



# Formal Minutes of the Joint Committee on Human Rights in Session 2023–24

The Formal Minutes of a select committee record its formal proceedings and decisions.

They include:

- the names of the members who attended (all or part of) each meeting of the Committee;
- declarations of members' interests;
- details of written and oral evidence reported to the House by the Committee;
- any other formal decisions taken by the committee (recorded as 'orders' or 'resolutions'), for example to begin an inquiry, to report evidence to the House, to make a visit or to appoint a specialist adviser; and
- visits made by the Committee.

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Attendance statistics for members of the Committee are available on the Committee's webpages.

## **Wednesday 8 November 2023**

### **Members present**

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair\*  
Lord Henley  
Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws  
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon  
Baroness Meyer  
David Simmonds

\*In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair.

### **1. Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK**

Antonia Benfield, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, and Kama Petruczenko, Senior Policy Analyst for Children and Young People at The Refugee Council, gave oral evidence.

Deputy Chief Constable Catherine Hankinson, Missing Persons Lead at National Police Chiefs' Council, and Colin Pettigrew, Chair of the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) at Migrant Families Taskforce, gave oral evidence.

### **2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 November 2023 at 2.45 pm.

## **Wednesday 15 November 2023**

### **Members present**

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair\*  
Lord Alton of Liverpool  
Lord Dholakia  
Dr Caroline Johnson  
Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon

Baroness Meyer

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

\*In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair.

## 1. Accountability for Daesh crimes

*Resolved,* That the Committee take evidence to be given by Detective Chief Superintendent Gareth Rees and Bethan David at this day's sitting in private.

The Committee took oral evidence in private from Detective Chief Superintendent Gareth Rees, Head of Operations and Investigations, SO15 Counter Terrorism Command; Bethan David, Head of the Counter Terrorism Division in the Special Crime and Counter Terrorism Division, in accordance with the Committee's resolution of this day's sitting.

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Police and Fire on the use of tasers

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Immigration on the Brook House Inquiry

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor, and from the Foreign Secretary on Accountability for Daesh Crimes

### **Human rights at work**

The Bureau of Investigative Journalism (HRW0054)

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 November at 2.45 pm.

## **Wednesday 22 November 2023**

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair\*

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon

Baroness Meyer

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

David Simmonds

\*In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair.

### 1. Accountability for Daesh crimes

Laura Durán, Head of Policy, Advocacy and Research at Every Child Protected Against Trafficking, and Katherine Cornett, Head, Syria and Iraq Detention Project at Reprieve, gave oral evidence.

Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, Regents Professor at University of Minnesota Law School, Professor of Law at The Queens University and former UN Special Rapporteur on Counterterrorism and Human Rights, and Dr Anne Charbord, Legal Advisor to Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, gave oral evidence.

### 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade relating to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 2.45 pm.

## Wednesday 29 November 2023

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair\*  
Lord Alton of Liverpool  
Lord Dholakia  
Lord Henley  
Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws  
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon  
Baroness Meyer  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

\*In the absence of the Chair, Joanna Cherry took the Chair.

### 1. Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 2.45 pm

# Wednesday 13 December 2023

## Members present

Harriet Harman, in the Chair

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Joanna Cherry

Lord Dholakia

Lord Henley

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon

Baroness Meyer

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

## 1. Ministerial Scrutiny: Human Rights

Alex Chalk KC, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, gave oral evidence.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Accountability for Daesh crimes**

Reprieve [DEA001]

Amal Clooney [DEA002]

### **Human rights at work**

Denise Fahmy [HRW0039]

LGB Alliance [HRW0066]

Fair Play for Women [HRW0067]

Correspondence from Lord Bellamy KC relating to the Arbitration Bill

Correspondence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission relating to the Equality and Human Rights Monitor

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire and the Minister of State for Justice relating to the Criminal Justice Bill

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire and the Minister of State for Justice relating to the Victims and Prisoners Bill

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Immigration relating to the Brook House Inquiry report

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Security relating to the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial Order) 2023

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 2.45 pm.

## **Wednesday 10 January 2024**

### Members present

Bell Ribeiro Addy MP, in the Chair

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Joanna Cherry KC MP

Lord Dholakia

Dr Caroline Johnson MP

Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon

Baroness Meyer

Jill Mortimer MP

David Simmonds

## 1. Declaration of interests

Jill Mortimer MP declared her interests (see Appendix) in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992.

## 2. Election of Chair

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Joanna Cherry take the Chair of the Committee in place of Harriet Harman.

The Committee divided.

Content

Not content

Lord Alton of Liverpool  
Lord Dholakia  
Baroness Meyer  
Joanna Cherry KC MP  
Dr Caroline Johnson MP  
Jill Mortimer MP

Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP

Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws and Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon abstained.

Motion accordingly agreed.

*Resolved*, That Joanna Cherry take the Chair of the Committee in the place of Harriet Harman.

Joanna Cherry accordingly took the Chair.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Committee will consider a new motion to choose its Chair once the inquiries on which the Committee has begun taking oral evidence, including its inquiry into the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill, have concluded, and that this is being done in a spirit of continuity.

The Committee divided.

Content

Not content

Lord Alton of Liverpool  
Lord Dholakia  
Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon  
Baroness Meyer  
Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws  
Joanna Cherry KC MP

Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP



Dr Caroline Johnson MP  
Jill Mortimer MP

Motion accordingly agreed.

*Resolved*, That the Committee will consider a new motion to choose its Chair once the inquiries on which the Committee has begun taking oral evidence, including its inquiry into the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill, have concluded, and that this is being done in a spirit of continuity.

### 3. Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023 – Second Report

Draft Report (Draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023 – Second Report), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 464.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the First Report of the Committee to both Houses.

### 4. Legislative Scrutiny: Safety in Rwanda (Asylum & Immigration) Bill 2023

Zoe Bantleman, Legal Director at the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA), Beatrice Stern, Beatrice Stern, Head of Public Affairs at the Refugee Council and Tyrone Steele, Interim Legal Director at JUSTICE, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 2.45pm

## Wednesday 17 January 2024

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Alton

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence

Baroness Meyer

Jill Mortimer

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

## 1. Legislative Scrutiny: Safety of Rwanda Bill

Zoe Bantleman, Legal Director, Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA); Dr Mike Jones, Executive Director, Migration Watch; Enver Solomon, Chief Executive, Refugee Council; and Tyrone Steele, Interim Legal Director, JUSTICE, gave oral evidence.

Tom Hickman KC, Professor of Public Law at University College London and barrister at Blackstone Chambers; Rashmin Sagoo, Director of the International Law Programme at Chatham House; and Sarah Singer, Professor of Refugee Law at the Refugee Law Initiative, School of Advanced Study, University of London, gave oral evidence.

## 2. Written Evidence for Publication

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Rt Hon Alex Chalk, dated 11 January 2024.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 24 January 2024 at 2.45 pm.

# Wednesday 24 January 2024

## Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Alton

Lord Dholakia

Dr Caroline Johnson

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence

Baroness Meyer  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

## 1. Legislative Scrutiny: Safety of Rwanda Bill

Lord Sandhurst KC, Chair of Research, Society of Conservative Lawyers; and Lord Sumption, former Justice of the Supreme Court, gave oral evidence.

Martin Howe KC, Barrister, 8 New Square, gave oral evidence.

