



# Formal Minutes of the Foreign Affairs Committee in Session 2022-23

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 17 May 2022

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair<sup>1</sup>  
Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

## 1. Government policy on Afghanistan

Draft Report (Missing in action: UK leadership and the withdrawal from Afghanistan), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the First 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**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to Myanmar  
Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the British Council

### **Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman investigation into a complaint made against the FCDO**

Correspondence with the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

### **Government policy on Afghanistan**

International Rescue Committee (Advocacy Director at International Rescue Committee)  
[AFG0055]  
Anonymised [AFG0056]  
Anonymised [AFG0057]

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

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary dated 20 April and 12 May

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<sup>1</sup> Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [18 June 2015].

## **FCDO Main Estimate 2022-23**

### **3. Northern Neighbours conference**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **4. Committee travel to Washington, New York and Brussels**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Washington, New York and Brussels, in connection with its inquiry into SLAPPs

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its scrutiny of the FCDO's management of the UK's relationship with the EU

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 666) Country Series France No. 3 (2022)

### **6. The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations**

Alistair Burt, former Minister of State for the Middle East at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Minister of State at the Department for International Development from June 2017-March 2019; and Jeremy Hunt MP, former Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from July 2018-July 2019, gave oral evidence.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 2.00 pm

## **Tuesday 24 May 2022**

### **Members present:**

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair  
Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Bob Seely  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

In the absence of the Chair, Chris Bryant was called to the chair.

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the Northern Ireland Protocol

Correspondence with the Minister for Safeguarding relating to the Istanbul Convention

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

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 674 Miscellaneous Series No.3 (2022)

## 4. The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations

Lord Hammond of Runnymede, former Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave oral evidence.

Rachel Briggs, Chief Executive Officer at The Clarity Factory, and Brian Jenkins, Senior Advisor at Rand Corporation, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 14 June 2022

### Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Responding to illicit and emerging finance

Draft Report (The cost of complacency: illicit finance and the war in Ukraine), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Second 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 FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations**

- SLH0002 - Mr David Walters (Retired British Diplomat at The Foreign & Commonwealth Office)
- SLH0003 - Dr Kylie Moore-Gilbert
- SLH0004 - Ms Anna/Ana Diamond (Clarendon Scholar at University of Oxford), Dr Aebraham Diamond, and Dr Eleanor Abbott-Diamond
- SLH0007 - State Level Hostage Crimes In Cambodia Gregg Fryett
- SLH0008 - Ms Leanne McKay
- SLH0009 - Mr Satar Rahmani
- SLH0010 - Janet Daby (Member of Parliament for Lewisham East)
- SLH0011 - Atlantic Council
- SLH0013 - Daren Nair
- SLH0014 - Professor Frédéric Mégret (Professor at Faculty of Law, McGill University)
- SLH0015 - APPG on Deaths Abroad, Consular Services and Assistance Hannah Bardell (MP and Chair of APPG on Deaths Abroad, Consular Services and Assistance at Parliament)
- SLH0016 - Ms Rachel Briggs OBE (CEO at The Clarity Factory)
- SLH0017 - Mr Kevin Brennan (Member of Parliament for Cardiff West at Member of Parliament for Cardiff West)
- SLH0018 - Professor Carla Ferstman (Professor at University of Essex School of Law), and Dr Marina Sharpe (Assistant Professor of International Law at Royal Military College Saint-Jean, Canada)
- SLH0020 - Dr. Danielle Gilbert (Assistant Professor at United States Air Force Academy)
- SLH0021 - FCDO
- SLH0022 - Hostage International
- SLH0023 - Mrs Tulip Siddiq (Member of Parliament for Hampstead and Kilburn at House of Commons)
- SLH0024 - Redress
- SLH0027 - James W. Foley Legacy Foundation
- SLH0028 - Shadow World Investigations
- SLH0029 - Miss Roxanne Tahbaz (Business Development Consultant at Self-employed)

### **The Wagner Group and beyond: Proxy private military companies**

- WGN0004 - Dr Ulrich Petersohn (Senior Lecturer at University of Liverpool)
- WGN0005 - Prof. Mark Galeotti (Managing Director at Mayak Intelligence Ltd)

WGN0008 - Dr. Marc DeVore (Senior Lecturer at University of St. Andrews), Dr. Kristen Harkness (Senior Lecturer at University of St. Andrews), Professor Andrew Orr (Associate Professor at Kansas State University), and Mr. Marcel Plichta (Ph.D. Candidate at University of St. Andrews)

WGN0009 - Dossier Center

WGN0010 - TAMIL INFORMATION CENTRE

WGN0011 - Democracy & Human Rights Foundation

WGN0014 - Anonymised

WGN0015 - International Code of Conduct Association

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

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care relating to Taiwan, dated 26/05/2022 and 11/05/2022

Correspondence with the Chief Executive of the British Council relating to the report by Freedom from Torture, dated 25/05/2022 and 20/05/2022

## **3. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 10.30 am

Check date for agreement to travel to Taiwan--on 28 June the Committee discussed Indonesia/Japan/Taiwan

## **Committee travel**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Taiwan in connection with its inquiry into Tilt to the Indo-Pacific and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

## **Monday 20 June - Friday 24 June**

The Chair, Liam Byrne, Neil Coyle, Alicia Kearns, Stewart Malcolm McDonald, Henry Smith, and Royston Smith visited Washington DC and New York in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Responding to illicit and emerging forms of finance, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 17 May 2022.

## **Vote Entry made under Chair's discretion on 23 June:**

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

IEF0002 - Amanda Busby

IEF0004 - Anton Moiseienko (Lecturer in Law at Australian National University)

IEF0005 - Buckles Solicitors LLP

IEF0007 - Dr Taras Kuzio (Research Fellow at Henry Jackson Society)

IEF0008 - Mr Shanker Singham (Chief Executive Officer at Competere)

IEF0009 - Professor John Heathershaw (Professor of International Relations / Senior Fellow at University of Exeter / British Academy), Mr Tom Mayne (Research Fellow at University of Exeter / Chatham House), Dr Tena Prelec (Research Fellow at University of Oxford / University of Exeter), Professor Ricardo Soares de Oliveira (Professor of the International Politics of Africa at University of Oxford), Professor Alexander Cooley (Claire Tow Professor of Political Science at Barnard College / Columbia University, New York), and Mr Casey Michel

IEF0010 - Gillian McKay (PhD Candidate at University of Leeds)

IEF0011 - