



House of Commons
Foreign Affairs Committee

Formal Minutes of the Committee

Session 2019-21



Formal Minutes of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2019-21

TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair¹

Chris Bryant

Chris Elmore

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

1. Declarations of interest

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Committee working practices

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee otherwise orders.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That the Committee delegated the following matters to the Chair:

- a) Agreeing the circulated agenda for Committee meetings;
- b) Engaging in correspondence on Committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the Committee or is of a routine nature;
- c) Arranging informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committee's remit;
- d) Amending the timing or place of Committee meetings, where necessary

¹ Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B) 29 January 2020, see Votes and Proceedings 29 January 2020

- e) Authorising the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports;
- f) Deciding to which parliamentary proceedings Committee Reports should be tagged for debate in the House (or Westminster Hall) and proposing reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall;
- g) Taking decisions which are consequential on matters already decided by the Committee or which are urgent.

3. Autocracies and UK Foreign Policy

Draft Special Report (*A cautious embrace: defending democracy in an age of autocracies: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2019*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee in the last Parliament was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Finding a diplomatic route: European responses to irregular migration:

Correspondence dated 26 February 2020 from James Cleverly MP, Minister of State for Middle East and North Africa, on the Government's response to the Committee in the last Parliament's *Responding to irregular migration: A diplomatic route* Report.

COVID 19:

Correspondence dated 27 February 2020 with Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, on the Government's international response to prevent the spread of COVID 19.

Integrated review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy:

Correspondence dated 28 February 2020 with Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister, on the Government's objectives and priorities for the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy.

5. Spending Review 2020

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on this matter.

6. Foreign and Commonwealth Office Supplementary Estimate 2019-20

Ordered, That Supplementary Estimate memorandum relating to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office be reported to the House for publication.

7. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

8. Environmental diplomacy

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into environmental diplomacy.

9. Work of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

The Committee considered this matter

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Work of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

10. The FCO and the Integrated Review

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the FCO and the Integrated Review.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 March at 2.15 p.m.]

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Chris Elmore

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Ian Murray

Andrew Rosindell

Henry Smith

Graham Stringer

1. Committee working practices

Resolved, That, where the Committee has evidence, including sent or received correspondence, which, in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the Committee before it will meet again, the Chair shall have discretion to report it to the House for publication.

2. The UK and Iran

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the UK and Iran.

3. Coronavirus: FCO response

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Coronavirus: FCO response

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Environmental diplomacy

Pete Betts, Visiting Professor in Practice at Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, Shane Tomlinson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at E3G - Third Generation Environmentalism and Katie White, Executive Director Advocacy and Campaigns at WWF-UK gave oral evidence.

The Committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 March at 2.15 p.m.]

TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2020

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant
Chris Elmore
Alicia Kearns

Henry Smith
Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Treaties or agreements laid under the provisions of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2016/2382/CFSP, establishing a European Security and Defence College;
- Agreement concerning the Shipwrecked Vessel RMS Titanic;
- Dissolution Explanatory Memorandum on a Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1893 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela;
- Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1889 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela;

- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1891 implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela;
- Dissolution Explanatory Memorandum on a Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/... amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning EU restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/... implementing Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- Progress in Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2108 of 9 December 2019 in support of strengthening biological safety and security in Latin America in line with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1788 Amending Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1777 implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi;
- The Kosovo Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement;
- The Swiss Social Security Agreement;
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Bulgaria under the Cooperation and Verification mechanism;
- Agreement establishing an Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan;
- Agreement Establishing an Association between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Morocco.

3. Coronavirus: FCO response

Professor David R Harper, Senior Consulting Fellow, Global Health Programme at Chatham House gave oral evidence.

The Committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 March at 10 a.m.]

THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2020

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant
Chris Elmore
Alicia Kearns
Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely
Henry Smith
Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

1. Work of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Declaration of Interests

Graham Stringer declared an interest as an unremunerated director of the Centre for Brexit Policy,

3. The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK.

4. Coronavirus: FCO response

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Media Freedom

Draft Special Report ("*Media freedom is under attack*": *The FCO's defence of an endangered liberty: Government Response to the Committee's Twenty First Report of Session 2017-19*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Twenty First Report from the Committee in the last Parliament was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Work of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Sir Simon McDonald, Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service, Foreign and Commonwealth Office gave oral evidence.

The Committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 April at 2.15 p.m.]

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant
Alicia Kearns
Stewart Malcom McDonald
Ian Murray
Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely
Henry Smith
Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

1. Publication of written evidence

The Chair reported on his use of the powers delegated to him (Order, 10 March 2020 and Order of the House, 24 March 2020).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Coronavirus: FCO response

Sir Simon McDonald, Permanent Under-Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Menna Rawlings, Director General for Economic and Global Issues, FCO, and Andrew Sanderson, Finance Director, FCO gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 April at 2.15 p.m.]

Reported to the House for publication on (Order of the Committee on 10 March 2020)

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the repatriation of UK citizens during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Reported to the House for publication on 6th April (Order of the Committee 24 March 2020)

First Report of Session 2019–21: Viral Immunity—The FCO's role in building a coalition against COVID-19 (Order of the House of 24 March 2020).

The Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 239.

Reported to the House for publication on the 7th April (Order of the Committee 10 March 2020)

*Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.
Correspondence with Imagination Technologies relating to the membership of its board.*

Reported to the House for publication on the 8th April (Order of the Committee 10 March 2020)

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the UK's strategy of engagement with the People's Republic of China.

Reported to the House for publication on the 11th April (Order of the Committee 10 March 2020)

Correspondence relating to Imagination Technologies.

Reported to the House for publication on the 14th April (Order of the Committee 10 March 2020)

Correspondence from Canyon Bridge on Imagination Technologies.

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant
Alicia Kearns
Stewart Malcom McDonald
Ian Murray
Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely
Henry Smith
Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

1. Evidence reported for publication

Quarterly update on FCO management issues, August 2019 to March 2020

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Main Estimate 2020–21.

Correspondence dated 27 April from Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, on Xinjiang Uyghur detention camps.

The work of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office:

Correspondence dated 24 April 2020 from Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, on matters arising from his appearance before the Committee on 19 March.

Correspondence to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office relating to Diplomatic Immunity:
Written evidence, to be published.

Correspondence to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office relating to EU joint procurement schemes for medical and protective equipment: Written evidence, to be published;

The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK

BFA0001 – LSE IDEAS Global Strategies Project / LSE Economic Diplomacy Commission

2. Treaties or agreements laid under the provisions of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/458 of 27 March 2020 amending Decision (FSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/512 of 7 April 2020 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/510 of 7 April 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No.359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/250 of 25 February 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1248 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/512 of 7 April 2020 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/510 of 7 April 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No.359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran;
- Commission Staff Working Document: Update on the Republic of Albania;
- COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT: Update on the Republic of North Macedonia;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/418 of 19 March 2020 amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/416 of 19 March 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No.270/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt;
- Council Decision of 2 April 2020 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues;
- Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

Eastern Partnership policy beyond 2020 Reinforcing Resilience - an Eastern Partnership that delivers for all;

- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/250 of 25 February 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1248 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process;
- CP 234 Council of Europe Convention on Cinematographic Co-Production Command Paper and Explanatory Memorandum;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/25 of 25 February 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/904 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Central Asia;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/249 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Kosovo;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/254 of 25 February 2020 Amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/907 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia;
- Amended letter regarding Ukraine Double Taxation Treaty;
- Ukraine avoidance of Double Taxation and Fiscal Evasion;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/... of xx/01/2019 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Tunisia;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/... of xx/01/2019 implementing Regulation (EU) No.101/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Tunisia;
- Convention between UK and Colombia Taxation Treaty;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1893 amends Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1891 implements Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/120 of 28 January 2020 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/119 of 28 January 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No.269/2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine;
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2109 of 9 December 2019 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2101 of 9 December 2019 implementing Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2101 of 9 December 2019 implementing Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/19 of 13 January 2020 implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism, and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1337;
- Council Decision in support of a global reporting mechanism on illicit conventional arms and their ammunition to reduce the risk of their diversion and illicit transfer (iTrace IV);
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2303 in support of the continued implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2118 (2013) and OPCW executive council decision EC-M-33/Dec.1 on the destruction of Syrian Chemical Weapons, in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2110 of 9 December 2019 on the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA);
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1894 concerning restrictive measures in view of Turkey's unauthorised drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean;
- Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1890 concerning restrictive measures in view of Turkey's unauthorised drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean;
- Council Decision in support of Ukraine's efforts to combat Illicit Trafficking in Weapons, Ammunition and Explosives, in cooperation with the OSCE;
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2019 in support of strengthening Biological Safety and Security in Latin America in line with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and their means of delivery;
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Bulgaria under the Cooperation and Verification mechanism;
- Command Paper and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum – CP 217
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2303 in support of the continued implementation of UN security council resolution 2118 (2013) and OPCW Executive Council Decision EC-M-33/Dec1 on the destruction of Syrian Chemical Weapons, in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1893 amends Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela;
- Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1889 of 11 November 2019 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela;
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1891 implements Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela;
- Treaty between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Belize concerning the status of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Forces in Belize and Defence Cooperation and Covering letter.

