



# Formal Minutes of the Foreign Affairs Committee in Session 2021–22

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.

When the Committee publishes a Report, the Formal Minutes relating to consideration of the draft Report are published with the Report itself, and are not included in this document. You can find these reports on the Committee's webpages.

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Transcripts of oral evidence taken in public by the Committee are available on the Committee's webpages.

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

# Tuesday 18 May 2021

Virtual meeting<sup>1</sup>

## Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Henry Smith

Graham Stringer

Claudia Webbe

Harriet Baldwin, Deirdre Brock, Barry Gardiner, Chris Law, Mark

Logan and Alexander Stafford 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

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

### **Supplementary Estimate 2020-21**

Correspondence dated 21 April and 10 May 2021 with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

### **Global Anti-Corruption sanctions regime**

Correspondence dated 26 April from the Foreign Secretary on the Government's progress in tabling legislation

### **Role of the FAC in scrutinising the work of the Investment Security Unit (ISU)**

Correspondence dated 28 April and 10 May with the Secretary of State for BEIS

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<sup>1</sup> 'Virtual meeting' indicates a meeting held pursuant to the Order of the House of 24 March 2020 (as amended) relating to Select Committees (Participation and Reporting). At such meetings, some or all Members participated remotely through approved electronic means.

### **The Committee's inquiry into Xinjiang detention camps**

Correspondence dated 4 May from the International Labour Organization and dated 11 May from UK Research and Innovation

Correspondence dated 6 May from the FCDO further to the evidence session on 27 April

### **Foreign and Commonwealth Office Main Estimate 2021-22**

The Main Estimate memorandum relating to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Treaty Series No. 8 (2021) (CP 426)
- Treaty Series No. 9 (2021) (CP 427)
- Treaty Series No. 10 (2021) (CP 428)
- Country Series Serbia No. 1 (2021) (CP 433)

## **4. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **5. Environmental diplomacy**

Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, COP 26 President-Designate, Peter Hill, Chief Executive Officer, COP26 Unit, Cabinet Office; Ros Eales, Chief Operating Officer, COP26 Unit, Cabinet Office; Dr John Murton, UK COP26 Envoy, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 1.45 pm

## **Tuesday 25 May 2021**

Virtual meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **British Council closures**

Correspondence dated 22 April and 11 May 2021 with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

### **The Investment Security Unit's (ISU) handling of voluntary 'notifications'**

Correspondence dated 7 and 24 May 2021 with the Secretary of State for BEIS

### **The Myanmar crisis**

MYA0001 - Dr Lee Jones

MYA0002 - Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust

MYA0004 - Ruth Stevens

MYA0005 - Kachin National Organization

MYA0006 - ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights

MYA0007 - Free Myanmar

MYA0008 - Dr David Brenner

MYA0009 - Burma Campaign UK

MYA0012 - Tropical Health Education Trust, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

MYA0013 - Global Movement for Myanmar Democracy

MYA0015 - Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK)

MYA0017 - Federica D'Alessandra

MYA0018 - Anonymous Submitter  
MYA0019 - CSW  
MYA0020 - Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office  
MYA0023 - Dr Ronan Lee  
MYA0026 - Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (GCR2P)  
MYA0028 - British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar  
MYA0029 - Guy Banim, Robert Cooper, Michael Doyle, Seán Farren, Charles Petrie  
MYA0030 - European Karen Network  
MYA0032 - UK Shan State Society  
MYA0033 - U.S. Campaign for Burma and 81 Diaspora Organizations  
MYA0035 - NUG Campaign UK

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Country Series Peru No. 1 (2021) (CP 431)
- Treaty Series No. 11 (2021) (CP 436)

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

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Xinjiang detention camps

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Environmental diplomacy

The Committee considered this matter.

## 6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 7. The Myanmar crisis

Dr Sasa, Minister of International Cooperation, National Unity Government of Myanmar, Naw K'nyaw Paw, General Secretary, Karen Peace Support Network, and Thinzar Shunlei Yi, Advocacy Coordinator, Action Committee for

Democracy Development; and Tom Andrews, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Mark Farmaner, Director, Burma Campaign UK, and John Sifton, Asia Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch., gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 June 2020 at 1.45 pm

## Tuesday 8 June 2021

Virtual meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Alicia Kearns

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:

### **Newport Wafer Fab and the National Security and Investment Act**

Correspondence dated 20 and 28 May 2021 with the Secretary of State for BEIS

### **Ukraine**

Correspondence dated 20 April and 2 June 2021 with the Secretary of State for Defence

### **The Myanmar crisis**

MYA0036 - NUG Campaign UK

MYA0037 - Mines Advisory Group (MAG)

MYA0039 - Mrs Lwin Mclay (Activist at Myanmar Women Activists Group UK), and Mrs Ei Minn (Activist at Myanmar Women Activists Group UK)

MYA0040 - Fortify Rights

MYA0042 - International Karen Organisation

MYA0044 - Aung Myo Min (Minister for Human Rights at Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government of Myanmar)

MYA0045 - Christopher Gunness (Director at Myanmar Accountability Project)

MYA0047 - Answer Myanmar

MYA0048 - Ministry of Women, Youth and Children of the National Unity Government of Myanmar

MYA0049 - BBC World Service

MYA0052 - Human Rights Watch

MYA0053 - Prospect Burma

### **Tech and the future of UK foreign policy**

TFP0001 - UK Computing Research Committee

TFP0003 - Dr Charmele Ayadurai (Assistant Professor Economics and Finance. at Durham University), and Dr Sina Joneidy (Lecturer in Digital Enterprise at Teesside University)