## 2. Written Evidence for Publication

Legislative Scrutiny: Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill:

RWA0001 Public Law Project

RWA0002 Professor Theodore Konstadinides

RWA0003 Redress Trust

RWA0004 Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

RWA0005 Humanists UK

RWA0006 Amnesty International UK

RWA0007 The Law Society of England and Wales

RWA0008 Helen Bamber Foundation

RWA0009 Just Fair

RWA0010 Liberty

RWA0011 The Children's Society

RWA0012 Ayesha Riaz

RWA0013 Dr Rossella Pulvirenti

RWA0014 Garden Court Chambers

RWA0015 Médecins Sans Frontières

RWA0016 Bail for Immigration Detainees

RWA0017 Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ)

RWA0018 Dr Olayinka Lewis (Senior Lecturer at Essex Law School, University of Essex); Franziska Fluhr (Research Officer at Essex Law School, University of Essex)

RWA0019 Care

RWA0020 Freedom from Torture

RWA0021 National AIDS Trust

Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK:

Supplementary Written Evidence from the Association of Directors of Children's Services.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 2.45 pm.

## Wednesday 31 January 2024

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Alton

Lord Dholakia

Dr Caroline Johnson

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence

Baroness Meyer

Jill Mortimer

Lord Murray of Blidworth

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

### 1. Human Rights at Work

Elysia McCaffrey, CEO, Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority, and Dr Carole Murphy, Associate Professor and Director of the Bakhita Centre for Research on Slavery, Exploitation and Abuse, St Mary's University, gave oral evidence.

### 2. Accountability for Daesh Crimes

Jonathan Hall KC, Independent Reviewer for Terrorism Legislation, gave oral evidence.

### 3. Written Evidence for Publication

#### **Legislative Scrutiny: Safety of Rwanda Bill**

RWA0022 Equality And Human Rights Commission

RWA0023 Dr Alice Donald and Dr Joelle Grogan

#### **Legislative Scrutiny: Criminal Justice Bill**

CJB0002 Alison Fitch

CJB0003 Christian Legal Centre

CJB0004 University of Central Lancashire

CJB0005 Manifesto Club

CJB0006 Liberty

CJB0007 Dr Simon Flacks

CJB0008 Pupils 2 Parliament

CJB0009 Release

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 2.45 pm.

## **Wednesday 7 February 2024**

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Alton

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence  
Baroness Meyer  
Jill Mortimer  
Lord Murray of Blidworth  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

## 1. Declaration of Interests

Lord Murray of Blidworth declared interests (see Appendix).

## 2. Legislative Scrutiny: Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

Draft Report (Legislative Scrutiny: Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 435.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Second Report of the Committee to both Houses.

## 3. Written Evidence for Publication

### **Legislative Scrutiny: Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill**

RWA0024 Justice and Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA)

### **Legislative scrutiny: Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill 2023**

IPA0002 Mr Rockiano Laybourn

IPA0004 Privacy International

IPA0005 Internet Society

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 2.45 pm.

## Wednesday 21 February 2024

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Dholakia

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence

Baroness Meyer

Lord Murray of Blidworth

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

### 1. Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

The Committee discussed this matter.

Paul Rusesabagina, Political Activist and Human Rights Defender from Rwanda; and Lewis Mudge, Central Africa Director at Human Rights Watch, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 2.45 pm.

*From 25 February to 29 February the Committee visited Rwanda in connection with its inquiry into the Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK, in accordance with its resolution of 24 May 2023 in the previous session of Parliament.*



# Wednesday 6 March 2024

Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Alton

Lord Dholakia

Dr Caroline Johnson

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence

Baroness Meyer

Jill Mortimer

Lord Murray of Blidworth

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

## 1. Written Evidence for Publication

Correspondence from the Leader of the House of Commons dated 31 January relating to a debate on the UK-Rwanda Treaty.

### **Legislative Scrutiny: Criminal Justice Bill**

Correspondence from the Chair to The Rt Hon Chris Philp MP, Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire, and Laura Farris MP, Parliamentary Undersecretary of State, dated 1 March 2024.