3. The UK and Iran

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Guesting on committees

Resolved, That Greg Clark, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Meg Hillier and Mark Pawsey be invited to attend the meeting on 5 May 2020 relating to the FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

[Adjourned till Monday 4 May at 2.30 p.m.]

MONDAY 4 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant
Alicia Kearns
Henry Smith

Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

1. The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK

The Committee considered this matter

Ordered, That Dr Ron Black, Former CEO, Imagination Technologies attend the Committee virtually on Tuesday 5 May 2020 at 2 p.m.

TUESDAY 5 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant
Chris Elmore
Alicia Kearns
Stewart Malcom McDonald
Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely
Henry Smith
Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

Greg Clark, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Meg Hillier and Mark Pawsey also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*).

1. Evidence reported for publication

Correspondence dated 2 May 2020 from Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, on Russian activity in Syria.

Correspondence dated 29 April from Baroness Sugg, Minister for Sustainable Development and the Overseas Territories on Overseas Territories and COVID-19.

2. Treaties or agreements laid under the provisions of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/399 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/398 implementing Regulation (EU) No.269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/471 of 31 March 2020 repealing Decision (CFSP) 2015/778 on a European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA)
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 of 31 March 2020 on a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI)
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/434 of 23 March 2020 amending Decision 2013/34/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/513 of 7 April 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 on the European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq)
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/530 of 16 April 2020 extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq)
- Joint Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Global EU response to COVID-19

3. Correspondence to international organisations

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK

Sir Hossein Yassaie, Former CEO, Imagination Technologies, Dr Ron Black, Former CEO, Imagination Technologies, Ray Bingham, Acting CEO, Imagination Technologies, Partner and Co-Founder, Canyon Bridge, and John Rayfield, Chief Technical Officer, Imagination Technologies gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 May at 2 p.m.]

Excerpt from Votes and Proceedings, Monday 11 May 2020:

Foreign Affairs Committee

Ordered, That Chris Elmore and Ian Murray be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and that Neil Coyle and Claudia Webbe be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

TUESDAY 12 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcom McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

Claudia Webbe

1. Declarations of interest

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.).

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The UK and Iran:

UKI0001 – Mr Roger Higginson

UKI0002 – Professor Ryszard Piotrowicz

UKI0003 – Mr Jonathan Newton (Head of Government Relations and External Affairs at Community Security Trust)

UKI0005 – Mr Russell Langer (Public Affairs Manager at Jewish Leadership Council)

UKI0006 – Dr Anna Hillingdon

UKI0007 – Mr James Rogers; Dr Simon Waldman

UKI0009 – Mr. Richard Goldberg

UKI0010 – Mr. Behnam Taleblu; Ms. Andrea Stricker

UKI0011 – Mr Hossein Abedini (Deputy Director at The National Council of Resistance of Iran
- UK Representative Office)
UKI0012 – Ellie Geranmayeh; Sir Richard Dalton KCMG
UKI0013 – Lord Lamont of Lerwick (Chairman at British Iranian Chamber of Commerce
(BICC))
UKI0014 – Lord Lamont of Lerwick

The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK:
BFA0002 – Imagination Technologies Group

Coronavirus: FCO response:

Correspondence dated 7 May 2020 from Sir Simon McDonald, Permanent Under-Secretary,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the budget and performance of the Foreign and
Commonwealth Office.

China Strategy

Correspondence dated 11 May 2020 from Rt Hon Dominic Raab, Foreign Secretary on China
Strategy

3. Treaties or agreements laid under the provisions of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/563 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/562 implementing Regulation (EU) 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Myanmar/Burma
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/435 of 23 March 2020 amending Decision 2011/173/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa
- Council Decision extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Sahel
- Commission Work Programme 2020

4. The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

5. The FCO's work on COVID-19

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Committees on Arms Export Controls

The Committee considered this matter.

7. The FCO and the Integrated Review

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 May at 1.45 p.m.]