TFP0005 - Amnesty International UK

TFP0006 - Oracle Corporation

TFP0007 - British and Irish Law, Education and Technology Association

TFP0008 - Dr Ingvild Bode (Associate Professor & Principal Investigator at Centre for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark), Anna Nadibaidze (PhD researcher at Centre for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark), Dr Hendrik Huelss (Assistant Professor at Centre for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark), and Dr Tom Watts (researcher at Centre for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark)

TFP0009 - Drone Wars UK

TFP0010 - Dr Heather Williams (Lecturer at King's College London), and Marina Favaro (Consultant at King's College London)

TFP0011 - Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre, led by Nesta

TFP0012 - Henry Jackson Society

TFP0013 - Northumbria Law School, Northumbria University

TFP0014 - Carnegie UK Trust

TFP0015 - Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

TFP0016 - Simon Jones (Director at Dartkite)

TFP0017 - Microsoft

TFP0018 - BAE Systems plc  
TFP0019 - Open Doors UK & Ireland  
TFP0020 - Dr James Strong (Senior Lecturer in British Politics and Foreign Policy at Queen Mary University of London), and Dr Elke Schwarz (Senior Lecturer in Political Theory at Queen Mary University of London)  
TFP0021 - Sedex  
TFP0022 - TechUK  
TFP0023 - Dr Talita Dias (Junior Research Fellow at Jesus College, University of Oxford; Oxford Programme on International Peace and Security, Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict, University of Oxford), and Rhiannon Neilsen (Research Consultant at Oxford Programme on International Peace and Security, Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict, University of Oxford)  
TFP0024 - Mr Anthony Stevens (President, International at Victor Insurance)  
TFP0025 - Tarun Wadhwa (Nonresident Fellow at Atlantic Council, GeoTech Center)  
TFP0026 - Tony Blair Institute for Global Change  
TFP0027 - Professor Claudia Aradau  
TFP0028 - UK Campaign to stop Killer Robots, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom UK  
TFP0029 - International Committee of the Red Cross  
TFP0030 - Professor Christine Bell (Professor of Constitutional Law, Director Political Settlements Research Programme at University of Edinburgh)  
TFP0031 - Kathryn Parsons (Founder and CEO at Decoded)  
TFP0032 - Nesta

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Treaty Series No. 12 (2021)(CP 442)

## 3. Declaration of interests

Tom Tugendhat declared an interest, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

## 4. The UK's role in strengthening multilateral organisations

The Committee considered this matter.



Draft Report (In the room: the UK's role in multilateral diplomacy), 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 with the First Report of the Committee, HC 199.

## 5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 1.45 pm

## Tuesday 15 June 2021

Virtual meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

Claudia Webbe

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Treaty Series No. 13 (2021) (CP 440)
- Country Series Japan No. 1 (2021) (CP 443)

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. The situation in Belarus

Victoria Fedorova, Head of Legal Initiative, Belarusian Human Rights NGO; Philippe Joseph Sands, QC, Professor of the Public Understanding of Law, Faculty of Laws, University College London, Samuel and Judith Pizar Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, British and French Lawyer, Matrix Chambers; Dr Nigel Gould-Davies, Senior Fellow for Russia and Eurasia, International Institute for Strategic Studies; Andrius Kubilius MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament; and Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Leader of the Belarusian Opposition, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 10.45 am

## Monday 21 June 2021

Evidence reported to the House for publication:

### **Newport Wafer Fab and the National Security and Investment Act**

Correspondence dated 18 June 2021 to the Secretary of State for BEIS

## Tuesday 22 June 2021

At 10.45am

Virtual meeting

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

Claudia Webbe

## 1. The UK's relationship with the EU

Rt Hon Lord Frost CMG, Minister of State, Cabinet Office, Matthew Taylor, Director General, EU Secretariat, Cabinet Office, and Lindsay Croisdale-Appleby CMG, Head of UK Mission to EU, FCDO, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 1.45 pm

## Tuesday 22 June 2021

At 1.45pm

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

Claudia Webbe

## 1. A climate for ambition: Diplomatic preparations for COP26

Draft Special Report (*A climate for ambition: Diplomatic preparations for COP26: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2019–21*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventh 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.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Belarus**

Correspondence dated 22 June 2021 to the Foreign Secretary

### **Australian FTA**

Correspondence dated 25 May and 17 June 2021 with the Foreign Secretary relating to negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with Australia

### **The Myanmar crisis**

MYA0054 - Anonymous submitter

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- Country Series Latvia No. 1 (2021)(CP 448)
- Treaty Series No. 14 (2021)(CP 457)

## 4. Global health security

Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP and Professor Niall Ferguson, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 1.45 pm

## Tuesday 29 June 2021

At 1.45pm

Virtual meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Alicia Kearns  
Andrew Rosindell  
Bob Seely  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer  
Claudia Webbe

## 1. St Helena's Constitution

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Never Again: The UK's Responsibility to Act on Atrocities in Xinjiang and Beyond

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Never Again: The UK's Responsibility to Act on Atrocities in Xinjiang and Beyond), 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 with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 198.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 448 Country Series Latvia No. 1 (2021)
- CP 457 Treaty Series No. 14 (2021)

## 4. Tech and the future of UK foreign policy

Ria Thomas, Managing Director, Polynia Advisory and Harriet Moynihan, Senior Research Fellow, the International Law Programme at Chatham House; Toomas Ilves, Former President of Estonia, Ashish Jaiman, Director of Technology Operations, Microsoft, and Hugh Milward, General Manager, Corporate, External and Legal Affairs, Microsoft, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 1.45 pm

# Tuesday 6 July 2021

At 1.45pm

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

Claudia Webbe

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

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Sovereignty for sale: the FCDO's role in protecting strategic British assets), 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 with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 197.