### **Human rights at work**

Supplementary written evidence from Elysia McCaffrey, Chief Executive Officer, Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority

### **Legislative scrutiny: Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill 2023**

IPA0007 Open Rights Group

IPA0008 Big Brother Watch

IPA0009 Global Network Initiative (GNI) UK

IPA0010 techUK

## 2. Legislative Scrutiny: Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill 2023

*Ordered*, that the Chair write to the Home Secretary to set out the Committee's views on the Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill 2023.

## 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 2.45 pm.

# Wednesday 13 March 2024

## Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Alton

Lord Dholakia

Miss Sarah Dines

Dr Caroline Johnson

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence

Baroness Meyer

Lord Murray of Blidworth

## 1. Declaration of interests

Miss Sarah Dines MP declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

## 2. Legislative Scrutiny: Safety of Rwanda Bill

The Committee agreed to publish the Government's response to its Second Report of Session 2023-24, Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill, as its First Special Report of Session 2023-24.

## 3. UK-Philippines Transfer Agreement

*Ordered*, that the Chair write to the Minister of State for Prisons and Probation to set out the Committee's views on the UK-Philippines Transfer Agreement, and that the letter be reported to the House and published online.

## 4. Written Evidence for Publication

Human Rights at Work

HRW0029 Institute of Employment Rights

HRW0066 LGB Alliance

HRW0067 Fair Play for Women

HRW0078 Bakhita Centre for Research on Slavery, Exploitation and Abuse

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 2.00 pm.

## Wednesday 20 March 2024

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Alton

Lord Dholakia

Miss Sarah Dines

Dr Caroline Johnson

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence  
Baroness Meyer  
Jill Mortimer  
Lord Murray of Blidworth  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

## 1. Government Proposals on Extremism

Ruth Ehrlich, Head of Policy and Campaigns, Liberty; Sara Khan, Independent Advisor for Social Cohesion and Resilience; and Joshua Rozenberg KC, Solicitor and Legal Commentator, gave oral evidence.

## 2. Legislative Scrutiny: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill

*Ordered*, that the Chair write to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to set out the Committee's views on the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill 2023, and that the letter be reported to the House and published online.

## 3. Legislative Scrutiny: Sentencing Bill

*Ordered*, that the Chair write to the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice to set out the Committee's views on the Sentencing Bill 2023, and that the letter be reported to the House and published online.

## 4. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Written Evidence for Publication

### **Human rights at work**

HRW0039 Denise Fahmy

HRW0080 Institute for Future of Work

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 4.00 pm.

## Tuesday 26 March 2024

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Alton

Lord Dholakia

Dr Caroline Johnson

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence

Baroness Meyer

Lord Murray of Blidworth

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

### 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Written Evidence for Publication

#### **Legislative Scrutiny: Criminal Justice Bill**

Correspondence from Rt Hon Chris Philp MP, Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire, dated 19 March 2024.

CBJ0010 JUSTICE

CBJ0011 Liberty

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 2.45 pm.

## Wednesday 17 April 2024

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Alton

Lord Dholakia

Sarah Dines

Baroness Kennedy

Baroness Lawrence

Baroness Meyer

Jill Mortimer

Lord Murray of Blidworth

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

### 1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter. The Committee agreed to inquire into The Role of Human Rights in the UK Democratic Process.

### 2. Written Evidence for Publication

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to the publication of the Lay Observers' Annual Report 2022–23

#### **Proposals for a Hillsborough Law**

Anna Morris KC (HBL0001)

Pete Weatherby KC (HBL0002)

Elkan Abrahamson (HBL0003)

## Wednesday 24 April 2024

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Dholakia

Dr Caroline Johnson

Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws  
Baroness Lawrence  
Baroness Meyer  
Jill Mortimer MP  
Lord Murray of Blidworth  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

## 1. Ministerial Scrutiny: The UK's engagement with its international human rights obligations

Lord Bellamy KC, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Rob Linham, Deputy Director of Rights Policy, Ministry of Justice, gave oral evidence.