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcom McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

Claudia Webbe

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The FCO and the Integrated Review

INR0001 Mr Christopher Roy-Toole

INR0003 Professor Robert McCorquodale (University of Nottingham)

INR0005 Fmr Ambassador Bobby McDonagh

INR0006 Dr Serafin Pazos-Vidal (Head of Brussels Office at Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA))

INR0009 Dr Claire Pierson (University of Liverpool) and Dr Jennifer Thomson (University of Bath)

INR0010 Hilary Evans (Movement for the Abolition of War)

INR0011 Rosemary Forest (Peace Direct)

INR0012 Diana Francis; Jane Gabriel; Gordon Glass (New Vision)

INR0013 Dr David B Roberts (King's College London)

INR0014 Liz Bradshaw (Save the Children)

INR0015 Ann Feltham (Campaign Against Arms Trade)

INR0016 Liam Walpole Oxford Research Group (ORG)

INR0017 Dr Timothy J. Oliver (University of Manchester)

INR0018 Professor Michael Clarke

INR0019 Mr Adam Hug (Foreign Policy Centre)

INR0020 Mr Ben Willis

INR0021 Sara Medi Jones (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament)

INR0022 Isabelle Younane (ActionAid)

INR0023 Sophie Robinson (Institute of Development Studies)

INR0024 Dr Sue Onslow (Institute of Commonwealth Studies)
 INR0025 Ross Bailey (Malaria No More UK)
 INR0026 Nasim Salad (ONE Campaign)
 INR0027 Professor Peter Lawler (University of Manchester)
 INR0028 Dr Jonathan Gilmore (University of Manchester)
 INR0029 Rachel Davies (Transparency International UK)
 INR0030 Dr Robin Porter
 INR0031 Nick Witney (European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR))
 INR0032 Juliet Colman (SecurityWomen)
 INR0033 Dr Nicholas Wright (University College London)
 INR0034 Professor Peter Stone and Dr Emma Cunliffe (Newcastle University)
 INR0035 Anthony Smith (Westminster Foundation for Democracy)
 INR0036 Paul Arbernethy (Bond)
 INR0037 Miranda Hurst (Mercy Corps)
 INR0038 Michael Boyce (Mines Advisory Group)
 INR0039 Professor Amelia Hadfield (University of Surrey)
 INR0040 David Thompson (British Council)
 INR0041 Chris Loughran (HALO Trust)
 INR0042 Dr Sean Molloy (Newcastle Law School)
 INR0044 Emma Sky (Yale University)
 INR0045 Paul Docherty and Kate Jones (on behalf of Oxford University Diplomatic Studies Programme's 2019-20 cohort)
 INR0046 Tom Keatinge (Royal United Services Institute)
 INR0049 Professor Sir Hew Strachan
 INR0050 James Rogers (Henry Jackson Society)
 INR0051 Jonathan Pell (Adam Smith International)

2. Treaties or agreements laid under the provisions of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/607 of 04 May 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/606 of 04 May 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1716 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/564 of 23 April 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/298 on Union support for the activities of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) in order to strengthen its monitoring and verification capabilities and in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

3. The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The FCO and the Integrated Review

Samantha Power, Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations (2013-2017) gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Lord Hague of Richmond, former UK Foreign Secretary (2010-14) gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 June at 2 p.m.]

APPENDIX 1: DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declared at the meeting on Tuesday 3 March 2020

Tom Tugendhat

Wife is a legal officer at the French Embassy and is a Supreme Court Judge in France

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from the Daily Telegraph, 111 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0DT:

1 May 2019, received £270 for an article published on 25 April 2019. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 13 May 2019)

12 June 2019, payment of £250 for an article published on 27 May 2019. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 25 June 2019)

Payments received by Lashkar & Co Ltd (private address) for strategic advice and leadership mentoring:

23 August 2019, £135,000 paid by Charles M Songhurst (investor), [private address], for team management advice given in August 2019. Hours: 150 hrs. (Registered 17 September 2019)

12 March 2019, donation of £500 paid direct to charity by BlueBay Asset Management LLP, 77 Grosvenor Street, London W1K 3JR, as payment in advance of a speech on 20 March 2019. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 14 March 2019)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Alan Massie

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to Tonbridge and Malling Conservative Association

Donor status: individual

(Registered 14 February 2020)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: David John Coldman

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000

Date received: 4 June 2019

Date accepted: 4 June 2019

Donor status: individual

(Registered 18 June 2019)

Name of donor: Aamer Safraz
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £12,000 in instalments of £1,000 per month from 17 June 2019 until May 2020
Date received: 17 June to May 2020
Date accepted: 17 June 2019
Donor status: individual
(Registered 26 June 2019)

Name of donor: Jeremy Isaacs
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £12,500
Date received: 17 September 2019
Date accepted: 17 September 2019
Donor status: individual
(Registered 02 October 2019)