*Ordered*, that the Chair make the Report to the House.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Newport Wafer Fab and the National Security and Investment Act**

Correspondence dated 18 and 30 June 2021 with the Secretary of State for BEIS

### **Belarus**

Correspondence dated 22 June and 1 July 2021 with the Foreign Secretary

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 436 (Correction Slip) Treaty Series No. 11 (2021)
- CP 459 Treaty Series No. 15 (2021)
- CP 462 Country Series Belgium No. 1 (2021)
- CP 465 Country Series Italy No. 1 (2021)

### 4. Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Southwark, in connection with its inquiry into Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria.

### 5. Implementing the Integrated Review: Tilt to the Indo-Pacific

The Committee considered this matter.

### 6. Correspondence from the Speaker relating to informal visits

The Committee considered this matter.

### 7. Environmental diplomacy

The Committee considered this matter.

### 8. The work of the FCDO

Rt Hon Dominic Raab, MP, Foreign Secretary, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 1.45 pm

## Tuesday 13 July 2021

At 1.45pm

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Claudia Webbe

## 1. The Myanmar crisis

Draft Report

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (The UK Government's Response to the Myanmar Crisis), 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 with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 203.

*Ordered*, that the Chair make the Report to the House.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **ODA spending cuts**

Correspondence dated 24 May with the Foreign Secretary and with Government Departments relating to ODA spending cuts.

Responses received from:

HMRC dated 10 June

BEIS dated 14 June

International Trade dated 14 June

Health dated 14 June

Defence dated 15 June

Education dated 17 June



Home Office dated 23 June

DCMS dated 24 June

Treasury dated 24 June

ODA dated 16 July

Defra dated 28 July

## **Newport Wafer Fab and the National Security and Investment Act**

Correspondence dated 13 July 2021 with the Prime Minister

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 454 Treaty Series No. 16 (2021)

### **4. Global health security**

Wendy Morton MP, Minister for European Neighbourhood and the Americas, Darren Welch, Director of Global Health, and Robert Tinline, Director for Covid-19, FCDO, gave oral evidence.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 1.45 pm

## **Tuesday 20 July 2021**

At 1.45pm

Virtual meeting

## **Members present**

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith  
Claudia Webbe

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria**

- IRN0002 - Peccavi Consulting Ltd
- IRN0003 - Witnesses Center for Global Development (CGD)
- IRN0004 - Humanists UK
- IRN0005 - Institute of Development Studies
- IRN0006 - VSO
- IRN0007 - Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust
- IRN0008 - HEDA Resource Centre
- IRN0009 - Mr Joe Chiedu Ochei (CEO at SeLoch Energy Ltd)
- IRN0011 - Mr Ervine Sylvester Okuboh
- IRN0012 - Open Doors UK & Ireland
- IRN0013 - Chatham House Africa Programme
- IRN0014 - CSW
- IRN0015 - FATHERLAND GROUP
- IRN0016 - Central Association of Nigerians in the United Kingdom
- IRN0017 - Publish What You Pay UK, and Policy Alert
- IRN0019 - All-Party Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religion or Belief
- IRN0021 - Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
- IRN0022 - Professor Marcus Power (Professor of Human Geography at Durham University), and Dr Modesta Alozie (Research Fellow at University of Warwick)
- IRN0023 - CDC Group plc
- IRN0024 - Mr Justin Moore
- IRN0025 - War Child
- IRN0026 - British African Business Alliance Ltd
- IRN0027 - Dr Eka Ikpe (Senior Lecturer, Development Economics in Africa and Deputy Director at African Leadership Centre, King's College London), and Professor 'Funmi Olonisakin (Professor Security, Leadership and Development at African Leadership Centre, King's College London)

- IRN0028 - Oluwatosin Adeshokan (Graduate Student at Karlshochschule International University)
- IRN0029 - British Council
- IRN0030 - Dr. Michael Butler (Associate Professor of Political Science at Clark University)
- IRN0031 - World Anti Corruption research Network, Kent Law School, University of Kent
- IRN0032 - African Foundation for Development (AFFORD)
- IRN0033 - Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV), University of St Andrews
- IRN0035 - Action against Hunger, and Norwegian Refugee Council
- IRN0036 - Olasubomi Iginla Aina MBE (Executive Director at Lightup Foundation)
- IRN0037 - Dr Peter Sproat (Senior Lecturer Financial Crime at Financial Crime Compliance Research Interest Group, Northumbria University), and Professor Jackie Harvey (Professor of Financial Management at Financial Crime Compliance Research Interest Group, Northumbria University)
- IRN0038 - International Organisation for Peacebuilding and Social Justice
- IRN0039 - World Food Programme

#### **Work of the FCDO**

- Correspondence dated 12 July 2021 from the Foreign Secretary following his appearance before the Committee on 6 July 2021

