and the UK Collaborative on Development Sciences. It was chaired by Sir John Beddington, former UK Government Chief Scientific Adviser, and Fellow of the Royal Society and of the UK Collaborative on Development Sciences. Speakers included: Michael Anderson, David Cameron’s Special Envoy on the UN Development Goals; Amina Mohammed, Ban Ki-moon’s Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning; Duncan Green, Senior Strategic Adviser at Oxfam GB; and Dominic Haslam, Steering Committee member for the Bond Beyond 2015 UK Group, and Director of Policy and Strategic Programme Support at Sightsavers.

Questions and answers followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 22

Reproductive Health Matter journal launch: ‘Young people, sex and relationships’, 13th June 2013, London

The Group’s assistant represented the Group at above event. Jo Heslop spoke to the theme of: Moving beyond the “male perpetrator, female victim” discourse for HIV prevention: peer research in Eastern Zambia; Lesley Hoggart presented the experience of side effects from contraceptive implants: a challenge to bodily control among young women; Gitau Mburu presented what rights-based services for adolescents living with HIV in Zambia means and Laura Hurley spoke on young people their journey from education to choice.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 23

APPG Burma meeting with ‘88 Generation’, 25th June 2013, HoC, London

Members attended above event with a senior delegation of Burma’s ‘88 Generation’ as part of their historic visit to the UK. The delegation, many of which were former political prisoners, included some of Burma’s most senior political activists.

Activists provided some background information to their work, their visit and past and current situation in Myanmar. Numerous questions followed from the floor on Burma’s political system, current prisoners in Burma and conflict affected states in the country.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 24

PATH’s Public-Private Partnerships for Innovation in Global Product Development’ meeting, 27th June 2013, Royal College of Physicians, London

Group assistant represented the Group at above event with a discussion of public-private partnerships for innovation in global health research and development.

Discussions included:

- *How government policies and investments can help facilitate public-private partnerships for global health product development and introduction;*
- *What is needed to encourage sustainable industry investment in developing products for use in resource-poor settings; and*
- *The unique role that non-profit product development organisations play in leveraging the expertise and resources of the public and private sectors.*

This interactive forum included panellists from industry, UK Aid, and non-profit product development organisations. Presentations and discussions generated ideas on how to leverage limited resources—financial, technical, and structural—to maximise impact.

Please find enclosed invitation and communications as appendix 25

UNFPA State of the World Population Report 2013: 'Motherhood in Childhood: Facing the challenge of adolescent pregnancy', 30th October 2013, the Royal Society, London

Members and the Group's advisor attended the UN Population Fund's (UNFPA) State of the World Population press report launch with Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, as the key note presenter. The report painted a vivid portrait of adolescent pregnancy globally by detailing its impact on girls' health, education, the stability of their families, and the economy. Further, the report illustrated how governments and communities are working to prevent adolescent pregnancy, citing compelling case studies and examples. The event was well attended and received good press coverage.

A copy of the report was sent to all members with Dr Babatunde Osotimehin's speech and a press release.

Please find enclosed invitation, press release, report front and contents page as appendix 26

Jane Ellison MP, RCOG, RCM, RCN FGM reception, 4th November 2013, HoC, London

Members attended above reception where the inter-collegiate recommendations for identifying, recording and reporting FGM were launched.

Top inter-collegiate recommendations for tackling FGM in the UK were:

- *Treat it as Child Abuse: FGM is a severe form of violence against women and girls. It is child abuse and must be integrated into all UK child safeguarding procedures in a systematic way;*
- *Document and collect information: The NHS should document and collect information on FGM and its associated complications in a consistent and rigorous way;*
- *Share that information systematically: The NHS should develop protocols for sharing information about girls at risk of – or girls who have already undergone – FGM with other health and social care agencies, the Department for Education and the police;*
- *Empower frontline professionals: Develop the competence, knowledge and awareness of frontline health professionals to ensure prevention and protection of girls at risk of FGM. Also ensure that health professionals know how to provide quality care for girls and women who suffer complications of FGM;*
- *Identify girls at risk and refer them as part of child safeguarding obligation: Health professionals should identify girls at risk of FGM as early as possible. All suspected cases should be referred as part of existing child safeguarding obligations. Sustained information and support should be given to families to protect girls at risk;*
- *Report cases of FGM: All girls and women presenting with FGM within the NHS must be considered as potential victims of crime, and should be referred to the police and support services;*
- *Hold frontline professionals accountable: The NHS and local authorities should systematically measure the performance of frontline health professionals against agreed standards for addressing FGM and publish outcomes to monitor the progress of implementing these recommendations;*
- *Empower and support affected girls and young women (both those at risk and survivors): This should be a priority public health consideration; health and education professionals should work together to integrate FGM into prevention messages (especially those focused on avoiding harm, e.g. National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) 'Pants' Campaign, Personal, Social and Health Education, extracurricular activities for young people); and*
- *Implement awareness campaign: The government should implement a national public health and legal awareness publicity campaign on FGM, similar to previous domestic abuse and HIV campaigns.*

Please find enclosed invitation with front and contents pages of report as appendix 27

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) UK Lecture: 'Global Influence and the National Interest - Security, Stability and Development Assistance', 20th November 2013, HoC, London

Members attended the above lecture with the following panel speakers: Andrew Mitchell MP, Previous SS for ID; Rory Stewart MP; Colonel Matthew Jackson, Ministry of Defence and Joanne Wheeler, Institute of Development studies.

Questions and discussions followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 28

Global Justice Centre briefing meeting on Rape in war zones and abortion services, 27th November 2013, HoC, London

Members attended the above panel discussion hosted by Alistair Burt MP. Members were briefed on the work of Government and civil society relating to abortion services in war zones.

Speakers included: Zarin Hainsworth, Global Justice Center (GJC); Amanda Pinto QC Five Paper Buildings Chambers; Becky Cary National Alliance of Women's Organisations Youth Caucus; Iqan Fadaei, National Alliance of Women's Organisations Youth Caucus; Toby Cadman Partner, Omnia Strategy LLP.

Questions and discussions followed presentations.

Please find enclosed invitation as appendix 29

Gender and Development Network and DFID meeting: 'Why is violence against women and girls so deeply ingrained and how can we prevent it?', 10th December 2013, DFID, London

Members attended the above event with Lynne Featherstone MP, PUSS for ID as the key note speaker. Other speakers included: Princess Mabel Oranje, Advisory Committee Chair, Girls Not Brides; Naana Otoo-Oyortey, Executive Director, Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development (FORWARD) and James Lang, Partner Prevention.

Above event was organised as part of the 16 days of activism against gender violence. The event explored the causes, consequences and ways to address different forms of violence against women and girls, including understanding social norms and how to affect change in practices and behaviours.

The GADN launched their new report: 'Harmful traditional practices: Your questions, our answers' which brought together the expertise of GADN member organisations on child marriage and FGM, including approaches for successfully addressing these practices'.

Partners for Prevention, a UN regional programme for Asia and the Pacific presented their research report: 'Why do some men use violence and how can we prevent it?' These were quantitative findings from the UN Multi-country study on men and violence in Asia and Pacific. The report synthesised data collected from over 10,000 men across the region and pointed to critical changes needed to prevent men's use of violence in the future.

Please find invitation enclosed as appendix 30

APPG Global Health annual dinner, 20th January 2014, HoL, London

Several Group members attended above dinner. Lord Kakkar, newly appointed UK Business Ambassador for Healthcare, chaired the conversation on how to further enhance the UK's growing role in global health and what contributions British organisations are making to overseas development in health.

Please find enclosed invitation, agenda and participant list as appendix 31

APPG on Women, Peace and Security Gender event: 'Gender and Peace-building: Is it having an impact? Findings from two recent research projects', 24th March 2014, HoC, London

The Group's assistant represented the Group at above meeting where Lynne Featherstone MP, PUSS for ID, made the opening statement by outlining relevant activities by DFID and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) on gender and peace-building. Dr Henri Myrstinene, International Alert, presented their three year research project in Burundi, Colombia, Nepal and Uganda. Hannah White, SaferWorld, then presented the case that masculinity drive conflict and insecurity.

A question and answer session followed chaired by Baroness Hodgson.

Please find enclosed invitation and summary notes from meeting as appendix 32

European Meetings

European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)

Collaboration between the Group and EPF (and its other member organisations), as well as other regional parliamentary networks, continues to be strong. Parliamentary advocacy activities have been shared on-line, discussed over the phone and at meetings.

Of particular interest this year has been the collaboration around the G8 Parliamentary conference co-hosted in May 2013 in London, which saw 57 parliamentarians from 34 countries around the world agree upon a powerful message to the policymakers who are planning the future framework for International Development (please see Conference section for further information).

At the EPF's executive meeting in May 2013 Baroness Jenny Tonge was elected President. She attended its council meeting in Brussels in October 2013 and has since then spoken at numerous meetings and conferences in Europe, Asia and Africa (please see Conference section for further information).

Numerous EPF campaign letters and briefings have been shared and sent this year to UK Council of Europe members and Members of the European Parliament (MEP). In April 2013 briefings were circulated to UK Council of Europe MPs regarding Mr Volonte's Council of Europe drafted resolution: 'Violence against religious communities'. This resulted in over 24 progressive amendments being presented and the heavily improved report was adopted by a large majority of the Council of Europe Assembly.

Please find enclosed communications regarding Council of Europe draft resolution Violence against religious communities as appendix 33

Campaign letters have been sent in support of three other Council of Europe resolutions, which were presented this year on SRHR: Resolution 1945 (2013):

‘Putting an end to coerced sterilisations and castrations’; resolution 1948 (2013): ‘Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity’ and “Stepping up action against global inequalities: ‘The World Beyond 2015 - Europe’s contribution to the MDGs process’”. The first two reports have been adopted.

In the beginning of 2014 campaign letters were disseminated to supportive MPs in 36 parliaments across Europe urging them to support the signature and ratification of the Council of Europe’s Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. Three years after its opening for signature in Istanbul, the Convention is entered into force on 1st August 2014. To date, 14 member states of the Council of Europe have ratified this new human rights treaty and another 22 states have signed it.

A campaign letter with EPF support was sent to the El Salvador President in May 2013 regarding Beatriz (a pseudonym) who was in need of a life-saving therapeutic abortion. An abortion was finally granted due to global pressure and a court decision on 30th May 2013.

In June 2013 a campaign letter was sent to the Macedonian Ambassador in London on the Macedonian newly drafted law restricting termination of pregnancy in country.

In October 2013 a briefing was sent to UK MEPs in support of the European Parliamentary report: ‘Gendercide – the missing women?’ authored by Cypriote MEP Antigoni Papadopoulou and in November 2013 several campaign letters and briefings were circulated to all UK MEPs regarding the European Parliament Estrela Report on SRHR, which represented a balanced approach to all dimensions of the right to SRHR of women and men. A letter was also sent to William Hague MP, SS for Foreign Affairs requesting his support.

The Estrela report unfortunately received an alternative resolution that was voted prior to the actual Report, which was adopted by 334:327 votes, thus replaced the Estrela Report as the European Parliament’s approach to SRHR.

Please find enclosed selection of communications as appendix 34

EPF published an APPG guideline book this year, with input from the Group.

Please find enclosed communications regarding the guidebook as appendix 35

Information has been shared with EPF on UK MPs support for SRHR and the Group took part in a UNFPA EPF evaluation in November 2013 via a telephone interview.

Please find enclosed communications regarding UK MP support for SRHR and UNFPA evaluation as appendix 36

In September 2013 the Group alongside many other European APPGs on Population and Development signed the Nice Girl Declaration, a call to embed adolescent girls in the post-2015 MDG agenda.

Please find enclosed declaration as appendix 37

In January 2014 the Group signed a petition by Mikael Gustafsson MEP (Chair of the Women's Rights Committee) in the European Parliament relating to the Spanish draft law restricting abortion.

Please find enclosed petition as appendix 38

Collaborative press activities also continue. Several operational editorials and press releases were disseminated by Baroness Jenny Tonge as the Chair of the UK Group and President of EPF, which achieved numerous press coverage (please see Press section for further information).

Relevant UK parliamentary questions and activities have also been shared with EPF for inclusion in their newsletter and to share with other European APPGs. For example the written Parliamentary questions tabled in connection with the April 2014 commission on population and development as follows:

Asked by Baroness Tonge: *To ask Her Majesty's Government (HMG) whether their delegation at the UN CPD in New York in April will raise the case for (1) a full package of sexual and reproductive health rights, and (2) an expanded ICPD PoA, to be included in the post-2015 development agenda*

Baroness Northover: *The UK welcomes the anniversary of the landmark ICPD in 1994, and the UN CPD in April as part of this, as a time to celebrate the significant achievements of implementation of the ICPD PoA. However, we recognise that it is also an important moment to reflect upon the gaps in implementation of the programme of action and emerging issues, as highlighted by the recent Global Review report, which need to be reflected in ongoing discussions on the post-2015 development framework.*

Asked by Baroness Tonge: *To ask Her Majesty's Government which Government officials will attend the April session of the UN CPD in New York.*

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to include parliamentarians from the APPG on PD&RH or expert non-governmental organisations in the delegation attending the April session of the UN CPD.

Baroness Northover: *Officials from the AIDS and Reproductive Health team in the DFID will attend the 47th CPD. We welcome close cooperation with civil society and are exploring the possibility of including a non-governmental representative as part of the UK delegation.*

EPF conference for European APPG Secretariats, 5th – 6th December 2013, Budapest, Hungary.

The Group's advisor attended the annual parliamentary secretariat retreat organised by EPF in Budapest, Hungary, 5th – 6th December. The objective of the gathering was to reflect on the year's activities and to look ahead to population and development advocacy in Europe for the coming year.

Participants discussed common challenges and new ideas for infusing parliamentary advocacy with increased strategic focus with the aim of greater impact. One of the principal challenges discussed was the emergence of an increasingly organised anti-choice movement in Europe. Also high on the agenda was the regional and global advocacy around population issues in the run-up to the post-2015 MDG Framework and the 20-year review of the ICPD PoA by the UN General Assembly.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme as appendix 39

European Non-Governmental Organisations for SRHR

Collaboration between European SRHR NGOs and the Group 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 keep the Group secretariat updated on new and relevant campaigns.

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

EuroNGOs circulated numerous reports and consultations on the new MDG Framework and SDG this year, with request for input. The Group provided input to the EuroNGO's SDSN indicator report in March 2014.

Please find enclosed report with comments as appendix 40

IPPF European Network conference on ICPD Beyond 2014 – From promises to Action, CSOs Defining the Way forward, 2nd- 4th July 2013, Geneva, Switzerland

The Group's advisor attended the above conference, where IPPF European Network was tasked as the convener of Civil Society in the region to provide space for dialogue and action following the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regional Conference that took place in Geneva immediately prior to the above conference, to review the status of implementation of the ICPD PoA.

The meeting provided space for dialogue and action for the civil society on how to advance the ICPD PoA and related issues in the region following the review, and defined strategies to address these challenges and priorities in the upcoming global discussions, such as the ICPD Beyond 2014 and post 2015 MDG negotiations.

The meeting saw 70 participants from NGOs including those working on human rights, HIV/AIDS, sex workers, youth issues and SRHR. These included national and regional level organisations to broaden the level of support and harness advocacy power within the region.

The meeting worked towards ensuring that the outcomes of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Conference be translated into action and progress for the region and that pressure maintained at a national, regional and global level, so that the voice of the region would be heard.

Please find enclosed invitation and programme as appendix 41

EuroNGOs workshop on the UN Commission on Population and Development, 23rd October 2013, Berlin, Germany

The Group's advisor attended the Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW) and Rutgers World Population Foundation (WPF) EuroNGOs workshop on the UN Commission on Population and Development (CPD) 2014 for civil society organisations.

The meeting created a space for 76 EuroNGOs members and partners from 27 countries around the world, representing 53 SRHR advocacy organisations, to forge a strong civil society voice at CPD47. More specifically, it was an opportunity to exchange and analyse information on the ICPD Operational Review, the format, dynamics and relevance of CPD47, and European Union (EU) specific dynamics on ICPD related issues and negotiation process; to build and strengthen skills through an interactive 'simulation' session of a UN negotiation at CPD, focusing in particular on SRHR language issues; to discuss the building blocks of a coordinated civil society organisations advocacy strategy for CPD 2014, looking at eight key areas.

Full info can be found here:

<http://www.eurongos.org/Default.aspx?ID=31296#sthash.6rB9X4Nc.dpuf>

EuroNGOs AGM: ICPD 2014 and CPD, 24th October 2013, Berlin, Germany

The Group's advisor attended the EuroNGOs AGM 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.

This year's conference was titled 'ICPD 2014 and CPD', and brought together representatives from 75 of the world's leading SRHR organisations. The conference was firmly fixed on advancing SRHR in the post-2015 MDG agenda.

Almost a month after the 68th UN General Assembly's MDG Special Event, where member states came together to agree on a roadmap for a post-2015 agenda, the conference titled, "Next Steps: SRHR on the Post-2015 Agenda", called for a forward-looking development framework that would promote SRHR, gender equality, and the empowerment of women, adolescents, and youth.

The conference drew a host of international speakers including Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, and representatives from major European donor countries such as Lambert Grijns, Ambassador for SRHR and HIV & AIDS of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands, and Carsten Staur, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN in Geneva.

All speakers emphasised the need for a clear way forward and recognised the fulfilment of SRHR as key towards achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls living in the world's poorest countries.

Full report of meeting can be found here:

http://www.eurongos.org/Files/HTML/EuroNGOs/AGM/AGM%202013/EuroNGOs_2013%20Conference%20Report.pdf

Please find enclosed EuroNGO AGM programme as appendix 42

As a follow up to the EuroNGO AGM Baroness Tonge tabled below written Parliamentary questions:

*Asked by **Baroness Tonge**: To ask HMG what steps they intend to take to ensure that the UN CPD will inform the new millennium development framework.*

To ask HMG who will represent them at the 2014 Session of the UN CPD.