Name of donor: David J Coldman
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £20,000 to pay for an extra member of staff to support my work as the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee
Date received: 21 January 2020
Date accepted: 28 January 2020
Donor status: individual
(Registered 14 February 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Institute for Human Sciences
Address of donor: Spittelauer Lande 3, 1090 Vienna, Austria
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Return flights £349; ground transport in London £105; hotel £170; ground transport in Vienna £71; meals £30; total £725
Destination of visit: Vienna
Dates of visit: 23-24 March 2019
Purpose of visit: To attend a debate.
(Registered 03 April 2019; updated 12 April 2019)

Name of donor: Hertie School of Governance
Address of donor: Friedrichstrasse 180, 10117 Berlin, Germany
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flight £553; hotel for one night £156; meals £42; ground transport £131; total value £882
Destination of visit: Berlin
Dates of visit: 9-10 May 2019
Purpose of visit: To participate in the Dahrendorf Forum.

(Registered 16 May 2019)

Name of donor: Bilderberg Association

Address of donor: 2 St. James's Place, London, SW1A 1NP

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): flight costing £129 and hotel accommodation costing £1,560; £1,689 in total

Destination of visit: Montreux, Switzerland

Dates of visit: 30 May to 2 June 2019

Purpose of visit: Attendance at the Bilderberg Meeting 2019.

(Registered 10 June 2019)

Name of donor: French Defence Ministry's Legal Department

Address of donor: 60 boulevard du Général Martial Valin – CS 21623, 75509 Paris Cedex 15

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Return train ticket, value £513

Destination of visit: Paris

Date of visit: 7 June 2019

Purpose of visit: To give a speech.

(Registered 25 June 2019)

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year

One property of four flats in Essonne, France, owned jointly with three family members: (i). (Registered 04 June 2015)

Agricultural land and forestry in Essonne, France, owned jointly with eleven family members: (i). (Registered 04 June 2015)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Lashkar and Co Ltd; strategic advice and leadership mentoring, US real estate. (Registered 04 June 2015; updated 10 January 2020)

7. (ii) Other shareholdings, valued at more than £70,000

From December 2019, Business Funding Research Ltd, trading as Beauhurst Ltd (corporate data). I have held these shares since before 2015, and they achieved registrable value in December 2019. (Registered 04 June 2015; updated 19 November 2018 and 10 January 2020)

From 5 April 2019, AccuRx Ltd, a data analytics company improving the accuracy of antibiotic prescribing. I have held these shares since 6 March 2017, and they achieved registrable value in April 2019. (Registered 08 April 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

Holding below registrable threshold in Juliand Digital Ltd (productivity software).

(Registered 04 June 2015; updated 19 November 2018)

Commissioned officer in British Army Reserve. (Registered 04 June 2015)

From 15 June 2017, holding below registrable threshold in Crypto Quantique Ltd, a quantum encryption company. (Registered 30 August 2017)

From 20 November 2017, an unpaid director of New City Agenda Ltd, a not-for profit think tank aiming to develop ideas and research on financial services policy. (Registered 29 November 2017)

From 25 March 2019, Chairman of the Conservative Friends of Afghanistan. (Registered 01 April 2019)

Chris Bryant

Chair of APPG on Russia

Chair of APPG on Spain

Referred to the [Register](#) of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement

Vice-president of Canning House

1. Employment and earnings

14 August 2019, received £8,200 from Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, 50 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DP, as an advance for a new book. Hours: impossible to calculate. (Registered 05 September 2019)

Chris Elmore

Member of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Referred to the [Register](#) of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for the General Election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: USDAW

Address of donor: 188 Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield, Manchester M14 6LJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for the General Election campaign

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: GMB Wales and South West Region
Address of donor: Garley House, 17 Newport Road, Cardiff CF21 0TB
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 for the General Election campaign
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 09 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Minor interest in a house in Caerphilly County Borough area owned by two members of my family. (Registered 06 June 2016)

I am the unpaid Chair of Barry YMCA Board of Management. (Registered 06 June 2016)

Alicia Kearns

1. Employment and earnings

27 December 2019, received £1,238.71 from B&S Europe, Boulevard de la Woluwe 2, 1150 Brussels, Belgium, for providing technical expertise on government capacity building. Hours: none since my election. (Registered 09 January 2020)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Mr Mark Samworth
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500
Donor status: individual
(Registered 09 January 2020)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Mr Tim Hart
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: dinner and hotel stay for two people, value £451
Date received: 4-5 December 2019
Date accepted: 4 December 2019
Donor status: individual
(Registered 09 January 2020)

