All-Party Parliamentary Group on Immigration Detention
Inaugural Meeting

Monday 2 December 2024
Room T, Portcullis House, House of Commons, SW1A 2LW

Parliamentarians present: Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP (Labour)

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle (Green Party)

Lord German (Liberal Democrats)

Baroness Lister of Burtersett (Labour)

John McDonnell MP (Labour)

Others present: Elspeth Macdonald (Medical Justice)

Joel Calvin (Office of Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP)

Minutes

1. Welcome – Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP opened the meeting, the purpose of which was to re-establish the APPG in the new Parliament.

2. **Election of APPG Chair and Officers –** the following four Members were elected to APPG Chair/officer roles:

- Bell Ribeiro Addy MP (Labour) – Chair
- Rt Hon. Lord Garnier KC (Conservative) – Officer
- Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat) – Officer
- Mohammad Yasin MP (Labour) – Officer

Medical Justice was elected to act as the Secretariat for the APPG.

3. Proposed activities for coming year – the following activities / topics were proposed by Members and the Secretariat:

- **Meeting with new Immigration Minister, Dame Angela Eagle MP** – suggested topics to cover include implementation of the Brook House Inquiry recommendations, Home Office response to recent Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) inspection reports by HM Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP), and government's plans to re-open Campsfield and Haslar IRCs
- **Meeting with HM Chief Inspector of Prisons** – to discuss recent inspection reports and current conditions / concerns in detention
- **Visit to Harmondsworth IRC** – in light of very concerning recent HMIP inspection report on the site
- **Meeting with UNHCR** – to discuss alternatives to detention pilots
- **Work (format tbc) to look at implications, including financial, of use of private companies to run IRCs**

It was agreed that the Secretariat would take forward work on all of the above.

4. **Thanks and close –** Ms Ribeiro-Addy thanked all Members for attending. The Secretariat would be in touch again soon with details of the group's next steps.