#### **BBC World Service**

- Correspondence dated 5 and 13 July 2021 with the Foreign Secretary relating to BBC World Service

#### **ODA spending cuts**

- Correspondence dated 24 May and 16 July 2021 with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions relating to ODA spending cuts

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 496 Miscellaneous Series No. 3 (2021)

- CP 497 Miscellaneous Series No. 4 (2021)

### 3. Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria

Ms Aisha Raheem-Bolarinwa, Founder and Vision Director, Farmz2u, Ms Yasmin Belo-Osagie, Co-founder and board chair of She Leads Africa, and Mr Onyeka Akumah, Co-Founder and Director, Plentywaka, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 1.30 pm

### Wednesday 28 July 2021

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 3 March 2020 (Order made under the provisions of SO No 137; see Votes and Proceedings [18 August 2021]):

#### **Newport Wafer Fab**

- Correspondence dated 13 and 22 July 2021 with the Secretary of State for BEIS relating to the Committee's letter to the Prime Minister dated 13 July.

### Wednesday 1 September 2021

At 1.30 pm

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Bob Seely

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

Claudia Webbe

## 1. Government policy on Afghanistan

Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State of Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 7 September 2021

At 2.00 pm

Hybrid meeting

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Royston Smith

Claudia Webbe

### 1. In the room: the UK's role in multilateral diplomacy

Draft Special Report (*In the room: the UK's role in multilateral diplomacy: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2021-22*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the First Report from the Committee 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.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Tech and the future of UK foreign policy**

- TFP0033 - Prof. Lucas Kello (Associate Professor of International Relations at Oxford University)
- TFP0034 - Witnesses Reprive
- TFP0035 - BBC World Service
- TFP0036 - RAND Europe
- TFP0037 - EPA
- TFP0038 - LGB Alliance
- TFP0039 - Protection Approaches
- TFP0040 - Tom Hobson (Research Associate at Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge), and Brett Edwards (Senior Lecturer at Department of Politics, Languages and International Relations, University of Bath)

### **Newport Wafer Fab**

- Correspondence dated 19 August and 28 July 2021 with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to Newport Wafer Fab

### **ODA spending cuts**

- Correspondence dated 28 July and 24 May 2021 with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to ODA spending cuts

## 3. Tech and the future of UK foreign policy

Anne Marie Engtoft Larsen, Tech Ambassador at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark, and Tobias Feakin, Ambassador for Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology at Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Martijn Rasser, Director, Technology and National Security Program at Center for a New American Security (CNAS) and Dr Ulrike Franke, Senior Policy Fellow at European Council on Foreign Relations, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 2.00 pm

# Tuesday 21 September 2021

At 2.00 pm

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Henry Smith

Graham Stringer

Claudia Webbe

## 1. Global health security

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Global Health, Global Britain), 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 with the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 200.

## 2. The UK Government's Response to the Myanmar Crisis

Draft Special Report (*The UK Government's Response to the Myanmar Crisis: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2021-22*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fourth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered*, that the Chair make the Report to the House.

### 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **Global Health, Global Britain**

- Correspondence dated 28 July with the Minister for European Neighbourhood and the Americas relating to her appearance before the Committee on 13 July.

#### **Government policy on Afghanistan**

- Correspondence dated 15 September with the Foreign Secretary relating to his appearance before the Committee on 1 September.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 496 Miscellaneous Series No. 3 (2021)
- CP 522 Country Series Portugal No. 1 (2021)
- CP 526 Country Series Antigua and Barbuda No. 1 (2021)
- CP 527 Treaty Series No. 17 Anguilla and the Tripoint (2021)
- CP 528 Treaty Series No. 18 (2021)

### 5. Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria

Adesope Olajide (AKA Shopsy Doo), Broadcaster and definer of the Afrobeats scene, and Patoranking, Nigerian music artist and performer; and Ofofwe Aig-Imoukhuede, Director at Africa Initiative for Governance, and Helen Dempster, Assistant Director at Centre for Global Development, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 19 October 2021

At 2.00 pm



Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. The UK Government's Response to Sovereignty for sale

Draft Special Report ( *The UK Government's Response to Sovereignty for sale: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2021-22*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Third Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered*, that the Chair make the Report to the House.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 530 Country Series Switzerland No. 4 (2021)
- CP 540 Miscellaneous Series No. 5 (2021)

## 3. Government policy on Afghanistan

Chris Bryant and Neil Coyle declared an interest, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, relating to a visit to Qatar in October 2021.

General David Petraeus; Laurel Miller and Professor Michael Semple; and Shaharзад Akbar and Shukria Barakzai, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 10.15 am

## Tuesday 26 October 2021

At 10.15 am

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Alicia Kearns

Bob Seely

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria

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

- IRN0040 - Mohamed Yahya

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 523 Country Series Albania No. 3 (2021)
- CP 547 Treaty Series No. 19 (2021)

## 3. Implementing the Integrated Review: Tilt to the Indo-Pacific

Professor Rory Medcalf, Australian National University, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 2.15 pm

## Tuesday 26 October 2021

At 2.15 pm

Hybrid meeting

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

### 1. Government policy on Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Implementing the Integrated Review: Tilt to the Indo-Pacific

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Jack Holland, University of Leeds and Dr Sidharth Kaushal, RUSI, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 2 November 2021

At 2.00 pm

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Government policy on Afghanistan**

- Correspondence dated 27 October with the Foreign Secretary following up on the 1 September evidence session on Afghanistan
- Correspondence dated 27 October with the Foreign Secretary relating to LGBT+ people in Afghanistan