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Referred to the [Register](#) of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars

Address of donor: 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004, United States

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Return economy flight £826; hotel accommodation for six nights (£171 per night) £1,026; total value £1,852

Destination of visit: Washington DC, USA

Dates of visit: 3-9 February 2020

Purpose of visit: To participate in the donor's Defeating Disinformation workshop. (Registered 10 February 2020)

Andrew Rosindell

Referred to the [Register](#) of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement
Co-chair of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly

Member of the IPU

Member of the CPA

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: German Marshall Fund of the United States

Address of donor: Voßstraße 20, 10117 Berlin

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights £334.42; accommodation £798.99; total value £1,133.41

Destination of visit: Rome

Dates of visit: 1-3 February 2019

Purpose of visit: To discuss European issues.
(Registered 06 March 2019)

Name of donor: Government of Jersey London Office

Address of donor: 2 Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BP

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, food and internal travel, total value £1,015.25

Destination of visit: Jersey, Channel Islands

Dates of visit: 9-12 May 2019

Purpose of visit: APPG Channel Islands, Liberation Day Visit.
(Registered 18 June 2019)

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel (CFI Ltd)

Address of donor: Blick Rothenberg, 7-10 Chandos Street, London W1G 9DG

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Air travel, accommodation and hospitality with a value of £2,580

Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank

Dates of visit: 28 July - 2 August 2019

Purpose of visit: Fact finding political delegation.
(Registered 14 August 2019)

Name of donor: HM Government of Gibraltar
Address of donor: Gibraltar House, 150 Strand, London WC2R 1JA
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights £799; hotel accommodation £330; total value £1,129
Destination of visit: Gibraltar
Dates of visit: 10-12 September 2019
Purpose of visit: As an officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Gibraltar, I was invited by HM Government of Gibraltar to celebrate their National Day.
(Registered 03 October 2019)

Bob Seely

Referred to the [Register](#) of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Barry Field
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 09 January 2020)

Name of donor: Isle of Wight Conservative Patrons Club
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
Donor status: unincorporated association
(Registered 09 January 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Fight For Freedom. Stand With Hong Kong
Address of donor: private
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): flights (£4,192.56), plus accommodation, security protection, travel, food and sundries (£1,527.44), total value £5,720
Destination of visit: Hong Kong
Dates of visit: 30 August - 1 September 2019
Purpose of visit: Independent observation mission to witness events in Hong Kong and meet with figures from the pro-democracy movement.
(Registered 16 September 2019)

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year

Until May 2019, a flat in West London: (i) and (ii). (Registered 06 July 2017; updated 09 January 2020)

Shared ownership of a property in North London: (i). (Registered 06 July 2017)

8. Miscellaneous

Member of the Army Reserves. (Registered 06 July 2017)

Henry Smith

Referred to the [Register](#) of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for completing surveys:

18 January 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 45 mins. Fee donated to the voluntary sector. (Registered 06 June 2019)

21 March 2019, payment of £100. Hours: 45 mins. Fee donated to voluntary sector. (Registered 06 June 2019)

16 May 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 1.5 hrs. Fee donated to voluntary sector. (Registered 06 June 2019)

27 August 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 60 mins. Fee donated to voluntary sector. (Registered 10 September 2019)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: The Wilky Group Ltd

Address of donor: Parallel House, 32 London Road, Guildford GU1 2AB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my reelection campaign

Donor status: company, registration 01032278

(Registered 31 December 2019)

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year

Until December 2019, half ownership of holiday cottage in Cornwall: (i). (Updated 08 June 2015 and 31 December 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

I am a patron of the Gatwick and Crawley Business Watch Scheme. (Registered 08 June 2015)

I am a patron of the West Sussex and Surrey Angling Society. (Registered 08 June 2015)

From 6 June 2018, Vice President (unpaid) of the British Dyslexia Association. (Registered 06 June 2018)

From 10 January 2020, member of the Crawley Towns Fund Board. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 16 January 2020)

Royston Smith

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from Barker Mill Estates, Longdown, Marchwood SO40 4UH, for consultancy services:

1 March 2019, £6,000 received for the period 1 November 2018 – 31 January 2019. Hours: 30 hrs (10 hrs per month). (Registered 20 March 2019)

18 July 2019, £6,000 received for the period 1 February 2019 – 1 May 2019. Hours: 30 hrs (10 hrs per month). (Registered 18 July 2019)

25 October 2019, £6,000 received for the period 1 May 2019 – 31 July 2019. Hours: 30 hrs (10 hrs per month). (Registered 18 December 2019)