## 2. Written Evidence for Publication

### **Sentencing Bill**

Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Alex Chalk KC MP, to the Chair.

### **Post Office (Horizon Systems) Bill**

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Kemi Badenoch MP, to the Chair.

## 3. Changes to Rule 39 (Interim Measures)

The Committee considered a note from Counsel.

## 4. Tobacco and Vapes Bill

The Committee considered a note from Counsel.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 2.45 pm.

# Wednesday 15 May 2024

## Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair  
Lord Alton of Liverpool  
Lord Dholakia  
Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws  
Baroness Meyer  
Jill Mortimer MP  
Lord Murray of Blidworth

## 1. Human Rights and the Proposal for a “Hillsborough Law”

Draft Report (Human Rights and the Proposal for a “Hillsborough Law”), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 180.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Third Report of the Committee to both Houses.

### **Written Evidence for Publication**

Correspondence from Ian Byrne MP to Joanna Cherry KC MP dated 15th March 2023

Correspondence from Joanna Cherry KC MP to Ian Byrne MP dated 28th April 2023

## 2. Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief Bill

*Ordered*, that the Chair write to the Foreign Secretary to set out the Committee’s views on the Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief Bill and that the letter be reported to the House for publication.

## 3. Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK

Michael Tomlinson KC MP, Minister of State for Countering Illegal Migration, Home Office, gave oral evidence.



## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 2.45 pm.

## Wednesday 22 May 2024

### Members present

Joanna Cherry, in the Chair

Lord Dholakia

Miss Sarah Dines

Dr Caroline Johnson

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon

Baroness Meyer

Lord Murray of Blidworth

### 1. European Court of Human Rights climate judgment

Nikki Reisch, Director of Climate and Energy Program, Center for International Environmental Law; Jessica Simor KC, Barrister, Matrix Chambers; and Lord Sumption, Former Judge, Supreme Court, gave oral evidence.

### 2. Accountability for Da'esh Crimes

*Resolved*, that the Chair write to the Home Secretary, to the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, and to the Minister of State at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office regarding the conclusion of the inquiry, and that the letters be published online.

### 3. Written evidence

Resolved, that written evidence be reported to the House and that part of the evidence be published online, as below.

## Adjournment

The Committee adjourned.

**Written evidence to be reported to the House**

Refugee Action, ASU0121

### **Written evidence to be published online**

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Health to the Chair regarding the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, dated 20 May 2024.

Correspondence from the Chair to Michael Tomlinson, Minister of State for Countering Illegal Migration

### **Accountability for Daesh Crimes**

DAE002, Dr Ewelina Ochab

DAE003, Bring British Families Home

### **Human rights of asylum seekers**

ASU0026, Amanda Spalding

ASU0032, SOAS Centre for Human Rights Law

ASU0050, Refuge

ASU0077, Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group and Refugee Tales

ASU0078, Baobab Centre for Young Survivors in Exile

ASU0089, Discrimination Law Association

ASU0099, Asylum Welcome

ASU0100, Positive Action in Housing

ASU0103, No to Hassockfield Campaign Group

ASU0107, Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody (IAPDC)

ASU0108, Maryhill Integration Network

ASU0110, Institute of Maritime Law

ASU0114, Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees (AVID)

ASU0118, Staff note

ASU0120, Association of Directors of Children's Services

ASU0053, End Violence Against Women Coalition

ASU0057, Hibiscus

ASU0058, Women's Aid Federation

ASU0060, Doctors of the World UK

ASU0075, JustRight Scotland

### **The role of human rights in the UK democratic process**

RH0002, Dr Ben Stanford

RH0003, Professor Keith Hyams and Dr Jessica Sutherland

RH0004, Dr Andy Smith

## **Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee and specialist advisers**

### **(i) Members of the Committee**

#### **Register of Members Interests (as at 24 May 2024)**

##### **Cherry, Joanna (Edinburgh South West)**

###### 1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Columnist for the National

From: 3 September 2020.