### **Tech and the future of UK foreign policy**

- Internews Europe (TFP0041) Gibraltar

### **Gibraltar**

- Correspondence dated 13 October with the Minister for Europe and Americas relating to negotiations with the European Union in respect of Gibraltar

## 2. Government policy on Afghanistan

*Ordered,* That Hameed Hakimi be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to the inquiry into Afghanistan. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

## 3. Implementing the Integrated Review: Tilt to the Indo-Pacific

The Committee considered this matter and resolved to travel to the region in 2022.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 551 Treaty Series No. 20 (2021)

## 5. Tech and the future of foreign policy

Katie O'Donovan, Public Policy Manager, Google UK; Joe Westby, Deputy Director, Amnesty Tech, Amnesty International; David Sullivan, Executive Director, Digital Trust and Safety Partnership; and Jason Pielemeier, Deputy Director, Global Network Initiative., gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 2.15 pm

## Tuesday 9 November 2021

At 2.00 pm

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Alicia Kearns

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

## 1. The UK Government's Response to Never Again: The UK's Responsibility to Act on Atrocities in Xinjiang and Beyond:

Draft Special Report (*Never Again: The UK's Responsibility to Act on Atrocities in Xinjiang and Beyond: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2021-22*), 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 was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered*, that the Chair make the Report to the House.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

- Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to Giulio Regeni, dated 4 and 27 October 2022

## 3. Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

## **Tuesday 16 November 2021**

At 2.00 pm

Hybrid meeting

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

{In the absence of the Chair, Mr Royston Smith took the Chair}

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 557 Miscellaneous Series No. 6 (2021)

## 2. Implementing the Integrated Review: Tilt to the Indo-Pacific

Dr Alessio Patalano, reader in East Asian warfare, KLC, Dr Michael Reilly, former UK representative to Taiwan, and Jason Hsu, former Taiwanese Member of Parliament and tech entrepreneur, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 23 November 2021

At 2.00 pm

Hybrid meeting

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Tech and the future of UK foreign policy**

- Correspondence dated 12 November from the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport regarding the acquisition of Arm by NVIDIA
- Correspondence dated 16 November from the Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy at Google UK following the FAC oral evidence session on 2 November

### **Chevening Scholars from Afghanistan**

- Correspondence dated 27 October and 12 November 2021 with the Foreign Secretary.

## **The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the future of the Dayton Accord**

- Correspondence dated 15 November 2021 to the Foreign Secretary.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 553 Country Series Ukraine No. 1 (2021)
- CP 555 Miscellaneous Series No. 7 (2021)

## **3. National Security and Investment Act**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **4. Government policy on Afghanistan**

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Rory Stewart, former Secretary of State for International Development, and Lord Richards of Herstmonceux GCB CBE DSO DL, former Chief of the Defence Staff; and Rudra Chaudhuri, Director, Carnegie India, and Kori Schake, Director, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute., gave oral evidence.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 2 pm

## **Thursday 2 December 2021**

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 3 March 2020 (Order made under the provisions of SO No 137; see Votes and Proceedings [18 August 2021]):

### **Government policy on Afghanistan:**

- AFG0001 - Cambridge Middle East and North Africa Forum
- AFG0003 - Professor Todd Landman, Dr Edward Burke et al.
- AFG0004 - The Rights Lab, University of Nottingham
- AFG0005 - World Food Programme
- AFG0007 - Anonymised



- AFG0008 - Drugs and (dis)order Research Project
- AFG0009 - Peace Direct
- AFG0012 - FCDO
- AFG0014 - Asia Displacement Solutions Platform (ADSP)
- AFG0015 - Federica D'Alessandra, Ross Gildea, Emily Jones
- AFG0017 - Crispin Blunt MP (Chair at All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global LGBT+ Rights)
- AFG0018 - Christian Aid
- AFG0021 - Denisa Delić (Advocacy Director at International Rescue Committee)
- AFG0022 - David Bowen-Jones (Managing Director at TV Production Partnership Ltd)
- AFG0023 - The HALO Trust
- AFG0024 - BBC World Service
- AFG0025 - Gillian McKay (PhD Candidate at University of Leeds)
- AFG0029 - Afghanistan and Central Asian Association
- AFG0031 - All-Party Parliamentary Group on Drones and Modern Conflict
- AFG0032 - Human Rights Watch
- AFG0035 - Dickie Davis
- AFG0036 - Internews Europe
- AFG0037 - EMERGENCY
- AFG0038 - Mr Raphael Marshall (Desk Officer (formerly) at Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office)

#### **The acquisition of Arm by NVIDIA**

- Correspondence dated 16 November 2021 from the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

#### **The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the future of the Dayton Accord**

- Correspondence dated 15 and 24 November 2021 with the Foreign Secretary.

## **Tuesday 7 December 2021**

At 2.00 pm

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

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 FCDO's Overseas Superannuation Accounts 2020-21**

- Correspondence dated 30 November 2021 from the Permanent Under Secretary, FCDO.

### **The Reformed UK toolkit for development finance and launch of British International Investment**

- Correspondence dated 30 November 2021 from the Foreign Secretary.