Payments from ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for completing opinion surveys:

13 September 2019, payment of £75 for September 2019 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 10 January 2020)

11 October 2019, payment of £75 for October 2019 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 10 January 2020)

7 September 2020, payment of £75 for January 2020 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 10 January 2020)

Payments from YouGov, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for completing opinion surveys:

5 September 2019, payment of £60 for September 2019 Survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 10 January 2020)

23 October 2019, payment of £60 for October 2019 MPs Survey. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 10 January 2020)

7 November 2019, payment of £100 for November 2019 MPs Survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 10 January 2020)

11 November 2019, payment of £100 for November 2019 MPs Survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 10 January 2020)

8 January 2020, payment of £80 for January 2020 MPs Survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 10 January 2020)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: J C Bamford Excavators Ltd
Address of donor: Lakeside Works, Denstone Road, Rocester, Uttoxeter ST14 5JP
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for the 2019 General Election
Donor status: company, registration 00561597
(Registered 18 December 2019)

Name of donor: Benjamin James Rose
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 for the 2019 General Election
Donor status: individual
(Registered 18 December 2019)

Name of donor: Carlton Club Political Committee
Address of donor: The Carlton Club, 69 St. James Street, London SW1A 1PJ
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for the 2019 General Election
Donor status: unincorporated association
(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: New Forest Business Club
Address of donor: NFWCA, 4 Cliff Crescent, Marine Drive, Barton On Sea, New Milton BH25 7EB
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 for the 2019 General Election
Donor status: unincorporated association
(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: The United and Cecil Club
Address of donor: Abbatt Group, New Penseral House, 283-287, High Holborn, London WC1V 7HF
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 for the 2019 General Election
Donor status: unincorporated association
(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: The United and Cecil Club
Address of donor: Abbatt Group, New Penseral House, 283-287, High Holborn, London WC1V 7HF
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 for the 2019 General Election
Donor status: unincorporated association
(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: Association of Conservative Clubs
Address of donor: 24 Old Queen Street, London SW1H 9HP
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 for the General Election
Donor status: company, registration 00457188
(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: Association of Conservative Clubs
Address of donor: 24 Old Queen Street, London SW1H 9HP
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 for the 2019 General Election
Donor status: company, registration 00457188
(Registered 06 January 2020)

Name of donor: The Portcullis Club
Address of donor: Whins House, Sabden, Clitherloe BB7 9HP
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 for the 2019 General Election
Donor status: unincorporated association
(Registered 06 January 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Saudi Arabia Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PO Box 55937, Riyadh 11544
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Return flight London to Riyadh, £6,484.22; internal flight Riyadh to Dammam, £562.80; hotel in Riyadh, £515; total value £7,562.02
Destination of visit: Riyadh and Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia
Dates of visit: 22-24 September 2019
Purpose of visit: Parliamentary fact finding visit to Saudi Aramco facilities targeted in 14 September 2019 attack and receiving briefings on latest regional situation.
(Registered 31 October 2019)

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year

Three flats in Southampton: (i) and (ii). (Registered 04 June 2015)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Vigilo Ltd trading as RMJ Public Relations; Political Consultancy. (Registered 4 June 2015; updated 15 December 2015)

8. Miscellaneous

I am a Director of 3sfire Ltd (wholly owned commercial trading arm of Hampshire fire and rescue authority), unremunerated. (Registered 04 June 2015)

Since before my election, a Director of the Blue Lamp Trust; a charity which raises money, through driver training, to help vulnerable people who have been victims of crime. (Registered 16 December 2015; updated 26 January 2016)

Graham Stringer

Vice chair of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus APPG

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from Savanta ComRes, 75 Bermondsey Street, London SW1 3XF, for completing opinion surveys:

3 January 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 August 2019)

29 March 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 August 2019)

16 May 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 16 August 2019)

26 July 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 August 2019)

10 September 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 01 October 2019)

25 October 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 01 November 2019)

9 December 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 20 December 2019)

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1 8RT, for completing opinion surveys:

15 January 2019, payment of £70. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 August 2019)

7 February 2019, payment of £30. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 16 August 2019)

6 March 2019, payment of £80. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 August 2019)

2 April 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 16 August 2019)

24 June 2019, payment of £80. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 August 2019)

22 July 2019, payment of £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 16 August 2019)

25 October 2019, payment of £60. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 01 November 2019)

19 December 2019, payment of £60. Hours 20 mins. (Registered 20 December 2019)

20 December 2019, payment of £100. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 20 December 2019)

8. Miscellaneous

From 1 October 2015, unremunerated trustee of the Global Warming Policy Foundation, an education charity. (Registered 23 October 2015)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my step-daughter, Eleanor Carr, as Parliamentary Assistant.