To ask HMG whether the 2014 Session of the UN CPD result in a negotiated outcome document; and, if so, what are their priority areas to be included in such a document

To ask HMG whether they intend to invite parliamentarians to join the UK delegation to the UN CPD in 2014.

Baroness Northover: The UK Government regards the twentieth anniversary of the landmark Cairo Consensus in 1994 as an opportunity to progress the ICPD PoA.

The UK will work hard to ensure that sexual and reproductive health and rights are reflected in the post-2015 development agenda, and has called for a standalone post-2015 goal on girls and women, and ICPD+20 is an important milestone in this regard. We therefore consider a progressive outcome, reflecting new evidence and developments in sexual and reproductive health and rights, to be the priority from the ICPD+20 process. We will be working closely with both Government and civil society partners to achieve this aim.

A decision on whether there will be a negotiated outcome is yet to be taken by the Bureau of the CPD. The composition of the UK delegation will be agreed, with DFID as the leading Department, following this decision.

Study Tour

Myanmar study tour, 17th – 25th July 2013



Craig Whittaker MP, Baroness Jenkin, Meg Munn MP, Heather Wheeler MP and John Mann MP at Myanmar Pagoda, Yangon

From 17th - 25th July 2013 the Group organised a study tour to Myanmar for a cross party UK delegation which included Meg Munn MP, John Mann MP, Heather Wheeler MP, Craig Whittaker MP and Baroness Jenkin.

The study tour was hosted by MSI with the aim of introducing UK Members of Parliament to SRHR/FP and International Development in the context of a fragile state. The study tour was intended to deepen understanding of core issues, strengthening MPs' knowledge and enhancing the membership of the UK APPG on PDRH.

Parliamentarians were briefed by representatives from the UK Embassy and DFID in Myanmar; the Deputy Minister of Health and officials, Myanmar Health Committee members, Government Hospital Directors and staff; health post workers; UN and NGO representatives, UNFPA, UN Office of Project Services (UNOPS), MSI, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association – IPPF affiliate, representatives from the Myanmar Nurse and Midwifery Association; community leaders and volunteers; sex workers and trainers, public and private physicians as well as clients and Myanmar populations and communities in and around Yangon, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Bagan.

The UK MP delegation visited the Government's largest women's hospital in Yangon in addition to government urban and rural hospitals and health centres, MSI semi-urban clinics, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association central and semi-rural maternity homes, Myanmar Nurse and Midwifery Association head-office and primary health centres and practices.

MPs were exposed to an array of FP and maternal health care services, including ante-natal, intra-partum and post-partum care, un-safe abortion and its consequences, emergency obstetric care, reproductive cancers, gender based violence, HIV/AIDS and minority groups' needs, as well as health system strengthening together with broader International Development issues.

Additional topics included DFID's Official Development Assistance priorities and initiatives undertaken in a fragile state to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.

Also covered were the political, economic, cultural and social challenges facing Myanmar as the country works towards strengthening its health system.

Participants felt that the study tour was informative, educational and successful, stimulating plans to engage in SRHR/FP Parliamentary Advocacy to further the ICPD PoA and the MDGs.

Please find enclosed study tour programme as appendix 43

Various meetings and activities followed the study tour, including a meeting between Lord Darzi, Baroness Jenny Tonge, MSI and members of the Myanmar Health Select Committee in September 2013 in London. Lord Darzi had been introducing the Myanmar Health Select Committee delegation to the UK tertiary NHS hospital care and agreed to host this meeting to discuss UK primary maternal health care.

In December 2013 the Group hosted a debriefing meeting between the UK MP study tour delegation, APPG Burma and other interested stakeholders (please see Group parliamentary briefing meeting section for further information).

Numerous written Parliamentary questions were tabled in both Houses following the study tour as follows:

John Mann MP: *To ask the SS for ID if she will promote the rational use of antibiotics in obstetrics in Burma's health system.*

Mr Duncan: *DFID programmes, including in Burma, follow international guidelines for antibiotic use. Guidelines for antibiotic use in maternal health services follow international best practice.*

Meg Munn MP: *To ask the Secretary of State for International Development what support she is providing to Burma to ensure that family planning and reproductive health services are being offered to all communities.*

Mr Duncan: *The UK supports the Three MDG Trust Fund in Burma and has allocated £80 million over four financial years (2012 to 2016) in support of the fund. 70% of this is allocated to support access to essential health services for maternal and child health as well as sexual and reproductive health rights and family planning. The fund operates across the whole country, with a particular focus on seven vulnerable states and divisions.*

Meg Munn MP: *To ask the SS for ID what support she is providing to Burma to develop its health system.*

Mr Duncan: The UK supports the Three MDG Fund—the major health trust fund in Burma. So far the UK has allocated £80 million over four financial years (2012 to 2016) in support of the fund. One of its objectives is to help the Burmese Ministry of Health provide more equitable, affordable and quality health services to the most vulnerable populations within Burma.

John Mann MP: To ask the SD for ID if she will take steps to ensure the dissemination and training of health personnel in essential medicine treatment guidelines and supervision in projects supported by her Department.

Mr Duncan: The WHO advises national governments on essential drug lists in the countries in which DFID works. In addition it provides support for the development of guidelines on the use of essential medicines and generic drugs. DFID emphasises the importance of the appropriate use of medicines, and management of prescribing practice in its policy dialogue with Ministries of Health.

Heather Wheeler MP: To ask the SS for ID (1) what proportion of her Department's Burma budget will be allocated to (a) sexual and reproductive health and rights and (b) family planning services; (2) how she plans to support the Burmese Government in its future provision of (a) family planning, (b) SRHR, (c) maternal health and (d) other health services in that country.

Mr Duncan: On current projections, we estimate that nearly a quarter of the bilateral allocation for DFID's work in Burma between 2011 and 2015 will support access to essential health services for maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and family planning. This is based on our work through the 3 millennium development goal (3MDG) fund, to which the UK has allocated up to £80 million. The 3MDG fund also supports the national response to TB and malaria in Burma and works to strengthen important systems for the delivery of health services. The UK also supports a regional project to help prevent maternal death from unwanted pregnancy, which is active in 14 countries, including Burma.

Craig Whittaker MP: To ask the SS for ID what the principal anticipated health implications are of the findings of Burma's new census.

Mr Duncan: Improved census data and its analysis can help support more effective financing, planning, human resourcing, and infrastructure for social sectors, such as the health sector. It will enable accurate calculation of important indicators, such as maternal mortality. This information can help more effective planning of aid programmes.

Craig Whittaker MP: To ask the SS for ID what plans her Department has to make the contribution of UKAid more visible in Burma.

Mr Duncan: We ensure that all implementing partners are aware of our requirements to use the UKaid logo on programme communications, including letters, documents, websites, project signs, and at workshops. We will continue to issue press releases on high level visits and when launching major programmes, and to use the British embassy's internet communications channels to highlight our work.

Craig Whittaker MP: To ask the SS for ID how her Department measures the effectiveness of UK ODA for health in Burma.

Mr Duncan: All DFID projects are formally reviewed each year and on completion. Our funding for 3MDG, the main multi-donor trust fund for health in Burma, includes an independent evaluation of effectiveness UK development programmes are also independently scrutinised by the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI). ICAI recently gave DFID's health programmes in Burma an overall green (positive) rating.

Craig Whittaker MP: To ask the SS for ID what policy objectives her Department aims to achieve by supporting Myanmar's forthcoming census.

Mr Duncan: A census is an essential tool that enables effective government. DFID judges it sensible to support Burma's census including to advise on the content of the questions. This will help ensure it provides the most accurate and useful data possible to inform development policy.

Baroness Jenkin: To ask HMG whether the government of Burma agreed to support the United Kingdom initiative on sexual violence in conflict when requested to do so by Hugo Swire, the United

Kingdom Minister of State with responsibility for Burma, during his visit to that country in December 2012.

Baroness Warsi: During his visit in December 2012 to Burma, the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, my right hon. Friend the Member for East Devon (Mr Swire), called for action to tackle sexual violence. President Thein Sein welcomed the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (PSVI) during his visit to London in July. Mr Swire pressed the Burmese Foreign Minister for his government to endorse the PSVI Declaration at the UN General Assembly in September. We will continue lobbying to strengthen accountability systems and eliminate impunity for rape in Burma.

At its outset, the Initiative identified countries, in consultation with the UN and other partners, for initial deployments. Over recent months the Initiative has extended to a number of other countries—including Burma. Our Embassy in Rangoon is looking to incorporate PSVI activities in to new and existing work—for example, funding a new project to improve access to justice for victims, develop community-based preventive mechanisms and promote wider legal and policy reforms.

Baroness Jenkin: To ask HMG what steps they will take to encourage Burma's involvement in Family Planning 2020.

Baroness Northover: The UK Government will continue to support Burma's efforts in engaging with Family Planning 2020, including through dialogue with the relevant ministry.

Baroness Jenkin: To ask HMG whether they intend to take steps to assist Burma in improving the quality of its maternity services.

Baroness Northover: The UK has allocated £80 million over four financial years (2012 to 2016) in support of the Three Millennium Development Goal Trust Fund in Burma. This fund supports access to essential health services for maternal and child health and family planning.

The study tour report was submitted as written evidence to the DFID Select Committee inquiry into Myanmar in September 2013.

General Written Briefings

91 written briefings were disseminated to members this year. The majority of briefings were sent to update members on new UK and international SRHR/FP policies, funding, research or programme activities. Some briefings were sent in response to specific requests or response to HoC or HoL debates and Parliamentary questions.

Below is the full list of briefings sent to members.

8th April 2013: Select members received GJC briefing on abortion and rape in war zones.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 44

9th April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received EPF briefing on ICPD Europe review and tabled written HoL Parliamentary questions as a follow up to the briefing.

Please find enclosed PQ tabled as appendix 45

22nd April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefing on FGM in support of an oral Parliamentary question in the HoL.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 46

26th April: Committee members received SRHR/FP extractions from DFID Select committee post- 2015 MDG report and the UK Governments' response published April 2013.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 47

29th April: Baroness Jenny Tonge received Merlin briefing on rape in war zones – which confirmed that they work according to national laws.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 48

31st May: All members received DFID Select Committee report on Global Food Security with extractions of references to population and FP.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 49

10th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefing in connection with Lord Empey's short debate on diversion of money from aid budget to defence.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 50

12th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received statistics on Global and European Muslim population following 'Made in Europe' briefing meeting. The Global Muslim population is 23% and Europe Muslim population is 6%.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 51

12th June: Select member received a briefing on the US victory on the morning-after pills to be sold to women of all ages over the counter.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 52

13th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on the new research finding on India and cervical cancer detected via simple vinegar test.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 53

13th June: All members received an article and information on DFID Select Committee's report: 'Violence against Women and Girls.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 54

18th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article by Ann Furedi: 'Putting choice back into the pro-choice movement.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 55

19th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on Myanmar Ministers backing the Rohingya two-child limit.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 56

26th June: Select members received briefings for Lord Loomba's HoL debate on the challenges faced by women across the globe, particularly those in developing countries

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 57

27th June: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the article: 'UN reminds Islamists that women's rights bring economic benefit.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 58

28th June: All members received the article: 'UK backing three-person IVF' [In Vitro Fertilisation].

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 59

11th July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on the new China law and Myanmar human rights studies.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 60

17th July: Richard Ottaway MP received follow up Parliamentary questions to his oral question on population in North and West Africa.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 61

25th July: Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article on Coca Cola and oral rehydration solution.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 62

12th August: All members received a summary of DFID's Select Committee multilateral aid review.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 63

12th August: All members received information on the new Irish abortion Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 64

21st August: Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article on the new Indonesian Law on the recruitment of medical students from rural areas.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 65

29th August: Committee members received a press release on MSI's newly appointed Chief Executive.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 66

4th September: All members received the Guardian article: 'Justine Greening's first year: how has the development secretary fared.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 67

5th September: Select members received the Ecologist article on the G8 Parliamentary Conference.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 68

6th September: Select members received the Telegraph article: 'Abortion laws left 'meaningless' as doctors put 'above the law'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 69

10th September: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information on Myanmar's low total fertility rate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 70

13th September: All members received the Telegraph article: 'UK Government dropping 'sexual health' from national curriculum 'fails our young people'.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 71

2nd October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received the 'War on Want' article on DFID budget promoting the interests of multinational food companies in Africa with potential devastating effects on small-scale farmers and rural communities.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 72

2nd October: All members received the press release on the September UN MDG review.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 73

4th October: Richard Ottaway MP received follow up oral Parliamentary questions on the 25th September UN MDG meeting.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 74

8th October: All members received IPPF and the Guardian event invitation: 'Girls decide – empowering women and girls.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 75

9th October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article stating Nadine Dorries MP wishes to be Deputy Speaker.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 76

14th October: All HoL members received briefings in support of HoL debate and Parliamentary questions on the post 2015 MDG Framework.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 77

15th October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received 'Made in Europe' statistics on maternal mortality in Muslim majority countries in 2008: Morocco, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Djibouti and Afghanistan.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 78

16th October: All members received the Guardian article: 'Attenborough: poorer countries are just as concerned about the environment.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 79

17th October: All members received the Guardian article: 'UK women having babies later than ever before.'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 80

21st October: Baroness Jenny Tonge received some facts and figures for HoL MDG debate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 81

26th October: Members received Population Sustainability Network (PSN) briefing in support of HoL Parliamentary question/debate 22nd- 23rd October.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 82

28th October: Select members received Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) FGM Action Plan from the roundtable meeting held 5th September 2013.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 83

30th October: All members received invitation to Medact conference on 9th November 2013: Economics, Politics, Ecology, Violence - the wider role of health professionals in Global Health.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 84

1st November: All members received information and link to UNFPA 2013 State of the World Population report: 'Motherhood in Childhood – facing the challenge of adolescent pregnancy'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 85

4th November: Baroness Jenny Tonge received figures on total fertility rate and maternal mortality ratio for HoL Palestine debate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 86

6th November: Select members received information on 'The Nodding Syndrome' from WHO.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 87

6th November: Select members received information and photo of Mr Cooke, MSI's new Chief Executive.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 88

6th November: Baroness Jenny Tonge received population/fertility/maternal mortality ratio facts/figures for HoL debate 7th November.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 89

12th November: All HoL members received several briefings on forced marriage prior to Baroness Jenny Tonge's amendment on forced marriage and HoL debate on 13th November.

Please find enclosed sample briefing as appendix 90

13th November: Select members received statistics on girls married at the age of 16 and 17 in the UK.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 91

18th November: Craig Whittaker MP received Africa children wellbeing report.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 92

18th November: All members received the invitation to the CPA new MDG Framework London conference.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 93

22nd November: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on age of marriage in Europe.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 94

26th November: All members received 2013 Euromapping report on ODA.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 95

28th November: Select members received the press article: 'Jeremy Hunt calls for guidance on sex-selective abortion'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 96

4th December: Damien Hinds MP received briefings on FP and cost effectiveness and economic growth as discussed and promised at briefing meeting some days prior.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 97

10th December: All members received the invitation to DFID and GADN event on child marriage and FGM: 'Why is violence against women and girls so deeply ingrained and how can we prevent it?'

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 98

10th December: Damien Hinds MP received information on ODA as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 99

16th December: Baroness Jenny Tonge received FORWARD information on FGM and male circumcision.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 100

10th January: Committee members received the Guardian article: 'Ethiopia's model families hailed as agents of social transformation'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 101

10th January: All member received information on DFID's new shadow International Development team.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 102

14th January: Craig Whittaker MP received written briefing on counselling and abortion in the UK.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 103A

14th January: Lord Joel Joffe received briefing in support of Baroness Jenny Tonge's amendment on child marriage.

Please find enclosed communications regarding briefing as appendix 103B

17th January: All members received information on the UK development Bill to tackle gender inequality to be debated in HoC.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 104

22nd January: Virendra Sharma MP and Sandra Osborne MP received briefings in support of 23rd January 2014 Westminster debate: 'Violence against women and girls'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 105

23rd January: All members received invitation to the CPA study tour to Pakistan.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 106

23rd January: Baroness Jenny Tonge received briefing on Personal, Social and Health, Education and Economics (PSHE).

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 107

23rd January: All members received Bill Gates annual letter making reference to FP and population.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 108

23rd January: Select members received UNFPA briefing in support of 23rd January Westminster Hall: 'Violence against women and girls'.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 109

24th January: Select members received GJC briefing on rape in war zones and access to abortion services.