### **Election monitoring**

- Correspondence dated 4 November and 2 December 2021 with the Foreign Secretary.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 567 Country Series Kenya No. 1 (2021)
- CP 575 Miscellaneous Series No. 8 (2021)
- CP 579 Treaty Series No. 21 (2021)

## 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Government policy on Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

Sir Philip Barton KCMG OBE, Permanent Under-Secretary, Sir Laurie Bristow KCMG, former UK Ambassador to Afghanistan and Nigel Casey MVO, Director for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran Directorate, FCDO, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 2 pm

## Tuesday 14 December 2021

At 2.00 pm

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Neil Coyle

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Henry Smith

## 1. Global Health, Global Britain Government Response

Draft Special Report (*Global Health, Global Britain: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2021-22*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Fifth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered*, that the Chair make the Report to the House.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **The acquisition of Inmarsat by Viasat**

- Correspondence dated 25 November and 8 December 2021 with the Secretary of State for BEIS.

### **Strategic Export Controls**

- Correspondence dated 8 December 2021 from the Secretary of State for International Trade.

### **Interpol elections**

- Correspondence dated 8 December 2021 from the Home Secretary.

## 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria

The Committee considered this matter.

Monique Barbut, Former Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD); Robbie Marwick, CEO and Founder, Savo Project Developers and Andrew Skipper, Partner and Head of Africa Practice, Hogan Lovells, and Co-Chair, UK Government Africa Investors Forum, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 3 pm

## Tuesday 11 January 2022

At 3.00 pm

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Rt Hon Liam Byrne

Alicia Kearns

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Tilt to the Indo-Pacific

Ordered, That Professor Alessio Patalano be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to the inquiry into Implementing the Integrated Review: the tilt to the Indo-Pacific (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:

### **Implementing the Integrated Review: Tilt to the Indo-Pacific**

- TIP0001 - Dr. Asmiati Malik (Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Indonesia & Universitas Bakrie Indonesia), Dr. Robert Yates (University of Bristol), and Dr. Scott Edwards (University of Bristol & SafeSeas)
- TIP0002 - TheCityUK
- TIP0003 – Gray Sergeant
- TIP0004 – Robin Porter
- TIP0005 – Ben Bland
- TIP0006 – Catherine Jones
- TIP0008 – Dr Walter C Ladwig III
- TIP0009 – British Council
- TIP0010 - Cambridge Middle East and North Africa Forum
- TIP0011 - Wyn Rees and Peter Magill, University of Nottingham
- TIP0012 – Dr Basil Germond
- TIP0013 – Michael Shoebridge (ASPI)
- TIP0015 – Council on Geostrategy

- TIP0017 – LSE IDEAS
- TIP0018 - UKRI
- TIP0019 - CSW
- TIP0020 – James Jennion (in personal capacity)
- TIP0021 – FCDO

#### **Newport Wafer Fab and Experia**

- Correspondence dated 8 and 17 December 2021 with the National Security Adviser.

### **3. The situation in Ukraine and the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The Committee considered this matter

Resolved, That the Committee visit Ukraine, in connection with its inquiry into the situation in Ukraine.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Bosnia and Herzegovina, in connection with its inquiry into the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### **4. Tech and the future of UK foreign policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

Sarah Spencer, Specialist Digital Consultant, International Committee of the Red Cross, and Balthasar Staehelin, Director for Digital Transformation and Data, International Committee of the Red Cross; Miranda Sissons, Global Director of Human Rights, Meta, and John Hughes, Global Head of Geopolitical and Economic Public Policy Strategy, Twitter, gave oral evidence.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 1.45 pm

## **Tuesday 18 January 2022**

At 1.45 pm

Hybrid meeting

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Rt Hon Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Future visits

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the FCDO's response

The Committee considered this matter.

Baroness Helic, Majda Ruge and Damir Arnaut, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 2.00 pm

## 19 to 21 January

The Chair Tom Tugendhat, Chris Bryant, Neil Coyle, Alicia Kearns, Henry Smith, Royston Smith, visited Kiev and Kramatorsk, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 January 2022.

## Tuesday 25 January 2022

At 2.00 pm

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Rt Hon Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle  
Alicia Kearns  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Andrew Rosindell  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Government policy on Afghanistan**

- AFG0039 - Conservative friends of Hazaras (CfoH)
- AFG0040 - Hazara Committee in UK
- AFG0041 - Protection Approaches, Stonewall
- AFG0042 - Association of Women Judges
- AFG0043 - The Law Society of England and Wales
- AFG0045 - Women for Women International
- AFG0046 - Reprieve
- AFG0047 - Nowzad charity
- AFG0050 - Mr Raphael Marshall (Desk Officer (formerly) at Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office)
- Correspondence dated 15 December 2021 and 17 January 2022 with the Permanent Under-Secretary

## 2. CAEC

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved that Liam Byrne attend CAEC meetings.

## 3. Government policy on Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Ben Wallace, MP, Secretary of State for Defence and Admiral Sir Ben Key, KCB, CBE, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, Ministry of Defence; and the Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon and Nigel Casey MVO, Director for Afghanistan, Pakistan and



Iran Directorate, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## 4. Situation in Ukraine

Resolved, That the Committee visit Krakow and the Polish/Ukrainian border, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the situation in Ukraine.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 2.00 pm

## 26 to 28 January

The Chair Tom Tugendhat, Liam Byrne, Alicia Kearns, Bob Seely, Henry Smith, Royston Smith, and Graham Stringer visited Sarajevo, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 January 2022.