Declared at the virtual meeting on Tuesday 12 May 2020

Neil Coyle

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for opinion surveys:

16 May 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 11 September 2019)

26 July 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 11 September 2019)

27 August 2019, payment of £150. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 11 September 2019)

25 October 2019, payment of £75. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 04 November 2019)

YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC17 8RT, for surveys:

19 June 2019, payment of £80. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 06 January 2020)

13 August 2019, payment of £40. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 06 January 2020)

22 October 2019, payment of £60. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 06 January 2020)

3 December 2019, payment of £60. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 06 January 2020)

3 December 2019, payment of £100. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 06 January 2020)

21 February 2020, received £200 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Street, London E1W 1YW, for a survey. Hours: 1 hr 15 mins. (Registered 26 February 2020)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: 79 Borough Road Limited (trading as 'The Ministry')
Address of donor: 103 Gaunt Street, London, SE1 6DP
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,500
Donor status: company, registration 10746952
(Registered 11 January 2020)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Mohammed Munir
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to assist with campaigning
Date received: 31 July 2019
Date accepted: 31 July 2019
Donor status: individual
(Registered 07 August 2019)

Name of donor: 79 Borough Road Ltd (trading as 'The Ministry')
Address of donor: 103 Gaunt Street, London SE1 6DP
Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: Provision of a manager, venue and catering for an event, total value £2,640
Date received: 30 August 2019
Date accepted: 30 August 2019
Donor status: company, registration 10746952
(Registered 25 September 2019)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Heineken UK Ltd
Address of donor: 3-4 Broadway Park, South Gyle Broadway, Edinburgh EH12 9JZ
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets to a Six Nations rugby match and hospitality at the Caledonian Brewery, total value £370
Date received: 8 February 2020
Date accepted: 8 February 2020
Donor status: company, registration SC065527
(Registered 26 February 2020)

Name of donor: All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group
Address of donor: House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two hotel rooms for one night, associated with attending a Six Nations rugby match, total value £371.98
Date received: 8 February 2020
Date accepted: 8 February 2020
Donor status: other
(Registered 26 February 2020)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Medical Aid for Palestinians

Address of donor: 33a Islington Park Street, London N1 1QB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, food and transport with a total value of £1,285

Destination of visit: West Bank and Israel

Dates of visit: 17-21 February 2020

Purpose of visit: Fact finding visit organised by the Council for Arab-British Understanding and Medical Aid for Palestinians.

(Registered 27 February 2020)

Claudia Webbe

Vice-Chair of the Brazil Solidarity Initiative

Member of War on Want

Member of the Cuba Solidarity Campaign

1. Employment and earnings

19 December 2019, received £3,452.60 from Islington Council, Town Hall, Upper St, London N1 2UD for duties as a Councillor and Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport. Hours: 10 hrs since my election to Parliament. (Registered 11 January 2020)

20 December 2019, received £720.30 from Tradewins UK Ltd (marketing) (now known as Inspire Field Marketing Ltd) 3 Elm Court, Meriden Business Park, Copse Drive, Coventry CV5 9RG. Hours: none since my election to Parliament. (Registered 11 January 2020)

31 December 2019, received £236.75 from the Local Government Association, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ, for duties as a member of the Safer and Stronger Communities Board. Hours: none since my election to Parliament. (Registered 11 January 2020)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000, paid to my regional party organisation

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 11 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid director of Islington Ltd (iCO) (management and procurement services).
(Registered 11 January 2020)

Unpaid director of St Luke's Trustee Ltd (community charity). (Registered 11 January 2020)

Unpaid director of City YMCA Ltd. (Registered 11 January 2020)

Trustee of Marx Memorial Library and Workers' School. (Registered 11 January 2020)

In my capacity as Islington Councillor, I have been appointed as follows;

Trustee of City YMCA

Member of Crossrail High Level Forum

Member of Groundwork, London's Local Authority Strategic Input Board

Member of the General Assembly of the Local Government Association

Member of the London Road Safety Council

Member of North London Waste Authority

Trustee of St Sepulchre United Charities

(Registered 11 January 2020)

APPENDIX 2: DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY SPECIALIST ADVISER

Nicole Kar, Head of Competition and co-head of Trade Law at Linklaters LLP, previously Committee Member of the Regulatory Policy Committee of BEIS. I have no actual or potential conflicts of interest to declare.