Please find enclosed briefing enclosed as appendix 110

10th February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received FGM briefing for HoL FGM debate on 12th February.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 112

24th February: Baroness Jenny Tonge received population and conflict briefing for HoL debate: 'Progress made on the development of the UK National Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 113

24th February: All members received information on the new DFID shadow team.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 114

27th February: All members received the article: 'the rise in new mums over 40: Number of older women giving birth overtakes under- 18s for the first time'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 115

27th February: All members received the article: 'MEPs vote to criminalise buying sex'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 116

28th February: All members received information on the Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute campaign to keep abortion out of UN development goals – it made reference to the 50,000 signatures needed.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 117

5th March: Baroness Jenkin received MSI briefing for HoL International Women Day debate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 118

5th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received RCM and maternity action briefing in support of free maternity services for migrants in the UK Immigration Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 119

5th March: Select members received an article on female parliamentarians for International Women's Day debate.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 120

5th March: All members received an article on the new UK International Development Gender Bill.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 121

5th March: All members received information and link to the new UN Population Policy Report 2013. A hard copy was requested and sent to Richard Ottaway MP.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 122

11th March: All members received the Evening Standard article on the UK Immigration Bill and maternity care with a quote from Baroness Jenny Tonge.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 123

14th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received a briefing on DFID and Coca-Cola collaboration in Nigeria.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 124

18th March: Select members received the link to DFID select committee Burma report.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 125

18th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received contact details for the editor Jackie Ashley as requested.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 126

20th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received information regarding DFID FGM/Child Marriage Summit in July

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 127

24th March: All members received a summary of the CSW report.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 128

24th March: All members received IPPF European Network briefing note to DFID regarding the CPD text negotiations.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 129

25th March: All members received the Foreign Affairs select committee report on 'Instability in North and West Africa' with passages on the impact that demographic trends are having on the region.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 130

27th March: All members received the Independent article: 'Morning-after pill rules to be relaxed for young people in the UK'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 131

27th March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received an article on: 'Men believe contraceptives take out sexual desire'.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 132

28th March: Committee members received summary notes from the UK SRHR Network briefing meeting regarding CSW, CPD, abortion, and the post-2015 MDG Framework.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 133

31st March: Baroness Jenny Tonge received British Pregnancy and Advisory Service (BPAS) and MSI briefings in support of the HoL abortion debate on 3rd April.

Please find enclosed briefing as appendix 134

Throughout the year topical oral Parliamentary questions were disseminated to members for tabling in HoC and HoL along with upcoming business (a full list of oral and written Parliamentary questions can be found on the Group's website and in the Parliamentary section of this annual report).

General Collaboration, Meetings, Correspondence and Consultations

The Group continue to campaign and advocate for the full implementation of the ICPD PoA, with a continued focus on FP and population dynamics.

Enquiries to and about the Group and its parliamentary activities have been dealt with daily via e-mails and over the phone.

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

UNFPA; IPPF; MSI; Women and Children First (UK); UK SRHR Network; Population Sustainability Network; Plan UK; Made in Europe; FORWARD; Girls not Brides; Agency for Culture and Change Management (UK) (ACCM UK); Karma Nirvana; Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO); Director of Public Prosecution; Reckitt Benckiser; Population Matters; UK professional associations and colleges, academic institutions, national, regional and international APPGs on population and development; APPGs in the UK and individuals working on SRHR issues.

Meetings

UNFPA

Members have met and spoken formally and informally with Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA at various meetings and conferences this year and the Group has been in regular contact with UNFPA Head office in New York as well as its Nordic office in Copenhagen. Topics of common interest were the Myanmar study tour, the UNFPA State of the World Population report launch in the UK, parliamentary debates and the International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (IPCI), Stockholm.

At the December 2013 EPF Secretariat meeting, UNFPA conducted an evaluation with its financial recipients. Advisor attended a 30 minute interview.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 135

IPPF

Members met and spoke formally and informally with Tewodros Melesse, Director General of IPPF at various meetings and conferences this year.

The Group remain in regular contact with IPPF Head office in London. Main correspondence related to collaborative parliamentary events and briefings for UK Parliamentary debates (please see Group parliamentary briefing meeting section for further information).

During the Myanmar study tour, MPs visited IPPF's Myanmar affiliate organisation and its maternity services and at the G8 Parliamentary Conference members met with IPPF representatives and a member of the Australian APPG on Population and Development to discuss cross party parliamentary advocacy for the full implementation of the ICPD PoA.

The Independent Commission for Aid Impact's Annual Report 2012-2013 was shared and discussed with reference to its Programme Partnership Agreements funding round 2011 – 2014, worth £120 million per year, being handled very poorly by DFID.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 136

MSI

Throughout the year the Group has been in regular contact with MSI's head office in London.

Several briefing papers pertinent to HoC and HoL debates were received and joint parliamentary briefing events organised (please see Group parliamentary briefing meeting section for further information).

The Group also communicated with MSI in response to the May 2013 G8 Parliamentary Conference and with MSI Myanmar office in connection with the July 2013 Myanmar study tour.

A meeting was scheduled between Baroness Jenny Tonge and MSI's new Chief Executive on 11th December 2013, however was cancelled last minute due to unforeseen circumstance. Baroness Jenny Tonge instead met with Bethan Cobley, MSI Policy Programme Manager immediately after the Myanmar study tour debriefing meeting.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 137

Advisor met with John Worley, Interim Director, Policy and Partnerships, MSI and Bethan Cobley in September 2015 to discuss future collaboration with particular reference to the post-2015 MDG Framework.

A meeting also took place between Group advisor and Nicole Gray from MSI to discuss Myanmar immediately prior to her new posting in the country.

UK SRHR Network

The Group has been in contact and communicated regularly throughout the year with the UK SRHR Network and its members. Of particular interest have been the network's activities on the post-2015 MDG Framework and information sharing regarding Justine Greening MP, Secretary of State (SS) for International Development (ID) and William Hague MP, SS for FCO support for the ICPD PoA.

The Group responded to the SRHR NGOs Health position paper and Manifesto Paper in October 2013 and MPs were briefing by the network in March 2014 (please see Group parliamentary briefing meeting section for further information).

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 138

Forced Marriage NGOs (PLAN UK, FORWARD, ACCM (UK), Girls not Brides, Karma Nirvana and IKWRO)

The Group continue its collaboration with Forced Marriage NGOs following the 2012 Hearings on Child Marriage. Of particular importance this year were NGOs briefings and support to Baroness Jenny Tonge's amendments to the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill, to bring age of marriage to 18 in the UK.

Written Parliamentary questions on forced marriage have also received support from NGOs and correspondence took place in connection with DFID's July 2014 conference on Forced Marriage and FGM.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 139

Zambian MPs

Heather Wheeler MP hosted Professor Nkandu Luo, Minister of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs from Zambia for a few days in April 2013 in the UK Parliament. Group assistant met with the Minister to discuss the 2012 'Childhood lost' Hearing report. Follow up information was requested and forwarded in support of the launch of Zambia's programme to mitigate and prevent child marriage.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 140

Women and Children First (UK)

The Group and Women and Children First (UK) set up individual briefing meetings with MPs this year to engage them in FP/SRHR issues with the overarching aim of recruiting new active Group members (please see New Group members section for further information). The Group also forwarded Merck's grant awards on maternal health projects across the globe in the hope that Women and Children First (UK) would be a successful grant applicant.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 141

Burma campaign

The Group met Mary Hla, Burma campaign officer and her colleague on 19th June 2013 to discuss their activities and the Group's forthcoming study tour to Myanmar.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 142

Population Matters

Population Matters contacted the Group this year, requesting it be added to the Group's website. This subsequently happened with a disclaimer. Communications also took place in connection with the IPCI ICPD PoA in Stockholm.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 143

Sarah Hyde

Advisor met with Sarah Hyde, SRHR consultant in June 2013 to discuss possible work opportunities and links to regional parliamentary networks.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 144

The John Smith Memorial Trust

Above Trust contacted the Group requesting it hosted fellow, Firuza Aliyeva on 19th June 2013.

Advisor agreed to brief her on the Group's parliamentary activities with particular reference to the child marriage hearings. Follow up information was requested and sent to Firuza on forced marriage in support of her national activities on this subject.

Please find enclosed communications for the fellowship as appendix 145

George Wheery

The Group hosted George Wheery for a week in March 2014 in connection with his school work placement. He met with members of the Group, attended committee and briefing meetings, conducted research and familiarised himself with the Group's parliamentary activities and summarised activities in a report.

Please find enclosed programme, confidentiality agreement and report as appendix 146

Correspondence

Dr Temmerman, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO

Dr Temmerman, ex-MP and -member of EPF contacted the Group this year in connection with the 'Childhood Lost' Hearing report. Baroness Jenny Tonge agreed to speak at a planned forced marriage meeting in Rome in April 2014, which will be reporting in next year's annual report. Correspondence followed in connection with the UK Home Affairs inquiry into FGM, FGM in Europe and DFID's FGM/child marriage conference in July 2014.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 147

Global Justice Centre

The Group along with many other UK Parliamentarians received numerous briefing papers from the GJC and Serena Communications on women raped in armed conflict and abortions under the Geneva Conventions. This culminated in numerous debates in both chambers, written Parliamentary questions and in November 2013 the Group sent a letter to William Hague MP, SS for FCO urging him to make UK's position explicit on women raped in war zones and access to abortion services. A meeting was held with Zarin Hainsworth in December 2014 where she announced her departure from the GJC, but continued supporting the campaign.

Please find enclosed sample communications and briefings as appendix 148

Phillip Lee MP, Cola Life campaign

A briefing meeting was planned in January 2014 for Phillip Lee MP to outline his involvement and work with the ColaLife campaign. This campaign had successfully disseminated Oral Rehydration Solution with Coca-Cola. The meeting was cancelled last minute due to Parliamentary activities and a lack of attendance. A future meeting is planned.

Roger Willott

Roger Willott contacted the Group in connection with publicity surrounding prostitution on a Campus in Sussex. Baroness Jenny Tonge tabled below written Parliamentary questions in response to his letter:

Asked by Baroness Tonge:

To ask HMG what discussions they have had with university authorities concerning escorts working from university campuses.

To ask HMG what discussions they have had with university authorities concerning university students advertising escort services on the internet.

To ask HMG what discussions they have had with university authorities concerning university students working as escorts meeting clients on campuses.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: *We have had no discussions with universities about these issues. As independent and autonomous bodies, higher education institutions are responsible for all matters relating to the operation of their institution, including responsibility for student conduct. It is for universities to decide whether any conduct needs reporting to the police. There is also a long-established principle that universities have a duty of care to their students. Each institution will determine what arrangements they need to ensure the welfare of all their students.*

Robin Maynard

The Group received communications from reporter/editor Robin Maynard this year on population growth and its impact. He attended the G8 Parliamentary Conference and published an article in the Ecologist in August 2013: 'People or Polar bears'. The article was circulated to members.

Tim Aerts, 'Under Pressure' Belgium Charity

Tim Aerts from above newly established Belgium population charity contacted the Group, requesting funding and collaborative activities. As with many other organisations contacting the Group requesting funding, he was informed that the Group is not a donor organisation.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 149

Eden Divinagracia, Executive Director, Philippine NGO Council on Population Health and Welfare (PNGOC)

Eden Divinagracia from above NGO contacted the Group in September 2013 requesting a UK delegation attend their conference and organise an exhibition booth. He received a reply stating that the Group does not have funds to travel to the Philippines.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 150

Shelagh McGuinness, Birmingham Law School

Shelagh McGuinness, Birmingham Fellow, Centre for Health Law, Science & Policy, contacted the Group, requesting it become a 'policy partner' for their application to the Wellcome Trust under their 'Society and Ethics: New Investigator Award' Scheme for their research programme: 'Reconceiving Reproduction'. The Group agreed to be a 'policy partner' however the application was unsuccessful.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 151

Muslim Aid

The Group contacted Muslim Aid requesting information on their maternal health programme activities. Muslim Aid has several maternal health projects scattered around the world according to summary brief received.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 152

Palestinian FP & Protection Association and Medical Aid

The Group communicated with above organisations in February 2014 in connection with Baroness Jenny Tonge's possible trip with American NGO to Gaza. They agreed to host a visit to their project in Gaza if she joined the American NGO or at a later date.

International Pregnancy Advisory Services

Charlotte Hord Smith from International Pregnancy Advisory Services (IPAS) received a list of UK MPs interested in their forthcoming meeting on safe and legal abortion in the UK.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 153

Life for African Mothers

Angela Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, Life for African Mothers, received a copy of Merck's funding for maternal health projects in Africa.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 154

BPAS

The Group has been in contact with BPAS sporadically throughout the year in connection with the European Estrela Report (please see European meeting section for further information), press activities (please see Press section for further information) relating to abortion services in the UK and a briefing on folic acid, which instigated below written Parliamentary question in November 2013:

Asked by Baroness Tonge

To ask HMG whether they plan to introduce mandatory fortification of white flour with folic acid in order to address the number of pregnancies affected by neural tube defects; and, if so, when.

Earl Howe: *Ministers are considering the recommendations from the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition on reducing the number of pregnancies affected by neural tube defects and the mandatory fortification of flour with folic acid and will set out next steps as soon as possible.*

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 155

Equality Now

The Group communicated with NGO 'Equality Now' in November 2013 in response to a briefing disseminated on EU laws on age of marriage.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 156

Africa Research Institute

Above institute contacted the Group in January 2014 requesting collaboration on a future briefing meeting to launch research on fertility rates and FP in partnership with the University of Sheffield.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 157

Consultations

Kate Hart, FCO development and Climate Change Officer

Kate Hart, a development attaché to the British Embassy Paris, contacted the Group in April 2013 in connection with her research comparing French and British FP approaches in developing countries (particularly Sub-Saharan Africa) and investigating the place given to men in these policies. Advisor agreed to a telephone interview on the topic.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 158

FP2020 Rights Framework consultation

The Group sent feedback to the FP2020 Rights Framework consultation in May 2013

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 159

DFID Select Committee inquiry into Myanmar, December 2013

The Group submitted its Myanmar study tour report to the DFID Select Committee inquiry into Myanmar as requested by its Clerk after attending the Group's study tour debriefing meeting in December 2013.

Aisha Gill, Roehampton University

Aisha Gill, Reader in Criminology, Department of Social Sciences, Roehampton University, contacted the Group for information on its Hearings on child marriage. Information was sent as requested.

Please find enclosed communications and survey response as appendix 160

Press

The Group continue its press activities to help engage new members and inform the public of Group activities. The Group's staff examine daily SRHR/population press articles and members draft letters, comments or give interviews as and when relevant.

In February 2014 the Group organised a social media workshop hosted by MSI to inform and encourage members and staff to start up twitter accounts and become involved in social media and advertise Group activities.

The Group has since then tweeted regularly in connection with parliamentary activities including on child marriage, FGM and in response to International Women's Day, World Population Day and European and Global FP/SRHR campaign activities (please see Group website for full tweet strapline on front page).

The 26th April 2013 Baroness Jenny Tonge was on the Jeremy Vine Radio 2 show in response to the Bangladesh factory that collapsed. She referred to the many young girls in the tragedy and their lack of access to FP/SRHR services and necessity to work in such poor conditions for survival.

The 10th May 2013 Baroness Jenny Tonge was on BBC Radio 4's Women's Hours show in connection with the G8 Parliamentary conference co-hosted by the Group in the UK Parliament: 'What place for family planning in the future of development'. She made reference to the importance of FP and SRHR being embedded in the new post-2015 MDG Framework (please see Conference section for further information).

Andrew Mitchell MP, previously SS for ID, Professor Hans Rosling and Diego Palacios from UNFPA who all spoke at the conference, also featured in the Guardian and Devox in mid-May 2013 in connection with the G8 Parliamentary conference.

Please find enclosed articles as appendix 161

Robin Manyard published an article in the Ecologist in August 2013: 'People or Polar bears?' encouraging environmental NGOs to have the courage to move beyond a politically correct stance on issues of population growth and really engage with the big questions.

Please find enclosed full article as appendix 162

At the end of May 2013 the Worldpop e-mail list posted an article and photo of the conference also.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 163

The 9th June 2013 Baroness Jenny Tonge was quoted on MSI's website in connection with the Nutrition for Growth Summit. She urged leaders attending the Summit to recognise the important role effective FP can play in ensuring children and mothers are better nourished and thereby have better chances in life.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 164

In September 2013 the RCOG published an article on the Group and its parliamentary activities in its journal 'Membership Matters'.

Please find enclosed article as appendix 165

The 27th June 2013 Richard Ottaway MP published a letter on population growth and its impact in the Times.

Please find enclosed letter as appendix 166

Joint media activities were instigated following world population estimates. The Group, LSHTM and IPPF had articles published in the Huffington Post and Euractive.

Please find enclosed articles as appendix 167

The 26th July 2013 Baroness Jenny Tonge was quoted in the Independent by Sarah Morrison making reference to the importance of collecting national data and registering births.

Please find enclosed quote as appendix 168

Christina Hughes, editor of 'The Issues' published extracts of the Group's Hearing Report: 'Childhood lost' in the September 2013 Issue on Child Marriage and Hearing extracts were also published in its special leaflet for school children in January 2014.

Please find enclosed sample communications and publications as appendix 169

The 24th September 2013 Heather Wheeler MP sent a letter to the Guardian in response to Robert Newman's article: 'No population explosion'.

Please find enclosed letter sent as appendix 170

Baroness Jenny Tonge was quoted on the 21st October in the RCOG press release disseminated in connection with its Global Health Strategy launch in Parliament.

Please find enclosed press release as appendix 171

On 16th January 2014 the Group was contacted by BBC Newsnight, requesting Baroness Jenny Tonge attendance to discuss abortion in the UK. The Group referred the editor to Ann Furedi, BPAS as the expert on abortion in the UK.

On 10th February 2014 the Group engaged in an on-line question and answer session on FGM which was hosted by the Guardian and on 11th March 2014 Baroness Jenny Tonge was referenced in an Evening Standard article advocating for free maternity services for immigrant women in the UK Immigration Bill.

Please find enclosed quote as appendix 172

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

The UK Coalition Government remains explicit in its support for international FP and SRHR. The Group has held the Government accountable to its promises via amendments to Bills, debates, Early Day Motions (EDM) and Parliamentary questions. Below you will find relevant statements, legislation, debates, EDMs and Parliamentary questions (please see the Group's website for full information).

Of particular importance this year has been the Groups parliamentary activities in relation to Child Marriage, FGM and abortion services in war zones for women and girls raped and ensuring the prominence of FP/SRHR within the new post-2015 MDG Framework.