## Friday 28 January 2022

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of 3 March 2020 (Order made under the provisions of SO No 137; see Votes and Proceedings [18 August 2021]):

Further *correspondence* from the PUS relating to Afghanistan, dated 27 January 2022

## Tuesday 1 February 2022

At 2.00 pm

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Rt Hon Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **The situation in Ukraine and the UK's response**

- Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary dated 30 January 2021.

## 2. Evidence from the Foreign Secretary

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. The situation in Ukraine and the UK's response

The Committee considered this matter.

Fiona Hill, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Shashank Joshi, Defence editor, The Economist, and Anders Aslund, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 1.45 pm

## Tuesday 8 February 2022

At 1.45 pm

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair  
Chris Bryant  
Rt Hon Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Alicia Kearns  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely  
Royston Smith

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria**

- IRN 0041 - Mr Robbie Marwick (CEO at Savo Project Developers)
- IRN 0042 - Ministry of Defence

### **Media freedom**

- Correspondence dated 2 February 2022 from the Foreign Secretary updating the FCDO response to the Committee report "Media freedom is under attack": The FCO's defence of an endangered liberty.

## 2. Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria

The Committee considered this matter.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 610) - Country Series France No.2 (2022)

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 22 February 2022

At 2.00 pm

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Rt Hon Liam Byrne

Alicia Kearns  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Bob Seely  
Henry Smith

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria**

- IRN 0043 - Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council

### **Office for Conflict, Stabilisation and Mediation**

- Correspondence dated 9 February 2022 from the Minister for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean relating to the Office for Conflict, Stabilisation and Mediation.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 622) - Treaty Series No.3 (2022)

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 9.45 am

## Tuesday 1 March 2022

At 9.45 am

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair  
Rt Hon Liam Byrne  
Alicia Kearns  
Bob Seely  
Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. The situation in Ukraine and the UK's response

The Committee considered this matter.

HE Vadym Prystaiko, Ukrainian Ambassador to the UK, and Captain Dmytro Donskoi, Ukrainian Defence and Air Attache; and Artis Pabriks, Latvian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister, Gabrielius Landsbergis, Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Eva-Maria Liimets, Estonian Minister of Foreign Affairs, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 1 March 2022

At 2.00 pm

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Government policy on Afghanistan**

- Correspondence with Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon dated 7 and 28 February 2022.

## **Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria**

- Correspondence with Minister for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean dated 19 January and 25 February 2022.

## **2. Evidence from the Foreign Secretary**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. Tech and the future of UK foreign policy**

The Committee considered this matter.

Amanda Milling MP, Minister of State for Asia, Charlotte Watts, Chief Scientific Adviser and Chris Jones, Director of Delivery and Analysis, FCDO, gave oral evidence.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Monday 7 March 2022 at 1.45 pm

## **Monday 7 March 2022**

At 1.45 pm

## **Members present**

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. The work of the FCDO

Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss, MP, Foreign Secretary, and Sir Philip Barton, Permanent Under-Secretary at Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 March 2022 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 8 March 2022

At 2.00 pm

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **FCDO Supplementary Estimate 2021-22**

- Correspondence dated 25 February 2022 from the Permanent Under-Secretary, FCDO.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 628) - Country Series Serbia No.1 (2022)(CP 635) - Miscellaneous Series No.1 (2022)

### 3. Evidence from the Foreign Secretary

The Committee considered this matter.

### 4. The situation in Ukraine and the UK's response

The Committee considered this matter.

Tom Keatinge, Dr Justine Walker, Timothy Ash and Dr Maria Shagina, gave oral evidence.

{at 3.55pm Chris Bryant took the Chair}

After evidence:

The Committee further considered this matter.

### 5. Informal meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 15 March 2022

At 2.00 pm

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Bob Seely

Henry Smith



Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

Kieran Mullan 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

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

### **Use of strategic lawsuits against public participation**

- Correspondence dated 14 March 2022 from ENRC Ltd.

### **Government policy on Afghanistan**

- Josie Stewart (AFG0054)
- Correspondence dated 9 March 2022 from the Permanent Under-Secretary relating to the FCDO's internal Afghanistan Crisis 'Lessons Learned' review.

### **Correspondence**

- Correspondence dated 8 March 2022 from the Secretary of State for BEIS on phasing out of Russian oil imports.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 636) - Miscellaneous Series No.2 (2022)

## 3. Responding to illicit and emerging finance

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered,* That Tom Keatinge be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to the inquiry into illicit and emerging forms of finance (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.).

## 4. Use of strategic lawsuits against public participation

The Committee considered this matter.

Catherine Belton, author and special correspondent, Reuters, Arabella Pike, Head of Publishing, William Collins, Susan Coughtrie, Project Director, Unsafe for Scrutiny, Foreign Policy Centre, and Tom Burgis, investigative journalist, Financial Times, gave oral evidence.

{at 3.16pm Stewart Malcolm McDonald took the Chair}

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 21 March 2022 at 3.45 pm

## Monday 21 March 2022

At 3.45 pm

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

### 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

- Correspondence dated 16 March 2022 from the Foreign Secretary relating to dual nationals and International Military Services debt.

#### **Use of strategic lawsuits against public participation**

- Correspondence dated 17 March 2022 from the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to the call for evidence on strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs)

## **Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

- Correspondence dated 21 March 2022 from the Foreign Secretary relating to reorganised FCDO structures

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

(CP 634) - Country Series Singapore No.1 (2022)

## **3. Government policy on Afghanistan**

The Committee considered this matter.