Payer: Newsquest Ltd, Loudwater Mill, Station Road, High Wycombe HP10 9TY

Remuneration: £150 a week (payment is per column written).

From: 3 September 2020.

Hours: 4 hrs a week

Additional information: First payment expected on 1 December 2020.

(Registered 18 November 2020)

Role, work or services: Legal services

Payer: MML Law, Meadowplace Buildings, Bell Street, Dundee DD1 1EJ

Payment: £4,416.67

Received on: 26 September 2023. Hours: 12 hrs.

Additional information: Services provided between 21 December 2021 and 28 April 2022.

(Registered 19 October 2023)

###### 3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Neil Murray

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Legal services provided between 8 and 12 May 2023 (paid for by the donor), value £22,932

Date received: 8 May 2023 to 12 May 2023

Date accepted: 8 May 2023

Donor status: individual

(Registered 16 June 2023)

#### 4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Remembering Srebrenica Scotland

Address of donor: c/o Turcan Connell Solicitors, Princes Exchange, Earl Grey Street, Edinburgh EH3 9EE

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£637.51) and accommodation (£232.21), value £869.72

Destination of visit: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dates of visit: 3 October 2023 to 5 October 2023

Purpose of visit: To take part in commemoration and educational events in Sarajevo as part of Remembering Srebrenica Scotland's work to raise awareness of the genocide and prevent future atrocities.

(Registered 3 January 2024)

#### 8. Miscellaneous

Kings Council and member of the Faculty of Advocates. Non-practising since 25 November 2022, but I continue to receive payments for legal services rendered before my election in 2015; and for the period 28 June 2021 to 25 November 2022 when I returned to part-time practice. any Payments for legal services are registered under Category 1.

(Registered 4 June 2015; updated 16 July 2021, 20 December 2022 and 30 December 2022)

Member of the advisory group of Sex Matters, a not for profit company which campaigns, advocates and produces resources to promote clarity about sex in public policy, law and culture. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 25 January 2022

(Registered 8 February 2022)

### **Lord Alton of Liverpool**

Register of Members' Interests (as at 24 May 2024)

Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

Occasional income from journalism, writing, talks and speeches

## Category 6: Sponsorship

Occasional research assistance is provided by the Right To Life Charitable Trust and CARE on a pro bono basis

## Category 7: Overseas visits

Visit to Seoul, South Korea, 13-17 September 2023, to speak at conference to mark 10th anniversary of UN Report on crimes against humanity in North Korea; flights, accommodation and honorarium provided by South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Visit to Banff and Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada, 5-9 November 2023, to participate in Human Rights in North Korea conference organised by Han Voice; flights and accommodation provided by organisers

Visit to Prague, Czech Republic, 27-28 November 2023, to speak at Annual Ministerial meeting on Article 18 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (freedom of religion or belief); flights and hotel accommodation provided by Government of Czech Republic

Visit to Washington DC, 23-24 February 2024 to attend Notre Dame University Law School meeting; flights and accommodation provided by the organisers

Visit to Taiwan, 18-21 May 2024, for Inauguration of new President and meetings with Ministers and officials; travel and accommodation provided by Government of Taiwan

## Category 10: Non-financial interests (a)

Director and Trustee, Living and Dying Well (not for profit company)

## Category 10: Non-financial interests (b)

Advisory Committee, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Fellow, Liverpool John Moores University Roscoe Foundation for Citizenship

Visiting Professor, Liverpool Hope University

Member, International Advisory Board on Freedom of Religion or Belief, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

Category 10: Non-financial interests (e)

Member, Sages Group on North Korean Human Rights (consisting of human rights experts)

## **The Rt Hon. the Lord Dholakia OBE DL**

### **(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

Category 5: Land and property

Residential property in Swindon owned jointly with wife, from which rental income is received