House of Commons

Oral Ministerial Statements

Sexual Violence in Conflict, 28th November 2013

William Hague MP provided an update on the government's Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative. He stated that the G8 countries had adopted a declaration to eradicate sexual violence in conflict, 137 countries in the UN General Assembly had signed a declaration of commitment to end sexual violence in conflict and that draft protocol had been developed to set international standards for investigation of sexual violence in conflict zones. He also drew attention to a summit on the topic to be held jointly with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Special Envoy for Refugee Issues in June 2014.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 173

Written Ministerial Statements

Gender Birth Ratios, 21st May 2013

Anna Soubry MP stated that the Department of Health had undertaken an analysis on gender birth ratio in the UK. The results showed that, when broken down by mother's country of birth, no group was statistically different from the expected natural range.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 174

Post-2015 Development Framework, 3rd June 2013

Justine Greening MP described the outcome document from a high-level panel on the Post-2015 Development Framework. Recommendations in the report include aims to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030, to eliminate preventable infant deaths, and to further reduce maternal mortality. Other topics include sustainable development, inclusive growth, transformation of economies, and peace and good governance. The report recommended 12 measurable goals and 54 targets.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 175

Departmental Annual Report and Account, 27th June 2013

Justine Greening MP confirmed publication of the DFID annual report and accounts for the year 2012-13.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 176

Mitochondria Replacement, 1st July 2013

Anna Soubry MP announced the publication of draft regulations for mitochondria replacement in the UK, which will be available for consultation in Autumn 2013.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 177

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and Human Tissue Authority (Government Response), 17th July 2013

Anna Soubry MP published the Department of Health's response to an independent report on "Review of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and the Human Tissue Authority". The Department of Health accepted the report's recommendations in full.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 178

Ministerial Champion for Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Overseas, 11th November 2013

Lynne Featherstone MP provided an update of her recent activities as Ministerial Champion for Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Overseas. These included her work at the 2013 CSW, plans for a high-level call to action in November 2013, and the UK's new National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (to be published in March 2014).

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 179

UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace and Security), 18th November 2013

Mark Simmonds MP announced the publication of the government's final annual review on the 2010-13 UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 180

Protecting Girls and Women in Emergencies, 18th November 2013

Justine Greening MP described outcomes from a high level event in London on protecting girls and women in emergencies. She noted pledges to increase levels of expertise, to share best practice and to conduct gender disaggregated reporting in humanitarian situations. She also announced UK assistance for women in the Philippines and £21.6 million funding for women and girls in emergencies.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 181

Multilateral Aid Review, 11th December 2013

Alan Duncan MP announced the publication of the government's multilateral aid review, which systematically assessed the performance of 43 multilateral organisations funded by the UK government.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 182

International Development Association of the World Bank, 19th December 2013

Justine Greening MP reported to the Commons that, following negotiations between DFID and the World Bank, the World Bank's International Development Association will increase its attention towards value for money, fragile and conflict states, private sector fund-raising, and improving the lives of women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 183

Migrant Access to the NHS, 6th January 2014

Jeremy Hunt MP announced the publication of the Department of Health's response to a recent consultation on proposed changes for access to the NHS in England. He highlighted the introduction of charges to visitors and migrants for health services as part of the Immigration Bill, and stated that children and pregnant women would not be exempted. Further thought will be given to establish exemptions for victims of domestic and other violence, and victims of human trafficking.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 184

Maternity Care, 7th January 2014

Daniel Poulter MP announced the creation of a £10million capital fund programme to improve maternity care settings across England. He noted that a similar programme of £25million in 2012-13 led to improvements to over 100 maternity units.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 185

Violence against Women and Girls Overseas, 6th March

Lynne Featherstone MP provided an update of her recent activities as Ministerial Champion for Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Overseas. This included co-hosting (with Sweden) a high-level call to action event in November 2013, hosting a learning event for DFID staff in December 2013, and visiting Burkina Faso to witness DFID's activities in the country.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 186

Legislation

Abortion Statistics, 16th April 2013

Fiona Bruce MP brought forward a Bill that would mandate the Secretary of State for Health to compile statistics on gender ratios of foetuses aborted in the UK. She argued that female gendercide is taking place in the UK and that the Department of Health must be proactive in preventing, challenging and reporting female gendercide.

The proposed Bill did not receive a second reading and was withdrawn.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 187

International Development (Gender Equality) Bill, 17th January 2014

William Cash MP brought forward, for its third reading, a Bill that would commit DFID to examine how future programmes affect women and address gender inequality. He stated that the Bill would put women's rights at the core of the international development agenda.

The Bill became an Act of Parliament (Law) on 13th March 2014 and contains the following amendments to The International Development Act 2002:

- *'Before providing development assistance under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall have regard to the desirability of providing development assistance that is likely to contribute to reducing poverty in a way which is likely to contribute to reducing inequality between persons of different gender.'*
- *'Before providing assistance under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall have regard to the desirability of providing assistance under that subsection in a way that*

takes account of any gender-related differences in the needs of those affected by the disaster or emergency.'

And to the International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Act 2006 (annual report on effectiveness of aid):

- *'after paragraph (c) insert – what steps have been taken as a result of sections 1(1A) and 3(2) of the International Development Act 2002 in pursuing Millennium Development Goal 3.'*

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 188

Debates

Mitochondrial Disease, 25th June 2013

Chi Onwurah MP led a Westminster Hall debate on mitochondrial diseases. He argued that secondary legislation should be introduced to allow use of mitochondria transfer techniques so that women have children who are not at risk of mitochondrial diseases.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 189

Human papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine, 2nd July 2013

Mike Freer MP led a debate on vaccination against Human Papillomavirus. He argued that vaccination should be extended to boys to protect them from cancers of the throat, neck and head.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 190

Post-2015 Development Goals, 4th July 2013

Malcolm Bruce MP reported to MPs on the findings of a high-level panel on the post-2015 development framework. He noted the shift towards leaving no-one behind, sustainable development, transforming economies for jobs and inclusive growth, promoting peace, and forging a new global partnership for development. He also described the 12 goals proposed by the report: eliminating poverty, empowering girls and women, providing quality education and lifelong learning, ensuring healthy lives and basic health provision, promoting food security and nutrition, achieving universal access to water and sanitation, securing sustainable energy, creating jobs and equitable growth, managing natural resources sustainably, ensuring good governance, promoting stable and peaceful societies, and creating a global enabling environment to catalyse long-term finance.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 191

Abortion Act, 9th October 2013

David Burrowes MP led a Westminster Hall debate on the Abortion Act 1967. He highlighted a recent decision by the DPP not to prosecute two doctors accused of contravening the Abortion Act. He then pointed to a need for clarification on whether gender-specific abortion is illegal in the UK.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 192

HIV and AIDS, 10th December 2013

Pamela Nash MP led a Westminster Hall debate on HIV. She described the stigma associated with the virus and highlighted the importance of considering HIV as a social and human rights issue as well as a health issue.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 193

Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, 8th January 2014

Mike Freer MP led a Westminster Hall debate to support a decision of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation to reviews its stance on vaccination against Human Papillomavirus for adolescent boys and men who have sex with men. He argued that such a move was needed to protect males who have sex with women who have not been vaccinated, or with other men.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 194

Human Rights, 23rd January 2014

Richard Ottaway MP led a debate on a Select Committee on Foreign Affairs annual report on human rights work by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He noted recent actions by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Sri Lanka and Burma.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 195

Violence Against Women and Girls, 23rd January 2014

Malcolm Bruce MP led a debate on an International Development Select Committee report on violence against women and girls. He highlighted key points in the report such as ambiguities in DFID's Theories of Change approach to developing programmes, and lack of targeted support for women and girls in water and sanitation programmes. Two members of the Group (Sandra Osborne MP and Virendra Sharma) drew attention to the work of the Group and the importance of its 2012 report on child marriage.

Sandra Osborne MP also highlighted the need to ensure access to abortion services for women and girls who have been raped in situations of armed conflict. She noted how different interpretations of international conventions on conflict had been used by donors to withhold abortion services, and commended DFID for providing a clear and supportive position on the provision of abortion services.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 196

Security of Women in Afghanistan, 6th March 2014

Robert Smith MP led a debate on women and human rights defenders in Afghanistan and their importance to peace and security in Afghanistan. He highlighted the importance in allowing girls access to education, and in providing maternity services.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 197

Female Genital Mutilation, 10th March 2014

Keith Vaz MP moved to ask the House to consider an e-petition on stopping FGM in the UK. He highlighted the lack of prosecutions in the UK and pointed to a need for better data on the prevalence of the practice.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 198

Mitochondrial Transfer (Three-Parent Children), 12th March 2014

Jacob Rees-Mogg MP led a Westminster Hall debate on the use of mitochondrial transfer techniques to remove the risk of some inherited diseases. He noted that such procedures have unknown long-term consequences for descendants of 'three-parent children', that donors cannot be guaranteed long-term anonymity, and suggested that the practice is a form of eugenics.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 199

Stillbirths and Infant Mortality, 26th March 2014

Tracey Crouch MP led a Westminster Hall debate on perinatal and infant mortality in the UK. She pointed to higher mortality rates in the UK than in Croatia, Lithuania, Estonia and Slovenia, and evidence that mortality rates in the UK have not fallen for 20 years. She also highlighted problems with continuity of antenatal care, foetal measuring and awareness of symptoms among expectant mothers.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 200

Oral Parliamentary Questions

South Africa (Sexual Violence), 23rd April 2013

Clive Efford MP asked the FCO what progress they are making on tackling sexual violence in South Africa. William Hague MP replied that they have committed £4million to working with the South African government, UN agencies and civil society, and have been in contact with several organisations in South Africa regarding the issue.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 201

Sexual Violence in Conflict, 23rd April 2013

Amber Rudd MP asked what steps the FCO is taking to implement the G8 declaration on preventing sexual violence in conflict. William Hague MP replied that they will take the campaign to the UN, begin implementation immediately and will chair a special session of the UN Security Council to rally wider support.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 202

Pre-natal and post-natal care, 11th June 2013

David Amess MP asked the Department of Health what steps it is taking to ensure consistent and continuous provision of prenatal and postnatal care. Daniel Poulter MP replied that they have increased the number of midwives and health visitors, and will introduce a friends and family test later in the year.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 203

Official Development Assistance, 12th June 2013

Stephen Doughty MP asked DFID when they plan to bring forward legislative proposals to enshrine in law their commitment to spend 0.7% of gross national income on official development assistance. Alan Duncan MP replied that the government will be the first in the G8 to reach 0.7%, and will do so this year. He made no mention of legislation for commitment.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 204

Prime Minister's Questions, 19th June 2013

William Cash MP asked the Prime Minister if he would support the Gender Equality (International Development) Bill. The Prime Minister replied that he would examine the Bill closely and that it might influence discussions when he co-chairs a UN high-level panel on the future of development.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 205

Violence Against Women, 20th June 2013

Kerry McCarthy MP asked the Home Office what assessment they have made of the cumulative effect of Government policies on tackling violence against women. Jeremy Browne MP replied that the Government is fully committed to tackling violence against women and girls, have ring-fenced nearly £40million of funding up to 2015 for victims of abuse, and monitor impact through regular meetings and publications. They have introduced stronger stalking laws, are criminalising forced marriage, increased conviction rates for rape and are running a sexual behaviour campaign for teenagers called 'This is abuse'.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 206

North and West Africa (Population), 17th July 2013

Richard Ottaway MP asked DFID about their assessment of population growth in North and West Africa by 2050. Lynne Featherstone MP quoted UN projections of increases to 319million and 815million, respectively. She highlighted DFID's work in the regions to increase uptake of FP, delay first pregnancy, increase access to education and economic assets for girls and prevent violence against women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 207

Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, 23rd October 2013

Valerie Vaz MP asked DFID about their contribution to the Government's Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, and specifically in Burma. Justine Greening MP replied that would be co-hosting a call-to-action event with Norway the following month. She also said that she would be talking with Aung San Suu Kyi later that day and would mention sexual violence performed by the Burmese army.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 208

Topical Question, 23rd October 2013

Mary Macleod MP asked DFID about female foeticide in India and its work to ensure women are valued. Justine Greening MP paid tribute to organisations campaigning on this issue and noted that the lack of rights for women underpins much of DFID's work.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 209

Violence Against Women and Girls, 31st October 2013

Stella Creasy MP asked the Home Office about its efforts to increase awareness of and prevent violence against women and girls. Norman Baker MP highlighted the Government's action plan to end violence against women and girls: specifically the extension of domestic abuse to include 16 and 17 year olds, and national campaigns on teenage rape and relationship abuse.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 210

Abortion Act (Prosecutions), 19th November 2013

Edward Leigh MP asked the Attorney-General about discussions with the Crown Prosecution Service to prosecute those who commit offences under the Abortion Act 1967, specifically why he had not brought charges against two doctors. Dominic Grieve MP replied that he had held discussions with his predecessor and noted that the Abortion Act 1967 does not outlaw abortion on the basis of gender.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 211

Violence Against Women and Girls, 2nd December 2013

Debbie Abrahams MP asked the Home Office if they had held discussions with the Department for Education on preventing violence against women and girls. Theresa May MP replied that they have a regular inter-ministerial group and are committed to helping young people understand relevant issues.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 212

Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, 3rd December 2013

Paul Uppal MP asked the FCO about recent progress on the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative. William Hague MP replied that agreements were made at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting to strengthen capacity to tackle sexual violence in conflict settings, improve monitoring and documentation, and empower victims to access justice. A declaration of commitment was signed by 34 Commonwealth members.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 213

Development Programmes, 4th December 2013

Paul Uppal MP asked DFID how they are ensuring that the interests of girls and women remain central to the UK's development programmes. Justine Greening MP replied that girls and women are a key priority for DFID and that a call to action event held in the previous month raised £40million.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 214

Domestic Violence, 17th December 2013

Graeme Morrice MP asked the Home Office what steps they are taking to support victims of domestic violence. Damian Green MP replied that they are committed to providing greater protection for victims of domestic violence and their approach is described in their action plan.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 215

Development Programmes (Gender), 22nd January 2014

Andrea Leadsom MP asked DFID what steps it is taking to prioritise girls and women in its programmes. Justine Greening MP reiterated the importance of women and girls to development and paid tribute to William Cash MP for introducing a Private Member's Bill on the topic.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 216

Maternity Care, 25th February 2014

Steve Brine MP asked the Department of Health what recent steps they have taken to improve maternity care. Daniel Poulter MP replied that they have increased the number

of midwives and established a £35 million capital investment fund that has led to improvements in more than 100 maternity units.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 217

Female Genital Mutilation, 25th February 2014

Margot James MP asked the Department of Health what steps they have taken in tackling FGM. Jane Ellison MP replied that all NHS acute hospitals must provide information on patients who have undergone FGM.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 218

Sex-selective Abortion, 25th February 2014

Fiona Bruce MP asked the Department of Health when they plan to publish the Department's new guidelines on sex selective abortion. Jane Ellison MP replied that abortion on the grounds of gender alone is unlawful and that the government will publish guidelines on this in the near future.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 219

Female Genital Mutilation, 10th March 2014

Karl Turner MP asked the Home Office about steps to increase the number of prosecutions for FGM. Theresa May MP replied that they are working closely with the DPP to increase investigations and are considering suggestions to strengthen the law.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 220

Written Parliamentary Questions

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

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| -Abortion | -Chlamydia |
| -Abortion: counselling | -Civil partnerships |
| -Abortion: gender selection | -Commonwealth |
| -Abortion: prosecutions | -Conflict resolution: females |
| -Abortion: young people | -Contraceptives: thromboembolism |
| -Afghanistan | -Cot deaths |
| -Afghanistan: women's rights | -Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence |
| -Africa | -Crimes of violence: females |
| -African Union | -Democratic Republic of Congo |
| -Alcoholism in pregnant women | -Demographic changes |
| -Antenatal care | -Developing countries: abortion |
| -Armed conflict: females | -Developing countries: armed conflict |
| -Armed conflict: sexual offences | -Developing countries: childbirth |
| -Armed conflict: rape | -Developing countries: discrimination |
| -Asylum: pregnant women | -Developing countries: equality |
| -Asylum seekers | -Developing countries: family planning |
| -Babies | -Developing countries: females |
| -Babies: screening | -Developing countries: female genital mutilation |
| -Burma | -Developing countries: gender |
| -Caesarean sections | |
| -Cervical cancer | |
| -Childbirth | |

- Developing countries: health services
- Developing countries: HIV infection
- Developing countries: infant mortality
- Developing countries: maternal mortality
- Developing countries: maternity services
- Developing countries: midwives
- Developing countries: neonatal mortality
- Developing countries: nutrition
- Developing countries: rape
- Developing countries: religious freedom
- Developing countries: water
- Development framework: post-2015
- Domestic violence
- Domestic violence and rape
- Epilepsy: pregnant women
- Equality
- EU aid
- Family planning
- Female genital mutilation
- Fertility
- Forced marriage
- Foreign nationals: health services
- G8 summit
- Genito-urinary medicine
- Ghana
- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, HIV, TB and Malaria
- Haiti
- Health education
- Health education: sex
- Health services: foreign nationals
- Health services: immigrants
- Health services: males
- Health services: overseas students
- Healthy Start Scheme
- HIV infection
- HIV infection: vaccination
- Human Papillomavirus
- Human embryo experiments
- Humanitarian emergency: protection of women
- International Planned Parenthood Foundation
- Immigrants: pregnant women
- Independent Midwives UK
- India
- Infant mortality
- Infant mortality: males
- International assistance
- In vitro fertilisation
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Marie Stopes International
- Maternal wards in prisons
- Maternity services
- Maternity services: foreign nationals
- Midwives
- Midwives: sick leave
- Mothers
- Mozambique
- Nepal: judicial reform
- Newborn deaths
- Nigeria
- Ovarian cancer
- Overseas aid
- Perinatal mortality
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
- Philippines
- Population
- Postnatal depression
- Pregnancy
- Pregnancy: cholestasis
- Pregnancy: Sodium Valproate
- Pregnancy: drugs
- Pregnancy: influenza
- Pregnancy: mental illness
- Pregnancy: mental health services
- Pregnant women: alcoholic drinks
- Pregnant women: discrimination
- Prenatal mortality
- Prisoners: women
- Prisons: mother and baby units
- Rape
- Rape, domestic violence and child abuse
- Screening babies
- Sexual offences
- Sierra Leone
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Sexually transmitted infections: young people
- Sexual offences
- Sexual violence in conflict
- Somalia
- Sodium Valproate
- Sri Lanka
- Staff
- Streptococcus
- Sudan and South Sudan
- Syphilis
- Syria
- Teenage pregnancy
- Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health
- Thromboembolism

- UN Commission on the Status of Women
- Urinary system: infectious diseases
- Ministerial Group
- Vaccination: immigrants
- Violence against women
- Violence against women and girls
- Violence Against Women and Girls
- World Bank
- World Population Day

Early Day Motions

EDM 1 – Investing in Development, 8th May 2013

Eric Joyce MP, 10 signatures

'That this House commends the Government and opposition parties on their continued commitment to international development aid; recognises that in challenging economic times such expenditure must be continuously justified to the UK public; welcomes the change in emphasis towards enabling developing nations to grow their own economies and move away from reliance on aid; further recognises the crucial role of good relations with partner nations in the developing world; congratulates non-governmental organisations on their work to date; and urges UK investors to work with new prospects in the developing world.'