Sir Philip Barton KCMG, OBE, Permanent Under-Secretary and Nigel Casey MVO, Special Representative on Afghanistan and Pakistan, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 March 2022 at 2.15 pm

## **Monday 29 March 2022**

At 2.15 pm

## **Members present**

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Andrew Rosindell

Graham Stringer

## **1. Evidence reported for publication**

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

### **Use of strategic lawsuits against public participation**

- Letter from Paul Phillip, Chief Executive Solicitors Regulation Authority, relating to the FAC oral evidence session on SLAPPS on Tuesday 15 March 2022, dated 17 March 2022

### **Government policy on Afghanistan**

- Correspondence from the National Security Adviser relating to the evacuation of Nowzad staff from Afghanistan, dated 28/03/2022

### **Science and technology collaborations with Russia and Ukraine**

- Correspondence from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, dated 26/03/2022

## **2. Sovereignty for sale: follow-up to the acquisition of Newport Wafer Fab**

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Sovereignty for sale: follow-up to the acquisition of Newport Wafer Fab), 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 with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 1245.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 1.30 pm

## **30 March to 1 April**

Chair Tom Tugendhat, Stewart Malcolm McDonald, Bob Seely, and Henry Smith visited Krakow and the Polish/Ukrainian border, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 25 January 2022.

## **Tuesday 19 April 2022**

At 1.30 pm

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Bob Seely

Royston Smith

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

- Correspondence dated 11 April 2022 from the Foreign Secretary relating to Bosnia and Herzegovina Regulations on Sanctions
- Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary following the Committee's visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina, dated 18 March and 4 April 2022

### **The situation in Ukraine and the UK's response**

- Correspondence dated 25 February and 30 March with the Home Secretary regarding alleged kill lists in Ukraine
- Correspondence dated 11 April 2021 from the Minister for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean on publication of provisional statistics on International Development 2021
- Correspondence dated 7 April 2022 from the PUS on the FCDO's Supplementary Estimate and updating Estimate structure

## 2. The Wagner Group and beyond: proxy Private Military Companies

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Sorcha MacLeod, UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries, Christo Grozev, Bellingcat, and Dr Sean McFate, Atlantic Council and National Defense University, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 25 April 2022 at 1.30 pm

# Monday 25 April 2022

At 3.30 pm

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Demining in Ukraine**

- Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary on demining in Ukraine, dated 10 March and 20 April 2022

## 2. Lagos calling: Nigeria and the Integrated Review

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Lagos calling: Nigeria and the Integrated Review), 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 with the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 202.

## 3. Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report: Sovereignty for sale: follow-up to the acquisition of Newport Wafer Fab Report

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report: Sovereignty for sale: follow-up to the acquisition of Newport Wafer Fab), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Sixth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

*Ordered*, that the Chair make the Report to the House.

#### 4. Government policy on Afghanistan

The Committee considered this matter.

Sir Stephen Lovegrove, National Security Adviser at the Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

#### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 2.30 pm

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

## (i) Members of the Committee

11 January 2022: Register of Members' Interest (as at 4 January 2022)

### **Liam Byrne MP**

#### 1. Employment and earnings

15 November 2021, payment of £1,250 and benefits of a value £850 from Abbott Barber Communications, 12 Warwick Road, Stourbridge, for a lecture at the ITT Conference, ITT, PO Box 217, 4-6 Crane Mead, Ware, Herts SG12 8WY. Hours: 16 hrs. (Registered 09 December 2021)

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

Name of donor: Sir Trevor Chinn

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my candidacy as the West Midlands Metro Mayor

Date received: 15 February 2021

Date accepted: 17 February 2021

Donor status: individual

(Registered 28 April 2021)

Name of donor: Sir Trevor Chinn

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for my candidacy as the West Midlands Metro Mayor



Date received: 20 March 2021

Date accepted: 22 March 2021

Donor status: individual

(Registered 28 April 2021)

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

of over £10,000 a year

From August 2017, rental income from my London home, which is paid to my wife and is below registrable level: (i). (Registered 04 June 2018)

8. Miscellaneous

I am a director (unpaid) of the Great Britain China Centre, non-departmental public body. (Registered 30 January 2019)

I am a governor (unpaid) at the Institute of Government. (Registered 04 February 2019)

From 2 May 2019, a Trustee (unpaid) of the Birmingham Museums and Arts Trust. (Registered 07 August 2019)

## (ii) Specialist Advisers

### **Hameed Hakimi**

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into the Government policy in Afghanistan, declared that he had no relevant interests.

2 November 2021

### **Professor Alessio Patalano**

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Implementing the Integrated Review: the tilt to the Indo-Pacific declared the following interests:

Professor of War and Strategy in East Asia, Department of War Studies, King's College London; Fellow, Royal Historical Society; Visiting Professor, Japan Maritime Command and Staff College (JMCSC); Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies, Temple University, Japan; Senior Fellow, Policy Exchange; Senior Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

13 January 2022

### **Tom Keatinge**

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into illicit finance declared the following interests

- I am not a member of a political party.
- My work at RUSI is non-partisan and is part of the broad defence/security agenda of RUSI. We provide briefing and support to any/all political parties interested in strengthening the integrity of the UK's financial system.
- As a former employee of J.P. Morgan (20 years at the bank in London and New York), I continue to be a shareholder of the bank.
- Other financial investments are held and managed by UBS Wealth Management (UK).

15 March 2022