Category 7: Overseas visits

Visit to Israel and Palestinian Territory, 28 May - 1 June 2023, as part of House of Lords delegation organised by European Leadership Network (Elnet UK) and Britain-Israel All-Party Parliamentary Group to explore peace building, challenges and opportunities, education and diversity, coexistence, innovation and research, historical and cultural background and developments; flights and accommodation costs met by Elnet UK

Visit to Doha, Qatar, 9-12 December 2023, to attend 21st Doha Forum "Building Shared Futures"; flights and accommodation costs paid by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar

Category 10: Non-financial interests (a)

Trustee, National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders

Category 10: Non-financial interests (e)

Trustee, Police Foundation

President, Friends Circle International

## **Miss Sarah Dines MP**

Miss Dines declared that she was a qualified barrister not in practice.

## **(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Land, other (Farmland and, as of 27 June 2021, a co-located farmhouse)

Location: Essex

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 10 January 2020; updated 25 February 2022)

Type of land/property: Residential property (house)

Number of properties: 1

Location: London

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Type of land/property: Commercial property (office accommodation)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Essex

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Type of land/property: Residential property (houses)

Number of properties: 3

Location: Essex

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 10 January 2020)

Type of land/property: Residential property (house)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Sussex

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 10 January 2020)



## **Rt Hon Harriet Harman KC MP**

### **(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

#### 3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Glyndebourne Productions Ltd

Address of donor: Glyndebourne, Lewes BN8 5UU

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: One ticket with hospitality for the first night of Glyndebourne Festival 2023, value £360

Date received: 19 May 2023

Date accepted: 19 May 2023

Donor status: company, registration 00358266

(Registered 24 May 2023)

#### 6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (house)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Suffolk

Interest held: from 12 May 2022

Ownership details: I owned a share in this property prior to 12 May 2022.

(Updated 1 July 2022)

Type of land/property: Residential property (flat)

Number of properties: 1

Location: London

Interest held: from 3 April 2023

Rental income: from 3 April 2023

(Registered 24 April 2023)

#### 8. Miscellaneous

Chair of the Fawcett Society, a charity campaigning for gender equality and human rights. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 29 June 2023

(Registered 3 July 2023)

## **The Rt Hon the Lord Henley (member of the Committee to 31 January 2024)**

### **(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

Commissioner, Guernsey Financial Services Commission

Category 5: Land and property

Agricultural land in Cumbria, including residential properties

## **Dr Caroline Johnson MP**

### **(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

#### 1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Consultant paediatrician

Payer: North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, Peterborough City Hospital, Bretton Gate, Bretton, PE3 9GZ

Additional information: I am employed on a flexible contract.

(Registered 9 January 2017; updated 27 April 2017, 6 July 2017, 13 March 2020, 16 November 2021, 21 June 2022, 7 October 2022 and 26 October 2023)

Remuneration: £22,471.20 a year backdated to April 2023

From: 25 September 2023.

Hours: 336 hrs a year

(Registered 26 October 2023)

#### 3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: London Marathon Events Limited

Address of donor: Marathon House, 190 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Hospitality at the start

and finish of the Marathon for me and a friend (£350 each), value £700

Date received: 21 April 2024

Date accepted: 21 April 2024

Donor status: company, registration 01528489

(Registered 9 May 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (house)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Lincolnshire

Ownership details: Owned jointly with my husband

(Registered 9 January 2017)

## **The Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws KC**

### **(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

Member of the Bar

Occasional income from writing and speaking and chairing independent inquiries

Director, International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)

Chair, Independent Review on Diversity for Royal College of Surgeons (interest ceased 30 May 2023)

Category 5: Land and property

House in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA from which rental income is occasionally received

Category 10: Non-financial interests (a)

Member, Microsoft Technology and Human Rights Advisory Council

Member, Advisory Board of Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Oxford University

Category 10: Non-financial interests (b)