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

EDM 9 – Fetal Valproate Syndrome, 8th May 2013

David Anderson MP, 28 signatures

'That this House notes with concern the recent refusal by the Minister for Care and Support of a public inquiry into why information was withheld concerning the disastrous way in which sodium valproate has affected pregnant women and their children; further notes the cost to the public purse of additional health, education and welfare costs incurred by families affected by Fetal Valproate Syndrome; believes that the regulator could have avoided such costs and large numbers of people affected since sodium valproate was licensed and sold from 1973; further believes that its makers, the pharmaceutical company Sanofi, failed in its duty of care and corporate responsibility by not informing the relevant agencies of its teratogenic effects; welcomes the Minister's recent decision to meet representatives of the Independent Fetal Anti-Convulsant Trust; and urges the holding of a public inquiry.'

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

EDM 112 – Women in Afghanistan, 16th May 2013

Tim Farron MP, 35 signatures

'That this House notes with concern that despite steady improvement in the rights of Afghan women since the severe repression of the 1990s, women in Afghanistan are once again in danger; raises concerns about information indicating that women are being marginalised in the peace process, ignored in the security transition and that they continue to be subject to violence in the home and attacks against the defenders of women's rights; commends the efforts by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development to ensure the Afghan government upholds its commitments on women's rights, including through implementation of the Elimination of Violence Against Women law, which is a central commitment under the Tokyo Mutual Accountability Framework; praises the campaign being led by Amnesty International UK to highlight the plight of women in Afghanistan; and calls on the Government to keep the pressure on the Afghan administration to put women first.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 223

EDM 202 – Victims of Rape in Situations of Armed Conflict, 6th June 2013

Katy Clark MP, 52 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.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 224

EDM 349 – Repeat Abortions, 3rd July 2013

Fiona Bruce MP, 18 signatures

'That this House endorses the views of Lord Steel of Aikwood expressed in the House of Lords on 6 June 2013 that the use by some women of abortion as a form of contraception is thoroughly undesirable; is concerned that the Minister confirmed in answer to Lord Steel's question that 36 per cent of abortions in England and Wales are now performed on women who have had one or more previous abortions; is profoundly alarmed to learn that some women have had as many as eight abortions and recalls with profound regret that 6.2 million abortions have taken place since 1968 and that in the last eight years, fewer than 10 in total have been emergency cases where a life was at risk; believes that the way the Abortion Act 1967 is today enforced is far from the intentions of those who supported its enactment; invites the Secretary of State for Health to look again at the lack of counselling that is given to women presenting with pregnancies to ensure they are fully aware of the options open to them and are encouraged to give serious consideration to the choices they make; and calls on the police and inspection authorities to ensure that the provisions of the Abortion Act 1967 are properly enforced and, where breaches are identified, that prosecutions are brought.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 225

EDM 402 – Rights of Women and Girls in Armed Conflict, 11th July 2013

Mark Williams MP, 26 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.'

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

EDM 635 – Female Genital Mutilation, 28th October 2013

Jim Cunningham MP, 54 signatures

'That this House expresses concern at the abhorrent crime of female genital mutilation (FGM); notes the work of the British Arab Federation in its efforts to tackle this issue; calls on the Government to implement a change in the law to protect girls living in Britain and British girls from being taken to other legal jurisdictions with the intention of carrying out FGM; further calls for better enforcement of the law relating to parents and guardians who organise FGM and medical practitioners who conduct FGM procedures; and further calls for better education to support young girls in resisting FGM and to empower communities to confront that crime.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 227

EDM 670 – Female Genital Mutilation, 5th November 2013

Valerie Vaz MP, 44 signatures

'That this House expresses concern that there is a need for stronger action to prevent the crime of female genital mutilation (FGM); notes the report by a coalition of health professionals calling for FGM to be treated as child abuse; further notes the action plan on tackling FGM published by the former Director of Public Prosecutions, Keir Starmer; calls for implementation of the recommendation in the report and action plan that evidence of FGM in the family should be collected and used to identify persons who may be at risk of FGM; further calls for examination of the reporting duties for medical professionals and teachers in referring possible FGM cases to the police; and further calls on the Government to formulate a strategy to raise awareness of this issue.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 228

EDM 858 – Three-Parent Children, 5th December 2013

Fiona Bruce MP, 19 signatures

'That this House expresses the gravest concerns about proposals to authorise the creation of three-parent children effectively opening the door to the creation of designer babies; notes that Britain would be the first country in the world to do so; and strongly urges the Department of Health to focus primarily on the interests of any children to be born through such a procedure and to ensure that full information regarding such proposals, including the results of tests conducted to establish the likely safety of such procedures, are made known to Parliament and the general public alike for thorough scrutiny and debate before the laying of any relevant regulations.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 229

EDM 883 – Prosecution of Rape in Kenya, 16th December 2013

Katy Clark MP, 33 signatures

'That this House condemns the abhorrent actions of the six men who beat and raped a young woman in Kenya leaving her injured and wheelchair-bound; further condemns the behaviour of the Kenyan police who did not punish these criminals and dismissed these atrocious actions as assault, allowing them to return to the woman's family home to taunt their victim; calls for justice to be brought against the rapists and the police in Busia; acknowledges the problem of an epidemic of rape across central Africa and particularly Kenya; further calls for Kenya's General Inspector of Police to take appropriate action against the policemen responsible and to ensure justice is brought; and further acknowledges the legal support being given to the young woman by Kenya's Coalition on Violence Against Women and its work in raising awareness of the issue.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 230

EDM 939 – China's Population Control Policies and Mr Zyang Yimou, 13th January 2014

Jim Dobbin MP, 12 signatures

'That this House notes with profound concern the 7.5 million yuan fine imposed by the Chinese authorities upon Mr Zyang Yimou, the Director of the spectacular opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, simply for having a third child; further notes the severity of the demographic crisis which China's one-child policy has bequeathed the Chinese people; and calls on the Government to intervene in Mr Yimou's case and to stress with the Chinese government the repugnance of all civilised nations at the compulsory abortion, infanticide and sterilisation of women that have been a feature in practice of their draconian population control policies.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 231

EDM 978 – Gender Selection Abortion, 22nd January 2014

Gregory Campbell MP, 16 signatures

'That this House notes the issue of gender selection abortions, particularly in countries where there has traditionally been a male culture; and calls on the Government to ensure that, given the numbers of people in the UK who are either from those countries or have family ties there, that the practice is totally unacceptable, and every step will be taken to ensure that it is not carried out in the UK.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 232

EDM 1059 – Guardian Campaign to End Female Genital Mutilation, 6th February 2014

Tim Farron MP, 49 signatures

'That this House notes that an estimated 66,000 women in the UK have suffered from female genital mutilation (FGM); further notes that an additional 20,000 British girls are thought to be at risk of being cut every year despite previous Government promises to stop FGM; commends the work of 17 year old student Fahma Mohamed, alongside The Guardian newspaper, to put a stop to this inhumane and unnecessary practice; further notes that Fahma's change.org petition calling on the Department for Education (DfE) to teach about FGM in schools has already collected over 22,310 signatories; welcomes the announcement on 6 February 2014 by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development and the Minister of State for the Home Office of a package of measures designed to combat this harmful practice nationally and internationally; calls on the Government, and in particular the DfE to do everything in its power to support the work of Fahma and countless others who are fighting to end the culture of secrecy and fear around the practice; and further calls for swift action on the issue before the 'cutting season' begins once more during the 2014 school summer holidays.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 233

EDM 1180 – Tackling Warzone Rape in Congo and Beyond, 13th March 2014

Naomi Long MP, 25 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 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.'

Please find a list of MPs who signed the EDM enclosed as appendix 234

House of Lords

Legislation

Marriage (same sex couples) – second reading, 3rd/4th June 2013

Baroness Stowell of Beeston and Baroness Noakes led the second reading of the Bill, which would make marriage of same-sex couples lawful in England and Wales.

The Bill became an Act of Parliament (Law) on 17th July 2014. The Act makes *'provision for the marriage of same sex couples in England and Wales, about gender change by married persons and civil partners, about consular functions in relation to marriage, for the marriage of armed forces personnel overseas, for permitting*

marriages according to the usages of belief organisations to be solemnized on the authority of certificates of a superintendent registrar, for the review of civil partnership, for the review of survivor benefits under occupational pension schemes, and for connected purposes.'

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 235

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill – committee stage, day 1, 12th November 2013

Baroness Hamwee moved an amendment to Clause 107 (Offence of breaching forced marriage protection order). She suggested that being 'aware' of a forced marriage protection order was ambiguous and should be removed, and asked for clarification on how different courses of enforcement will be selected. Baroness Thornton also moved an amendment to Clause 107. She proposed that the Secretary of State should publish guidance on the consequences of forced marriage and breaching a forced marriage protection order.

Both amendments were withdrawn.

Baroness Scotland of Asthal moved an amendment to Clause 108 (Offence of forced marriage: England and Wales). She questioned the criminalisation of forced marriage and instead proposed that it be considered as an aggregating factor. Baroness Hamwee also moved an amendment to Clause 108. She suggested that psychological means of coercion be explicitly included in the Bill. Baroness Thornton moved an amendment to Clause 108. She proposed that the capacity of vulnerable adults to consent to marriage be considered. Baroness Berridge moved an amendment to Clause 108. She proposed altering the definition of marriage to include non-legally binding marriages.

All amendments were withdrawn.

Baroness Tonge and Lord Rea also moved an amendment to Clause 108. They proposed that, in order to tackle child marriage, the minimum age for marriage in UK be increased to 18 in line with UN recommendations.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 236

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill – reporting stage, day 2, 14th January 2014

Baroness Thornton moved an amendment to Clause 109 (Offence of forced marriage: England and Wales). She proposed that the capacity of vulnerable adults to consent to marriage be considered in the Bill.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 237

International Development (Gender Equality) Bill – second reading, 7th February 2014

Lord McColl of Dulwich led the second reading of the Bill, which would increase acknowledgement of gender in DFID's programmes.

The Bill became an Act of Parliament (Law) on 13th March 2014. See earlier section on Legislation in the House of Commons for details of the Bill.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 238

Immigration Bill – committee stage, day 3, 10th March 2014

The Earl of Listowel moved an amendment to insert a new clause that would exempt pregnant women from charges and restrictions on eligibility for health services. The amendment was withdrawn. Similar amendments were moved by Baroness Cumberlege, Lord Patel, Baroness Tonge, Baroness Masham and Baroness Finlay.

All amendments were withdrawn.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 239

Debates

Queen's Speech Debate (Day 5), 15th May 2013

Baroness Northover led a debate on DFID's policy priorities for the coming 12 months.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 240

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 4th June 2013

Lord Fowler led a debate on support for the Global Fund. He highlighted progress that has been made to combat HIV, tuberculosis and malaria since the Global Fund was launched, and the urgent need for substantial funding to maintain and accelerate progress.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 241

International Development: budget, 11th June 2013

Lord Empey led a debate on reported plans to transfer part of DFID's budget to the Ministry of Defence. He highlighted the importance of aid but suggested that the budget was very large and that DFID's work could be considered as part of seamless process alongside the work the FCO and Ministry of Defence.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 242

Women: developing countries, 27th June 2013

Lord Loomba moved that the House take note of the challenges faced by women globally, particularly those in developing countries. He highlighted the absence of women from political processes worldwide and the need for safe access to sexual health and maternity services.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 243

Millennium Development Goals, 23rd October 2013

Baroness Jenkin led a debate on the UN High-Level Panel's report for the post-2015 development agenda. She highlighted the achievements of the MDGs and the clarity of the UN High-Level Panel's report for a follow-up framework.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 244

Middle East: situation of women, 7th November 2013

Baroness Hussein-Ece led a debate on the situation of women in the Middle-East following the Arab Spring. She highlighted the role of women in the uprisings but also pointed to sexual violence against female protesters and journalists, and few women in the new governments and constitutional committees.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 245

Afghanistan: women's rights, 2nd December 2013

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger led a debate on the Government's work to ensure that improvements for women in Afghanistan are maintained once British troops withdraw. She suggested that the UK should use its position as a donor country to ensure that women's rights are maintained, that girls receive good quality education and that women have access to justice and security.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 246

Female genital mutilation, 4th December 2013

Baroness Cox led a debate on the Government's work to address FGM. She argued that the UK needs a comprehensive, joined-up set of policies to ensure that victims are identified early, protected and supported, and that perpetrators are brought to account.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 247

Violence against women, 9th December 2013

Baroness Gould of Potternewton led a debate on violence against women in conflict settings. She highlighted the medical need for women and girls to have access to safe abortion in conflict settings and suggested that the UK should press the US to remove its ban on abortions through humanitarian aid. She also pointed to a need for perpetrators of sexual violence in conflict settings to be brought to justice.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 248

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 12th December 2013

Lord Chidgey led a debate on the Global Fund and its recent replenishment pledges. He highlighted the work of the Global Fund and suggested that DFID should work closer with the organisation to combat tuberculosis (TB) in developing countries.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 249

Health: neglected tropical diseases, 6th February 2014

Baroness Hayman led a debate on progress towards combating neglected tropical diseases. She highlighted the burden of neglected tropical diseases worldwide and advocated for their inclusion in the post-2015 development agenda.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 250

UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, 24th February 2014

Baroness Prosser led a debate on the Government's progress with the UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. She praised the recent work of the Government but highlighted the need for greater support to enable women through education, knowledge, participation and influence.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 251

Health: women and low-income groups, 20th March 2014

Baroness Manzoor led a debate on health inequalities for women and low-income groups. She highlighted growing health inequalities in the UK and questioned what the Government was doing in response to the 2010 Marmot review on social determinants of health. She suggested that policies should be subject to health inequality assessments and that there needed to be clearer leadership and greater acknowledgement of health inequalities across all Ministries and governments in the UK.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 252

Oral Parliamentary Questions

Female Genital Mutilation, 22nd April 2013

Baroness Cox asked the Home Office for data on FGM since 2003. Lord Taylor of Holbeach replied that the true prevalence was difficult to estimate but that a 2007 study estimated 20,000 girls are at risk.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 253

Developing countries: budgetary support, 15th May 2013

Lord McConnell asked DFID how they will allocate direct funding for developing countries in 2013-14. Baroness Northover replied that they will continue to support programmes that represent value for money in countries that are committed to poverty reduction, human rights, fighting corruption and strengthening accountability.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 254

G8 meeting, 21st May 2013

Baroness Tonge asked FCO about their priorities for the upcoming G8 meeting, and whether FP was among them. Baroness Warsi replied that fairer taxation, transparency and freer trade were priorities for the meeting. She also stated that the FCO and DFID were working hard to create the right environment for discussions on FP.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 255

Abortion, 6th June 2013

Baroness Knight asked the Department of Health what action they have taken to stop and prevent terminations of pregnancy that are not compliant with the Abortion Act 1967. Earl Howe replied that the Care Quality Commission inspects NHS and independent abortion providers, that the Chief Medical Officer contacted providers to remind them of their obligations, and that offenders will be prosecuted by the police.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 256

Health: midwives, 10th June 2013

Baroness Cumberlege asked the Department of Health what steps they have taken to ensure that independent midwives can work with clinical indemnity. Earl Howe replied that a 12 week consultation on the topic had recently ended and that analyses and discussions were underway to see what measures should be taken.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 257

Education: sex and relationship education, 18th June 2013

Baroness Jones asked the Department for Education what steps they have taken to ensure that children have access to sex and relationship education. Lord Nash replied that sex and relationship education is compulsory in secondary schools and that e-safety is being introduced in primary schools as part of the national curriculum to determine responsible internet use.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 258

Violence against women, 20th June 2013

Baroness Howe of Idlicote asked the Government for their response to a report by the End Violence Against Women coalition, *Deeds or Words?* Baroness Northover replied that there have been national campaigns to encourage teens to rethink their views about abuse and that community education was helping to raise awareness on stalking and forced marriage.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 259

Overseas development assistance, 27th June 2013

Lord McConnell asked the Government when they will be reviewing their 2011 overseas development eligibility criteria. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon replied that a review of multilateral aid would be completed by the end of 2013 and that decisions are based on governance, economic development and the ability of a country to self-finance.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 260

Africa: development, 27th June 2013

Baroness Kinnock asked DFID for their assessment of Africa's development prospects as described in the *African Economic Outlook 2013* report. Baroness Northover replied that they are supporting growth and poverty reduction in Africa and that this requires capable and accountable governments, balanced tax systems, business growth, investment and freer trade.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 261

Education: sex education, 8th July 2013

Baroness Gould asked the Department for Education which organisations have challenged their proposed changes to sex education. Lord Nash replied that a number of organisations signed a letter in The Times which criticised changes to reduce detail on reproduction and the human life cycle in the science curriculum. He noted that the Sex Education Forum was one such organisation.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 262

Global Partnership for Aid Effectiveness, 16th July 2013

Lord Chidgey asked DFID what progress they had made in developing and specifying aid effectiveness indicators outlined at the Global Partnership for Aid Effectiveness meeting in Busan. Baroness Northover replied that data for the 10 indicators and targets will be collected until mid-September in time for a major international meeting in early 2014.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 263

International development: diseases of poverty, 24th July 2013

Baroness Jolly asked how much of DFID's £30million for development of new technologies to impact on diseases of poverty had been awarded to date. Baroness Northover replied that business cases had been prepared and allocated funding is expected to begin this year.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 264

Overseas aid: post-2015 development agenda, 25th July 2013

Lord McConnell asked DFID how they intend to follow up on the report of the UN High-Level Panel on the post-2015 development agenda. Baroness Northover replied that they will work internationally to build momentum behind the panel's recommendations to ensure that the final framework is equally strong.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 265

Overseas aid: GDP target, 25th July 2013

Lord Bates asked DFID what discussions they had had with other G8 members on progress towards spending 0.7% of gross domestic product (GDP) on overseas aid. Baroness Northover replied that it was discussed as part of the *Loch Erne G8 Accountability Report*, which all leaders of the G8 endorsed.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 266

International Day of the Girl, 9th October 2013

Baroness Hussein-Ece asked DFID what actions they were intending to take to promote the education of girls around the world ahead of the International Day of the Girl on 11th October. Baroness Northover replied that UK aid supported 2.8 million girls to receive primary education, and 270,000 to go to lower secondary school. She also highlighted that the Girls' Education Challenge will help an additional 1 million girls receive education.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 267

Abortion, 10th October 2013

Baroness Knight asked the Government what actions they were intending to take ensure that medical professionals offering to perform abortion on grounds of gender are prosecuted. Lord Wallace of Tankerness replied that if the matter is referred to the police then a full investigation will be carried out and the Crown Prosecution Service will prosecute when it is in the public interest and there is sufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 268

Millennium Development Goals, 22nd October 2013

Lord Chidgey asked DFID new goals they would like to see in the post-2015 development framework. Baroness Northover replied that the 12 successor goals proposed by the UN High-Level Panel offered practical targets, and that DFID was particularly pleased to see a proposed stand-alone goal for women and girls.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 269

Democratic Republic of Congo, 24th October 2013

The Lord Bishop of Ripon and Leeds asked the Home Office on what evidence they base their decision to return asylum seekers to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Lord Taylor of Holbeach replied that every asylum application is considered on its individual merits and that returns are only made if safe to do so.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 270

National curriculum: violence against women, 28th October 2013

Baroness Prosser asked the Department for Education if they had plans to review the national curriculum with the aim of preventing violence against women. Lord Nash replied that schools may include the topic in personal, social, health and economic education as a non-statutory subject.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 271

Female genital mutilation, 7th November 2013

Baroness Manzoor asked the Department of Health for their assessment of the Royal College of Nursing's report *Tackling Female Genital Mutilation in the UK*. Earl Howe replied that the Government welcomed the report and noted that FGM in the UK is illegal.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 272

Violence against women and girls, 25th November 2013

Baroness Gould asked the Home Office what steps they are taking to prevent rape and violence against women and girls. Lord Taylor of Holbeach replied that they published and are delivering a cross-government strategy called *Violence against Women and Girls*, which includes national awareness campaigns for teenagers to prevent rape and abuse.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 273

Female genital mutilation, 28th November 2013

Lord Berkeley asked the Home Office why there have been no prosecutions for FGM. Lord Taylor of Holbeach replied that there are many barriers to prosecutions including the young age of victims and pressure from family and the wider community. He suggested that it is only a matter of time before a perpetrator is brought to justice.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 274

Girls' Education Challenge, 20th January 2014

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger asked DFID what responses they have received to the Girls' Education Challenge. Baroness Northover replied that the initiative has been enthusiastically received by NGOs, charities and the private sector.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 275

Abortion, 12th February 2014

Baroness Knight asked the Department of Health what action they intend to take to address in light of suggestions that sex-selective abortion is taking place in the UK. Earl Howe replied that abortion on the grounds of gender alone is illegal but that the recent study did not provide conclusive evidence that sex-selective abortion was taking place in the UK.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 276

Female genital mutilation, 12th February 2014

Baroness Tonge asked the Government what progress they had made in eliminating FGM in the UK and abroad. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon replied that, following meetings with charities and other stakeholders on International Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM, the government had appointed a consortium of anti-FGM campaigners to lead a global campaign and that Ministers from across government had signed a declaration of support.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 277

Health: midwives, 5th March 2014

Baroness Cumberlege asked the Department of Health what steps they have taken to ensure that independent midwives can work with clinical indemnity. Earl Howe replied that they have been working with Independent Midwives UK to explore securing insurance for its members. He noted that Independent Midwives UK had submitted a business plan and that a decision by the Department of Health was imminent.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 278

Afghanistan: protection and women's safety, 6th March 2014

Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead asked for the FCO's response to recent events in Afghanistan including changes to Afghan law. Baroness Warsi replied that they are monitoring the situation and regularly raise respect for women's rights and the protection of women's security with the Afghan Government. She noted that the FCO had raised the issue with the Afghan government at the highest level and that President Karzai had issued a decree to amend the criminal procedure code.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 279

Female genital mutilation, 6th March 2014

Baroness Prosser asked the Government what steps they are taking to identify and support girls at risk of FGM. Baroness Jolly replied that Ministers had signed a declaration to demonstrate the Government's commitment, and that an updated action plan for ending violence against women and girls would be published on the 8th March.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 280

Uganda: treatment of women, 6th March 2014

Baroness Walmsley asked the FCO whether they will make representations to the Ugandan Government regarding attacks on women as a result of recent legislation banning indecent outfits. Baroness Warsi replied that they had been following the Anti-Pornography Act and that the clause restricting women's dress had been amended during parliamentary debates. She said that they are working with local and international partners to understand the Act's implementation, that the Ugandan police have issued warnings against attacks and that the Ugandan Prime Minister had announced a review of the Act.

Please find full text enclosed as appendix 281

Female genital mutilation, 20th March 2014

Lord Dobbs asked the Government about the impediments to securing prosecutions for FGM. Lord Wallace of Tankerness replied that the Crown Prosecution Service can only prosecute once the police have referred a case. He highlighted lack of information from communities and the age and vulnerability of victims as two key barriers.

Written Parliamentary Questions

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

- Abortion
- Afghanistan: women
- Afghanistan: women and girls
- Asylum seekers
- Burma
- Central African Republic
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Commonwealth: women and girls
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Education: personal, social and health Education
- Education: sex and relationship education
- Embryology
- Female genital mutilation
- Forced marriage
- Global Forum on Human Resources for Health
- Health: birth defects
- Health: Chlamydia
- Health: family planning
- Health: family planning and HIV
- Health: HIV/AIDS
- Health: Human Papilloma Virus
- Health: maternity services
- Health: mitochondrial disease
- Health: pregnancy
- Health: sexual and reproductive health
- Health services: inequality
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990
- Immigration Bill
- International Conference on Population and Development
- Iraq
- Istanbul Convention
- Marriage
- NHS: migrant access
- Overseas aid
- Overseas conflict: sexual violence
- Pakistan
- Post-2015 Millennium Development Goals
- Post-Millennium Development Agenda
- Rape
- Rwanda
- Saudi Arabia
- Schools: sex and relationship education
- Somalia
- Somaliland and Somalia
- South Sudan
- Syria
- United Nations Commission on Population and Development
- United Nations Commission of the Status of Women
- UN: Commission on the Status of Women
- Violence against women
- Violence against women and girls
- Violence against women and girls overseas
- Women: peace and security
- Women and girls: protection in emergencies

UK GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

As well as holding the UK Government accountable to its promises and furthering the ICPD PoA via amendments to legislation, debates, EDMs and Parliamentary questions, the Group met and spoke both formally and informally at receptions and conferences with Ministers; and wrote regularly to the Prime Minister, DFID Ministers, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and civil servants.

DFID team

DFID ministerial team since November 2012:



Justine Greening MP, SS for ID



Lynn Featherstone MP, PUSS for ID



Alan Duncan MP, Minister (until 15th July 2014 –then Desmond Swayne MP was appointed Minister)



Baroness Northover, HoL spokesperson for ID.



Mark Lowcock, Permanent Secretary

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DFID Meeting

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

- Her vision for FP/SRHR
- Funding to FP/SRHR
- FP2020 - progress
- FP/SRHR within the Post 2015 MDG Framework
- Support from the Group to DFID
- FGH/Child Marriage conference 2014

Due to ministers travel schedules the meeting was re-scheduled twice, but finally took place on 10th July 2014, so will reported on in next year's annual report.

UK Government Correspondence

The majority of this year's correspondence with Ministers related to the preparatory meetings and the development of the new post-2015 MDG Framework and to clarify the UK Government's position on abortion services in war zones to women and girls following rape.

Letters highlighted the importance of the inclusion of a target on universal access to FP/SRHR services and a goal on gender equality within the new MDG Framework and the UK Government's support to rape victims in war zones.

Letters were sent to David Cameron MP, the Prime Minister, Justine Greening MP, SS for ID as well as Michael Anderson and David Hallam, senior advisors to David Cameron in May 2013 after the G8 Parliamentary Conference. Letters were also sent in June 2013 prior to the Open Working Group on Health and Population Dynamics, and in July - and September 2013 in response to the Secretary General's reports on the post 2015 Development Agenda, and finally in February 2014 in the lead up to the CPD and its Index report.

All letters sent, received replies from Ministers and civil servants reiterating the UK Government's support for a gender goal and a target on universal access to SRHR services within the new MDG Framework and the UK Government's lead on the change for reproductive choice, rights and women's empowerment.

Please find enclosed all correspondence as appendix 283

The Group also sent letters to William Hague MP, SS for FCO in June 2013 with the inclusion of the UK SRHR Network briefing on integration of health services within his Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative.

Another letter was sent in July 2013 on the Security Council Resolution and women raped in war zones, reiterating the importance of member states and donors providing comprehensive and non-discriminatory medical care in accordance with international humanitarian law to girls and women.

Throughout the year the UK Government has been under pressure to state its position on abortion services in war zones, as the US continued its abortion ban on humanitarian aid for war victims.

Please find enclosed correspondence as appendix 284

In June 2014 DFID circulated an official letter clarifying the UK Government's position on abortion services in war zones after rape as follows:

"As you are probably aware the UK Government has put women and girls at the heart of its international development work. Preventing and responding to violence against women and girls and improving their sexual and reproductive health and rights is fundamental to this approach. On access to abortion services, UK policy is clear: Where abortion is permitted, we can consider support for activities to improve the quality, safety and accessibility of abortion services. The UK remains one of only a handful of international donors willing to tackle this highly sensitive issue.

In the autumn of 2013 UN Security Council Resolution 2122¹ noted the need for improved access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services. The UK welcomes the Security Council's focus on improving access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) in armed conflict and post-conflict settings. In light of UNSCR 2122 we have reviewed the UK policy position on safe and unsafe abortion and clarified within it our view of abortion and international humanitarian law principles:

Where abortion is permitted, UK aid can be used for activities to improve the quality, safety and accessibility of abortion services. In situations of armed conflict or occupation where denial of abortion would threaten the woman's or girl's life or cause unbearable suffering, international humanitarian law principles may justify offering an abortion rather than perpetuating what amounts to inhuman or degrading treatment. Clearly this will depend on the woman's choice, her condition and the safety and security of the humanitarian staff, as well as other contextual factors.

In humanitarian situations the UK funds partners to deliver SRH services and encourages other donors and partner agencies to provide more SRH services including the Minimum Initial Service Package.

These may include access to safe abortion services in line with our policy paper on safe and unsafe abortion. Please note UK development assistance cannot be used to procure illegal services.

We are of course aware of the many challenges to provision of comprehensive safe abortion services, particularly in complex humanitarian and conflict situations where local laws, policies or norms are restrictive. However, we urge all partners to consider how, through existing and future programmes access to sexual and reproductive health and rights can be improved for women and girls living in these situations.

Our updated policy paper is available using the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-and-unsafe-abortion-uks-policy-position-on-safe-and-unsafe-abortion-in-developing-countries>"

Letters were also sent in December 2013 in connection with the European vote on the Estrela report on SRHR (please see European section for further information).

Please find enclosed correspondence as appendix 285

UK Government and Select Committee Publications

DFID's Framework for Results for Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health mid-term review, December 2013

In December 2010, the UK government published its Framework for Results setting out its commitment to accelerate progress on addressing the international challenges of Reproductive Maternal and Newborn Health (RMNH). The Frameworks reflected a shift in UK development policy under the Coalition Government elected in May 2010 to a greater focus on results, seeking to direct DFID and other resources to support interventions that have strong international evidence of their effectiveness.

The RMNH Framework aimed to save the lives of at least 50,000 women during pregnancy and childbirth and 250,000 newborns by 2015, through (1) empowering women and girls to make reproductive choices; (2) removing barriers that prevent access to services, particularly for the poorest and most at risk; (3) expanding the supply of quality services; and (4) enhancing accountability for results at all levels.

It builds on DFID's earlier strategies to address maternal deaths and promote SRHR.

In August 2013, Robert Morris contacted the Group. As part of a team led by Oxford Policy Management, he was selected by DFID to undertake an independent mid-term review (and later a final evaluation) of the UK Framework for Results for RMNH.

He requested a telephone interview with the Group advisor as a key informant for the mid-term review. This took place on 5th September 2013.

The following questions were discussed:

- *The origins and rationale of the frameworks;*
- *Whether they rest on solid and comprehensive evidence and provide the right direction for DFID's RMNH investments;*
- *The influence of the frameworks on how DFID does its work;*
- *The evolution of DFID programming for RMNH;*
- *The Role of the framework in relations to these changes;*
- *How RMNH activities and results are tracked;*
- *How effective the frameworks have been overall, how they have been used and how they could be strengthened in the future.*

The Mid-Term review can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/308832/Frameworks-MTR-malaria-RMNH.pdf

Ending violence against women and girls: Action Plan, 11th March 2014

In November 2010, the UK government published its 'Call to End Violence against Women and Girls'. In March 2014 its 3rd Action Plan was published which sets out the detail of the UK Government's achievements, and where there will be a particular focus of activity over the coming year in response to emerging challenges.

Of particular interest to the Group is its reference to the new Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill, which received Royal Assent this summer and made forced marriage a criminal offence, to ensure that this unacceptable practice can be robustly prosecuted.

The action plan also makes reference to FGM awareness raising, increased funding and part-funding of a new study into the prevalence of FGM in England and Wales. The new research will be the first update since a 2007, which revealed that over 20,000 girls in the UK could be at risk of FGM each year.

Of interest is also the reference to the UN Security Council Resolutions 2106 (preventing sexual violence in armed conflict) and 2122 (women's roles in conflict prevention) setting out a framework for preventing sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict which were agreed. The UN General Assembly Declaration was endorsed by 140 nations.

The full Action Plan can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/287758/VAWG_Action_Plan.pdf

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 2013/14 and plans to provide the same in 2014/15 subject to satisfactory progress on key reforms during financial year 2013-14. £100 million will be provided as non-core funding in 2014. This non-core component will be made up of 20 contributing programmes which will each undergo annual reviews to assess performance and determine future funding.

In 2013/14 DFID provided MSI with £4.3 million and IPPF with £8.6 million of funding through its Programme Partnership Arrangement grants. In addition, IPPF received £1.5 million from DFID for an AIDS and reproductive health programme. MSI currently receives non-core funding of approximately £41.5 million for 2014/15, with future non-core funding estimated at £37.5 million for 2015/16.

Continuation of DFID's Programme Partnership Arrangement funding has been provisionally agreed for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

Women and Children First UK currently receive non-core funding of £246,101 over three years from 2014 –16. Women and Children First UK have also been provisionally approved for a second grant worth £249,842 over three years from 2014 - 2017 through the Global Poverty Action Fund, pending successful completion of pre-grant assessment.

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting HIV and AIDS, 2006/07 – 2013/14 (GBP millions)

Input Sector Code	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
13041 HIV/AIDS including STI Prevention			147.9	122.0	119.1	69.0	50.3	37.5
13042 HIV/AIDS including STI Treatment and Care			10.1	24.0	52.7	27.3	40.2	10.9
Grand Total	128.7	134.2	158.0	146.0	171.8	96.3	46.1	48.4

DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health, 2006/07 – 2013/14 (GBP millions)

Input Sector Code	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
13010 Population Policy and Administrative Management	4.5	2.8	2.6	2.9	7.1	6.1	5.4	11.5
13021 Reproductive Health Care	29.4	18.6	36.5	43.2	48.0	108.9	36.7	49.4
13022 Maternal and Neonatal Health	21.9	34.4	61.6	49.4	50.0	121.4	125.8	163.4
13030 Family Planning, Health			8.1	15.3	31.1	43.8	109.7	127.0
13081 Personnel Development for Population and Reproductive Health								9.3
Grand Total	55.8	55.9	108.8	110.8	136.1	280.1	277.6	360.6

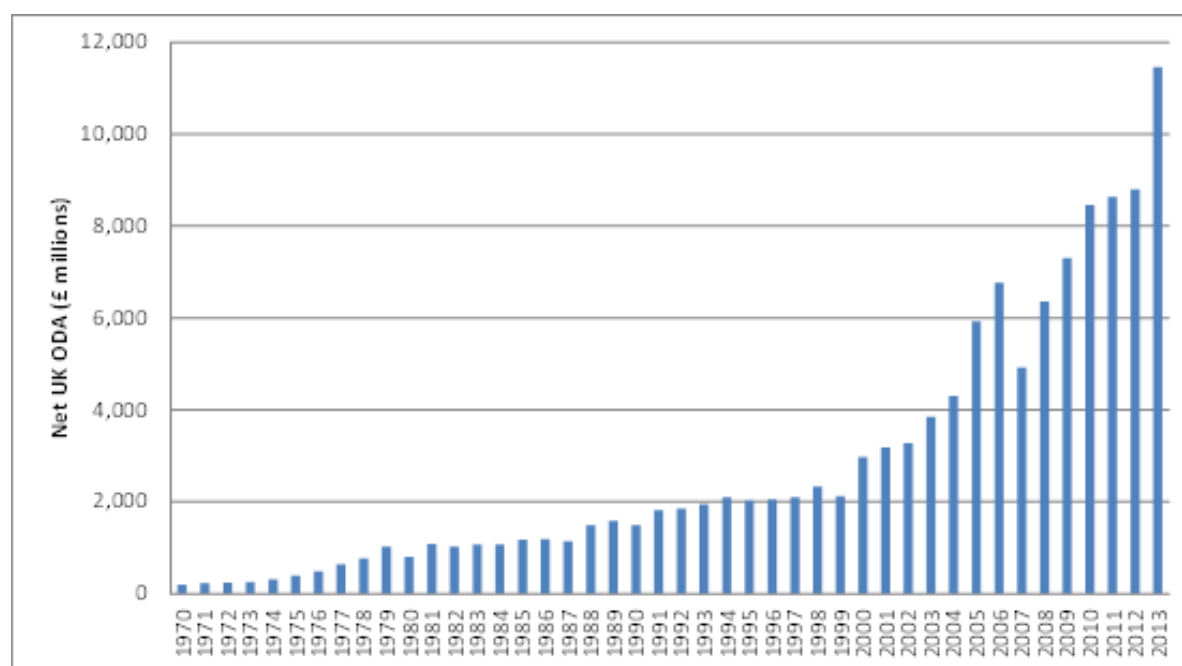
Tables 2 and 3 provide details of DFID bilateral expenditure directly targeting reproductive health and HIV/AIDS activities. However, according to DFID, the UK's direct spend on HIV should not be seen as the sum of their work. DFID is seeking to increasingly optimise linkages and integration with other 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, 2005/06 – 2013/14 (GBP thousands)

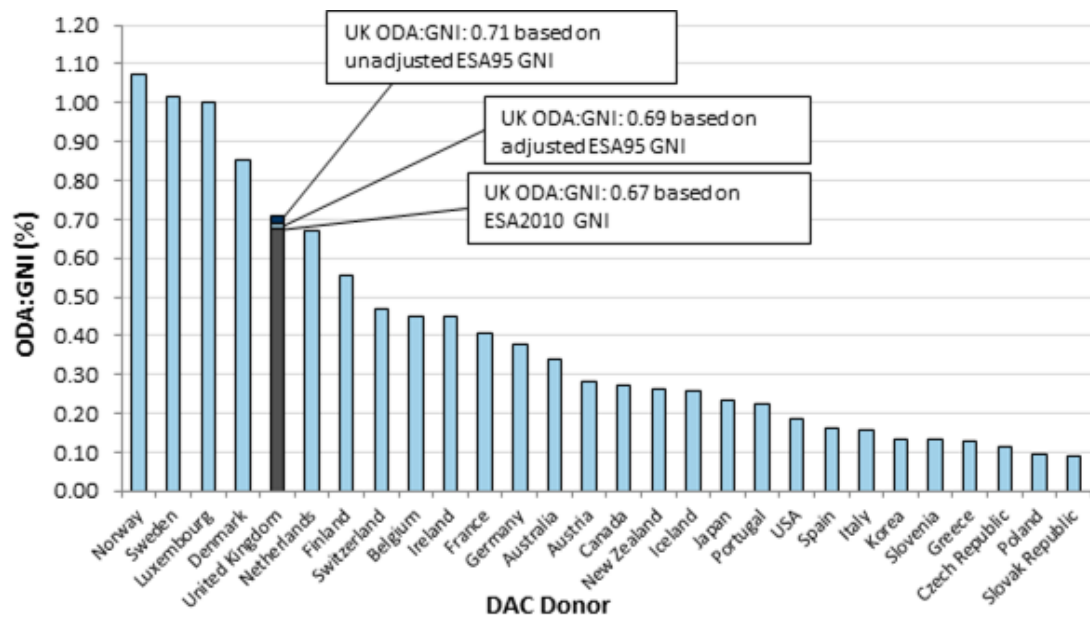
Organisation	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07	2005/06	Funding Stream
UNFPA	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	22,060	20,038	20,000	20,000	20,000	DFID - Core Funding
WHO	14,500	12,500	27,240	28,723	26,967	23,824	15,299	25,409	25,641	DFID and Other Govt. Depts. - Core Funding
UNICEF	46,000	47,800	40,000	23,600	21,000	16,151	26,000	22,042	23,813	DFID and Other Govt. Depts. - Core Funding
UNAIDS	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	11,030	10,000	19,000	10,000	16,002	DFID - Core Funding
IPPF*	8,600	8,600	6,450	12,015	7,500	8,600	7,500	7,500	0	Programme Partnership Agreement
MSI	-	-	-	1,063	0	770	885	1,032	717	CSCF - Non Core Bilateral Funding;
	4,300	4,353	4,353	-	-	-	-	-	-	Programme Partnership Agreement
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria	543,044	127,908	128,100	296,600	163,400	50,000	100,000	100,000	51,000	DFID Programme - Core Funding
UN Women	12,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DFID - Core Funding

* This includes funding from the Governance and Transparency Fund

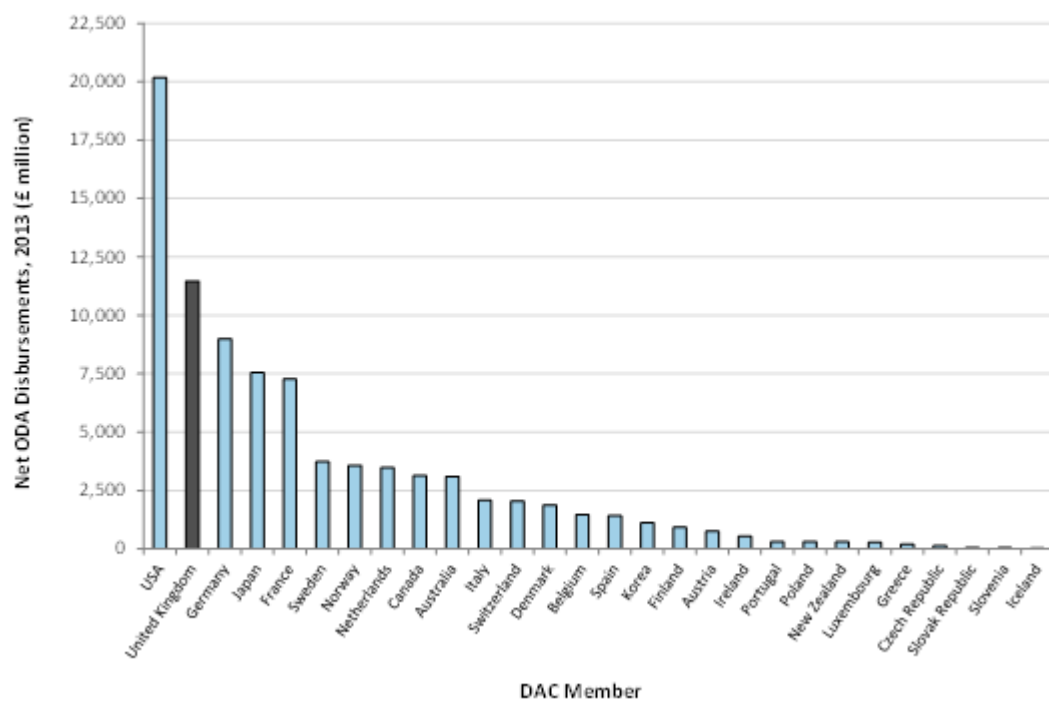
Net UK ODA 1970-2013 (£ millions)



Provisional Net ODA:GNI ratios from Development Assistance Committee Donors, 2013



Provisional Net ODA from Development Assistance Committee donors, 2013



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Group members and staff have attended several national and international conferences this year, as follows:

ICPD Thematic Meeting: Families, Sexual and Reproductive Health over the life course, 26th – 27th April 2013, Bucharest, Romania

Baroness Flather attended above conference. It was one of three thematic meetings organised in the UNECE region in connection with the 20th anniversary of the ICPD to review and shape the global population and development agenda for the future.

The meeting brought together experts on population dynamics, reproductive health, migration, human rights, gender equality, social and economic policies and other relevant areas. The discussions at the thematic meetings helped to create a picture of how far UNECE countries had come since the ICPD in Cairo, and where to go next to ensure health, rights and choice for women, men, old and young in the region.

The report of the expert meetings can be found on the following website:

http://eeca.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/ICPD_Beyond_2014_review_in_the_UNECE_region_WEB.pdf

UK G8 Global Parliamentary Conference: ‘What place for Family Planning in the future of development’, 9th – 10th May 2013, HoC, London, UK



The Group in collaboration with EPF organised the 2013 G8 Parliamentary Conference in the UK Parliament on 9th – 10th May 2013. This G8 Global Parliamentary conference was the latest in a succession of similar G8/G20 meetings that EPF and its APPGs have organised focusing on SRHR.

Previous conferences took place under the G8 presidencies of the UK (2005), Russia (2006), Germany (2007), Japan (2008), Italy (2009), Canada (2010) and France (2011).

Global Parliamentarians' Conferences are held annually to enable dialogue between decision-makers interested in human rights and development issues from G8 and G20 countries and their counterparts from elsewhere in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

Two planning meetings were held in London in October 2012 and February 2013.

It was agreed that the two day conference should address the greatest challenges facing the international development community at present: the lack of access to

modern methods of FP facing 222 million women around the world. The goal was to find a solution for this challenge, by examining how FP can be encompassed in the new guiding framework for international development.

57 parliamentarians from 34 countries from around the world (including 14 G20 countries) met at the conference in the Houses of Parliament in London, where they were joined by over 100 other participants from across the fields of international development. As planned, discussions were on the importance of FP and SRHR in development, and how they are key to issues such as sustainable development, women's empowerment and maternal and newborn health.

At the end of the event parliamentarians agreed upon a powerful message to the policymakers who are planning the future framework for International Development.

This message outlined their understanding that: "Women's and adolescent's SRHR affect not only their own wellbeing and destinies; they also direct the future of families, societies and humanity and are a key driver of social and economic development. It then went on to: "Demand that G8/G20 leaders place FP in the context of SRHR at the core of the post-2015 development agenda."

Key note speakers included: Lynne Featherstone MP, PUSS for ID; Professor Hans Rosling, Professor of International Health, Karolinska Institute, Sweden; Dr Toshiko Abe MP, Parliamentary vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan; Marie Rose Nguini Effa MP, Chair of the Health, Labour and Social Affairs Committee of the Pan African Parliament, member of the National Assembly of Cameroon; Andrew Mitchell MP, Former SS for ID, UK and Dianne Stewart, Director, External Relations Division, UNFPA.

The event featured prominently in the media, with BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour interviewing delegates including Baroness Jenny Tonge and Dr Hedy Fry MP, Canada, chair of the drafting committee on the issues. Several reports were published on the Guardian Global Development Blog (please see Press section for further information).

The conference was followed by a reception in the House of the Speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow MP.

Following the conference organisations vowed to follow up with the parliamentarians present to ensure that they put pressure on their heads of government to ensure that the conference declaration's message be heard by those designing the future of the international development agenda.

The Group sent a covering letter with the final declaration to all relevant UK cabinet members and civil servants and Group members.

Please find enclosed conference declaration and sample correspondence with cabinet ministers as appendix 286

Baroness Jenny Tonge referenced the Conference in her 21st May oral Parliamentary question as follows:

Baroness Tonge: *To ask HMG what are their priorities for the G8 meeting on 17th June.*

Baroness Warsi: *My Lords, the priorities for the G8 are pushing for practical action to achieve fairer taxes, greater transparency and freer trade. Those are actions that are essential in shaping the rules*

characterising a fair and open global economy, and ensure that both developed and developing countries benefit. G8 leaders will discuss topical foreign policy and global economic issues, as well as terrorism and security in weak and ungoverned spaces, especially the Sahel and north-west Africa.

Baroness Tonge: *My Lords, is the Minister aware that at the pre-G8 parliamentarians conference held at Westminster last week, to which more than 100 parliamentarians from all over the world came, it was once again affirmed that voluntary family planning and maternal health are cost-effective ways of promoting economic development by stabilising population growth and enabling women to access education and join the workforce? Will our Government, therefore, press their commitment to family planning and maternal health at the G8 meeting?*

Baroness Warsi: *I cannot assure my noble friend whether that will be on the agenda, but I will certainly take her views back. She will be aware that a huge amount of work is done by the Foreign Office and the Department for International Development both in projects on the ground and in creating the right climate for these matters to be discussed. Sometimes G8 summits are seen as places where western nations can point the finger at developing countries, but this meeting is also about the G8 countries getting their house in order.*

Women Deliver Conference, 25th – 29th May 2013, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the Women Deliver Conference in Kuala Lumpur on 25th – 29th May 2013.

The conference saw 4,500 participants representing over 2,200 organisations and 149 countries in total. 52 parliamentarians attended in total from regional parliamentary networks.

A Parliamentarians' Forum was organised as a side event to the conference on "Successes, challenges and obstacles in advancing women's and girls' health and rights". The event was dedicated to discussing what parliamentarians can do to "deliver for women" and to draft a "Global legislative agenda to deliver for women".

Please find enclosed agenda as appendix 287

Baroness Jenny Tonge spoke at the event. Participating MPs recalled that reproductive health care is critical to the health and rights of women and girls, who are themselves essential for prosperity and opportunity everywhere.

Full info on the conference can be found here: <http://www.womendeliver.org/conferences/2013-conference/>

Family Planning Conference, 11th – 15th November 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the third International Conference on FP in Addis Ababa on behalf of Group and as President of the EPF.

This conference saw more than 3,300 delegates from 120 countries, and ended with a Call to Action seeking to keep focus on FP and SRHR as part of the post-2015 development framework

As the President of the EPF and in collaboration with the Asian Forum for Parliamentary on Population and Development, Baroness Jenny Tonge spoke at the panel of parliamentarians with the title: 'Generating political will to promote FP and bring about demographic dividend'.

Please find enclosed abstract sent for side event and programmes as appendix 288

She also presented Richard Ottaway MP's paper: 'Sex, Ideology and Religion' at a side event.

Please find enclosed abstract sent to present the paper and PowerPoint presentation as appendix 289

MSI organised numerous side events at the conference and Baroness Jenny Tonge spoke at their event on task sharing innovation: 'Lessons from East Africa for health systems globally' with Ethiopian Ministry of Health, UNFPA and WHO representatives.

Please find enclosed full programme and Baroness Jenny Tonge's presentation as appendix 290

Full conference information can be found here: <http://www.fpconference2013.org/>

DFID Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department (CHASE) conference, 13th November 2013, London, UK

Leading humanitarian agencies met at the UK and Swedish CHASE conference in London to endorse a global commitment to prioritise the protection of girls and women from violence and sexual exploitation in emergency situations.

The one day conference was attended by Senior Ministers, Governments, UN heads, international NGOs and civil society organisations as well as MPs including Group members.

A communique was agreed at the conference for early action to protect girls and women in emergencies which will be monitored and reported on.

The communique can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/256872/Final_Communique_v_11_Nov_4.pdf



At the event DFID announced £21.6 million new funding to protect girls and women in emergencies, namely:

- £3 million to support UNFPA work to protect girls and women in Syria;
- £4 million and £1.6 million for projects in Lebanon and Jordan, respectively;
- £1 million for a Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) project in Jordan £3 million* for International Committee of the Red Cross;
- £9 million for DFID programmes with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo; and
- Other funding commitments totalling £19.7 million were also made by the USA, Switzerland, Japan and Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO).

CPA UK conference for parliamentarians on the Post 2015 development agenda, 26th – 28th November, HoC, London, UK

Members attended part of the CPA three-day conference, which brought together an audience of over 80 international parliamentarians and high profile experts from international and NGOs, civil society groups and academia from Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth countries to discuss the future of global development indicators.

A conference communiqué, highlighting priority issues for parliamentarians and was drafted by a working group. In addition, an action plan for parliamentarians was drawn up to assist delegates with influencing, implementing and monitoring the post-2015 development agenda.

The Communique and action plan can be found here: [The communiqué and action plan can be downloaded here](#) ( PDF 254 KB).

The group also established a set of recommendations from the conference to be submitted to the 8th Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development.

This can be found here: [set of recommendations from the conference \(PDF 237 KB\)](#)

Finally, in order to support the work of the parliamentarians responsible for the creation and delivery of the new agenda, CPA UK produced a toolkit. This provided information and advice to help parliamentarians to become actively involved in the post-2015 process.

This can be found here: [a toolkit for parliamentarians \(PDF 14.92 MB\)](#).

Africa Regional Forum for Parliamentarians on Population and Development, 17th – 19th March 2014, Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire



Baroness Jenny Tonge attended the three-day parliament meeting in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

She was invited to present “the lessons learned from parliamentary advocacy in the UK and Europe” and to give a regional perspective of the challenges that parliamentarians collectively face in parliamentary advocacy.

The meeting was organised in collaboration with UNFPA and IPPF with the overall objective of re-establishing the African Forum on Population and Development and increase the number of African champions able to promote dialogue and cooperation among parliamentarians, to further the implementation of the ICPD PoA in African countries. During the meeting African parliamentarians pledged to eliminate preventable maternal mortality, by ensuring universal access to FP, and management of preventable complications arising from unsafe abortion.

In the declaration they pledged to “use the Common African Position (CAP) on the Post 2015 Development Agenda” to speak with one voice and to act in unity to ensure that Africa’s voice is heard and is fully integrated into the global development agenda.

UNFPA and IPPF Africa Region agreed at the meeting to support the African parliamentarian’s secretariat.

Please find enclosed the outcome document as appendix 291

SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

The Group 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 Parliament and at external meetings, workshops and conferences.

UK APPGs on International Development

The Group has been represented at meetings with UK APPGs working on International Development. Collaboration culminated in the March 2013 Westminster debate on the Post 2015 MDG Framework and the 24th April 2013 briefing event: Parliamentarians Ending Poverty – “The Future of International Development: 2015 and Beyond in the HoC (please see Group parliamentary briefing section for further information).

Joint letters have been sent to David Cameron, the Prime Minister instigated by the Chairs of APPGs on International Development to highlight the importance of universal health care within the new post 2015 MDG Framework.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 292

APPGs on Health

Meetings has been held amongst UK APPG coordinators working on health issues to discuss collaborative activities on the post 2015 MDG Framework. Joint briefings were disseminated to members to engage them in the new MDG Framework debates in both Houses.

Please find enclosed communications as appendix 293

UK APPG on Global Health

The Group has met, communicated and collaborated closely throughout the year with above APPG in connection with their annual dinner and briefings events in Parliament (please see Group parliamentary briefing section for further information). The Group supported the APPG on Global Health hearings: ‘Patient empowerment’. Baroness Jenny Tonge attended preparatory meetings and hearings and administrative support was via dissemination of call for written evidence, editing and 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 report can be found here: <http://www.appg-globalhealth.org.uk/>

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 294

UK APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health in the UK

The Group has communicated regularly with above APPG on European pro- and anti-choice campaigns. Joint meetings have taken place (please see Group parliamentary briefing section for further information)

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 295

UK APPG on HIV/AIDS

In August 2013 the Group completed a survey on priorities and collaboration for the future for above APPG.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 296

Bosnia APPG on PD

The Group discussed funding problems with above APPG at the EPF secretariat meeting in 2013 and in response sent various possible funding opportunities in February 2014.

Please find enclosed sample communications as appendix 297

Norwegian APPG on PD

Baroness Jenny Tonge was invited by above APPG to the Norwegian Parliament to present the Group's Hearing report: 'Childhood lost' in February 2014. Baroness Jenny Tonge spoke along with Chaz Akoshile from the UK Forced Marriage Unit at the event.

Please find enclosed sample communications and programme as appendix 298

German APPG on PD

Baroness Jenny Tonge was invited and presented an overview of the Group's activities at the German APPG on Population and Development's 10th anniversary in February 2014 in Berlin.

Please find enclosed invitation, sample communications and programme as appendix 299

HEARINGS

Child Marriage, “A Childhood Lost”, 2012



Stephanie Sinclair / VII

The Group has been following up on its child marriage hearing report: “A Childhood Lost”, since its launch in November 2012.

During the summer of 2013 the report was circulated to religious leaders in the UK, which generated numerous responses, including letters thanking the Group for highlighting this hidden child abuse and a request for Baroness Jenny Tonge to speak at events.

A reader at the Roehampton University requested information in connection with a report she was writing for the EU on forced marriage in the UK (please see Communications section for further information).

In the Scottish Parliament in June 2013 Hanzala Malik a Glasgow MP tabled a motion on forced marriage making reference to the Group’s report.

Please find enclosed communications with religious leaders and Scottish motion as appendix 300

In February 2014 Baroness Jenny Tonge presented the Hearing report and its findings in the Norwegian Parliament (please see APPG section for further information).

Child marriage has also been highlighted via Parliamentary questions and debates in both Houses – examples follow:

Asked by Baroness Tonge: To ask HMG whether they will consider raising the legal age of marriage in England and Wales from 16 to 18, in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which defines those under the age of 18 as children.

Lord McNally: The Government does not consider that it is necessary to amend the age at which people can enter into marriage. No person under the age of 16 can marry in England and Wales and any marriage under that age will be void. In England and Wales it is possible to marry from the age of 16 with parental consent and from 18 without consent. The Government believes the existing provisions that require parental consent for people under the age of 18 to marry provide adequate protection for people entering into marriage.

HoC January Westminster Hall debate on violence against women:

Sandra Osborne MP said: “...Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has described violence against women and girls as one of the most pervasive human rights violations in the world. It is both endemic and epidemic. It limits self-esteem, life chances, economic opportunity and development. Gender-based violence reinforces women’s inequality.... Today I want to highlight two tragedies connected to the plight

of women. The first is forced and child marriage, which is practiced in too many parts of the world, including the UK. Those affected may become vulnerable to sexual abuse and exploitation, early pregnancy, with a high risk of maternal mortality and morbidity, and the transmission of sexually transmitted infections and HIV. Teen pregnancy is the No. 1 cause of mortality for girls between the ages of 15 and 19 and nearly 10% of all adolescent girls in low and middle-income countries are mothers before they are 16. Taking action against early and forced marriage will ensure that more young women and girls can continue their education, act with agency and make independent decisions about their futures. I commend the work that DFID is doing and the references to the subject in the Select Committee report, but the all-party group on population, development and reproductive health, of which I am a member, has also produced a report. "A Childhood Lost", about child marriages in the UK and abroad, was published a year ago. The report says that it is estimated that every year 5,000 to 8,000 people, including many young girls, are at risk of forced marriage in England. The chair of the all-party group has tabled amendments to the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill, which is currently being debated in the other House, to safeguard 16 and 17-year-olds in the UK, who are currently able to marry with parental consent. I want to repeat the comments made in the Select Committee report, about FGM in the UK, with reference to this topic: while it is beyond my remit to comment on domestic policy in this debate, I believe "that—as it stands—the UK's credibility in calling to end the practice overseas is undermined by the failure to tackle the problem at home." I shall follow the debate in the other House with interest and I hope the Government will agree to safeguard young girls. That will send a strong message to practising communities at home and abroad..."

Most importantly however was Baroness Jenny Tonge's amendments to this year's Government Bill on Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing. Amendments were introduced as follows to increase UK marriage age from 16 to 18:

Initial amendment tabled in November 2013:

Page 79, line 9, at end insert -

"() A person commits an offence under the law of England and Wales if he or she -
a) is the parent or guardian of a child and
b) gives consent for that child to marry before the age of 18."

Page 80, line 3, at end insert -

"() A person commits an offence under the law of Scotland if he or she -
a) is the parent or guardian of a child and
b) gives consent for that child to marry before the age of 18."

Subsequent amendment in January 2014:

Clause 109 BARONESS TONGE

87A* *Page 80, line 23, at end insert—*

"(6A) A person commits an offence under the law of England and Wales if he or she—

(a) is the parent or guardian of a child, and

(b) gives consent for that child to enter into marriage before the age of 18 unless the written consent of both parties to the marriage has been obtained.

(6B) The provisions of subsection (6A) also apply to any procedure undertaken to recognise a marriage contracted outside the United Kingdom."

Clause 110 BARONESS TONGE

87B* *Page 80, line 44, at end insert—*

“(2A) A person commits an offence under the law of Scotland if he or she—

(a) is the parent or guardian of a child, and

(b) gives consent for that child to enter into marriage before the age of 18 unless the written consent of both parties to the marriage has been obtained.

(2B) The provisions of subsection (2A) also apply to any procedure undertaken to recognise a marriage contracted outside the United Kingdom.”

Meetings were held with Lord Ahmad the Minister in charge of the Bill and senior advisors to discuss both initial and subsequent amendments. Despite lengthy discussions surrounding marriage of 16 and 17 year olds the Government remained unsupportive of amendments - they reiterated their position that consent was covered within the Bill and would apply to all age groups including 16 and 17 year olds.

Child marriage press coverage increased during the year especially due to the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act and forced marriage becoming a criminal offence in the summer of 2014.

Please find enclosed communications and sample press cuttings as appendix 301

The Group was contacted by the editor of ‘The Issues’ who published extracts of the Child Marriage Hearing Report (please see Press section for further information).

Maternal Morbidity – “Better off Dead?”, 2009

The Group continue to promote the 2009 Maternal Morbidity Hearing Report: ‘Better off Dead?’ in parliamentary debates, press articles, and at national and international conferences.

At the HoL Bill on Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing, January (report stage) 2014

Baroness Tonge said: *“... We know that marriage as early as 16 is a public health issue as well as a violation of human rights. It takes away opportunity for education and economic independence; it is associated with violence, rape and sexual abuse; it contributes to higher rates of maternal morbidity and mortality and contributes to poor child development.....”*

At the HoC Westminster debate, January 2014:

Sandra Osborne MP said: *“...Today I want to highlight two tragedies connected to the plight of women. The first is forced and child marriage, which is practiced in too many parts of the world, including the UK. Those affected may become vulnerable to sexual abuse and exploitation, early pregnancy, with a high risk of maternal mortality and morbidity, and the transmission of sexually transmitted infections and HIV. Teen pregnancy is the No. 1 cause of mortality for girls between the ages of 15 and 19 and nearly 10% of all adolescent girls in low and middle-income countries are mothers before they are 16...”*

Return of the Population Growth Factor – Its impact upon the MDGs, 2007/2009

The Group continue to promote the 2007/2009 Hearing Report: ‘Return of the Population Growth Factor and its Impact upon the MDGs’ and 2009 updated summary leaflet.

At the HoC 17th July 2013 oral Parliamentary question:

Richard Ottaway MP said: *What assessment she has made of likely population growth in north and west Africa by 2050; and if she will make a statement.*

Lynne Featherstone MP, PUSS for ID: *The UN released revised population projections on 13 June. The population in north Africa is projected to increase from 200 million in 2010 to 319 million in 2050, while in west Africa the projected rise is from 305 million in 2010 to 815 million in 2050.*

Richard Ottaway MP: *The region is already experiencing substantial instability and extremism, and the likely outcome is that millions of young men and women will have bleak economic prospects. Given that no country has emerged from poverty without first addressing its levels of population growth, will the Minister give the region priority in her population programmes?*

Lynne Featherstone MP, PUSS for ID: *My hon. Friend has made an important point. West Africa has particularly high rates of population growth, and there is much less take-up of family planning there. DFID's work involves not only family planning—which is a complex issue—but the delaying of first pregnancies, access to economic assets for girls, getting girls through secondary school and preventing violence, all of which contribute to making the population richer and more successful.*

Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, “The Missing Link”, 2004

The Groups 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.

FGM, 2000

The Group continue to promote its 2001 FGM Hearing Report. Of particular importance this year was the second DPP round table meeting on FGM in September 2013. This was a follow up meeting set up for stakeholders to report back on progress made against the first FGM DPP action plan drafted a year earlier and discuss any new issues that had arisen.

The discussions informed a second action plan, to be taken forward and overseen by Nick Hunt, Director of Strategy and Policy, Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

At the meeting the CPS reported an increase in reporting of FGM including to the police and subsequent investigated by the CPS. One possible prosecution had surfaced after multiple work and collaboration, however a decision was made not to go ahead, as would not be in the child’s best interest. Keir Starmer however did report that another prosecution was imminent.

Please find enclosed communications including attendance list and the 2nd DPP Action Plan on FGM as appendix 302

Also important this year was Jane Ellison MP’s appointment to PUSS for the Department of Health in October 2013. As the previous chair of the APPG on FGM, she immediately engaged the press and the Evening Standard ran a press campaign to engage the public on FGM. Articles were published daily.

Please find enclosed sample articles as appendix 303

The Group was contacted by Brent Council in connection with their local FGM/child marriage activities (please see Group parliamentary briefing section for further information).

Members continue highlighting FGM in parliamentary debates:

House of Lords 4th December debate on FGM:

Lord Patel said: "...I work with a charity that trains doctors and nurses in Africa to help women who have obstetric fistula. There are 2 million such women. FGM contributes to these women having difficulty in labour and the resulting fistulas. It also contributes to them having a higher incidence of postpartum haemorrhage and to them dying because of it. FGM, therefore, does not just cause horrific suffering: it causes death..."

Baroness Tonge: "...I came into Parliament in 1997 with a lot of women parliamentarians, and I quickly joined the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population Development and Reproductive Health. Of course there was the 1985 Act that prohibited FGM—everyone knows about that—but by the year 2000 that all-party group had produced a report on FGM, which is still up on the group's website. Following that report, Christine McCafferty MP, the chair of the group at the time, took a 10-minute rule Bill through Parliament to prevent FGM from being perpetrated on girls taken out of the country. It was illegal within the country but we wanted to ensure that girls could not be taken out in the school holidays. This was followed by Ann Clwyd—supported in the House of Commons, I may say, by me—introducing an amendment to the 1985 Act, and in 2003 Royal Assent was given to making FGM illegal if girls were taken out of the country to have it done. Nevertheless, it has taken 10 years to get the broader media and parliamentarians interested and, as we have heard, no prosecutions of individuals have taken place in that time, the main reason being that although, for example, 63 cases were reported between November 2009 and November 2011, no individual would give evidence. Girls stay loyal to their families. The noble Baroness, Lady Rendell, has to be congratulated; throughout this time she has campaigned on this issue and constantly drawn attention to this dreadful abuse. Some 18 months ago, my all-party group suggested that we had a meeting with the Director of Public Prosecutions—Keir Starmer, at the time—to discuss why no prosecutions were taking place. He organised a round-table meeting; Jane Ellison, the chair of the all-party group on FGM, came to it, as did many social workers, doctors, teachers and NGOs. He got together a huge collegiate group of people who were concerned about this practice. After several meetings, there is now a countrywide alert for teachers, doctors, social workers and so on to report any suspicions that they may have. I understand too that the Home Affairs Select Committee is to investigate the matter, but I contend that we have had enough reports, investigations and round-table meetings. What we need is a prosecution, and Keir Starmer assured us a few months ago that there was one in the pipeline. That is what we need. We do not want the victim to be harmed, but we need a prosecution that is well publicised in order to alert everyone in the country to this awful practice..."

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

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 MDGs', 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

Please find enclosed Group's accounts April 2013 – March 2014 as appendix 304

ACRONYMS

ACCM (UK) -	Agency for Culture and Change Management (UK)
AGM -	Annual General Meeting
AIDS -	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
APPG -	All-Party Parliamentary Group
APPG on PDRH -	All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health (the Group)
BPAS -	British Pregnancy Advisory Service
C -	Conservative
CPA -	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
CPD -	UN Commission on Population and Development
CPS -	Crown Prosecution Service
CSW -	UN Commission on the Status of Women
DFID -	Department for International Development
DPP -	Director of Public Prosecutions
EDM -	Early Day Motion
EPF -	European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development
EU -	European Union
EuroNGOs -	European Non-Governmental Organisations for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development
FCO -	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FGM -	Female Genital Mutilation
FORWARD -	Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development
FP -	Family Planning
G8 -	Group of Eight ¹ nations
G20 -	Group of Twenty ² nations
GADN -	Gender and Development Network
GDP -	Gross Domestic Product
GJC -	Global Justice Center
GNI -	Gross National Income
HIV -	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMG -	Her Majesty's Government
HoC -	House of Commons
HoL -	House of Lords
ICPD -	International Conference on Population and Development
ICRW -	International Centre for Research on Women
ID -	International Development
IKWRO -	The Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation
IPCI -	International Parliamentarians' Conference on the Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action
IPPF -	International Planned Parenthood Federation
L -	Labour
LD -	Liberal Democrat
LSHTM -	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
MDG -	Millennium Development Goal
MEP -	Member of European Parliament
MP -	Member of Parliament

¹ Comprises Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the UK and the US

² Comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Republic of Korea and Turkey, the G8 countries and the EU which is represented by the rotating Council

MSI -	Marie Stopes International
NGO -	Non-governmental organisation
NHS -	National Health Service
ODA -	Official Development Assistance
PoA -	Programme of Action
PUSS -	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
RCM -	Royal College of Midwives
RCN -	Royal College of Nursing
RCOG -	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RMNH -	Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health
SRHR -	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
SS -	Secretary of State
TB -	Tuberculosis
UK -	United Kingdom
UN -	United Nations
UNAIDS –	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNFPA -	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF -	United Nations Children’s Fund
USA -	United States of America
WHO -	World Health Organization
XB -	Cross Bencher

APPENDICES

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Appendix 2:	Invitation to Joint APPG on International Development briefing meeting on 2015 and beyond
Appendix 3:	Invitation to launch of maternal mortality and community Group report by LSHTM, Women and Children First (UK) and UCL
Appendix 4:	Communications with ICRW regarding briefing meeting
Appendix 5:	Invitation to World Population Day briefing meeting and reception with programme of events, Group OpEd and sample draft speeches
Appendix 6:	Communications with Reckitt Benckiser
Appendix 7:	Invitation for a joint Group and 'Made in Europe' DFID project report launch with communications
Appendix 8:	Invitation and programme for a roundtable event on the Right to health, hosted by the Group, APPG on Bangladesh and MSI
Appendix 9:	Invitation, programme, and front and contents page of RCOG's Health Strategy report.
Appendix 10:	Invitation and programme for joint Group, APPG Global Health and Action for Global Health panel discussion on 'The Health Worker Crises'
Appendix 11:	Communications with Brent Council regarding FGM and child marriage
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