Bencher, Gray's Inn

Chancellor, Sheffield Hallam University

Category 10: Non-financial interests (d)

President (formerly Chair), Justice

Category 10: Non-financial interests (e)

President, Helena Kennedy Foundation (for disadvantaged students)

Vice President, Hay Festival

Member, British Academy Development Board

Committee Member, Praemium Imperiale Laureates, Japan Art Association

Trustee, 5Rights Foundation

Trustee, Frazzled Cafe (mental health charity)

Trustee, Belarus Free Theatre

Trustee, Sigrid Rausing Trust, and Director of the associated company

## **The Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon**

### **(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

Consultant on establishment of Stephen Lawrence Research Centre, De Montfort University

Speaking engagement, 30 May 2023, event for Globe Members at Gilead Sciences, London

Speaking engagement, 4 October 2023, event for Slaughter & May, London

Speaking engagement, 3 October 2023, University of Bedfordshire, Luton (payment received 15 November 2023)

Category 6: Sponsorship

Community Trade Union supports member's executive PA for nine hours per week (by way of political donation) to help with her parliamentary work

Category 10: Non-financial interests (e)

Founder and Trustee, Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation

Race Relations Adviser, Labour Party

## **The Baroness Meyer CBE**

### **(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

Category 7: Overseas visits

Visit to Israel and Palestinian Territory, 28 May - 1 June 2023, as part of House of Lords delegation organised by European Leadership Network (Elnet UK) and Britain-Israel All-Party Parliamentary Group to explore peace building, challenges and opportunities, education and diversity, coexistence, innovation and research, historical and cultural background and developments; flights and accommodation costs met by Elnet UK

Category 10: Non-financial interests (b)

Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Ukraine

Category 10: Non-financial interests (d)

Member, Advisory Board, Parthenon Project (campaign to return Parthenon Sculptures to Greece)

Member, Executive Board, Transatlantic Forum for Education and Diplomacy (TFED)

Category 10: Non-financial interests (e)

Ambassador, Missing People

Founder and President, Action Against Abduction

## **Jill Mortimer MP**

(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)

Nil

### **The Lord Murray of Blidworth**

(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)

Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office (interest ceased 14 November 2023)

Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers, and LLP member

Category 10: Non-financial interests (c)

Trustee, Temple Church Trust, and director of the associated company (interest ceased 1 February 2024)

### **Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP**

(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Company Secretary of the Diane Abbott Foundation, which works to excel and improve education. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 10 January 2020)

### **Angela Richardson MP (member of the Committee to 5 December 2023 )**

**(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (house)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Hastings District, New Zealand

Rental income: Yes

(Registered 9 January 2020)

**David Simmonds MP (member of the Committee to 11 March 2024)**

**(Register of Members' Interests as at 24 May 2024)**

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

Name of donor: The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy Project (RAMP)

Address of donor: The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot SL5 7HP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: The services of a Policy Adviser for 2.5 days per week (value is estimated), value £20,000

Date received: 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Date accepted: 1 January 2023

Donor status: company, registration 12373468

(Registered 13 February 2023)

Name of donor: The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy Project (RAMP)

Address of donor: The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot SL5 7HP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: The services of a Policy Adviser for two days per week (value is estimated), value £14,400

Date received: 1 January 2024 to 31 August 2024

Date accepted: 1 January 2024

Donor status: company, registration 12373468

(Registered 9 April 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Kamal Pankhania

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket to the Conservative Summer Ball, value £1,500

Date received: 29 June 2023

Date accepted: 29 June 2023

Donor status: individual

(Registered 12 July 2023)

Name of donor: Kamal Pankhania

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket to the Conservative Winter Party, value £1,500

Date received: 29 February 2024

Date accepted: 29 February 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 6 March 2024)

## 8. Miscellaneous

An unpaid Vice-President of the Local Government Association (LGA).

Date interest arose: 19 October 2020

(Registered 21 October 2020)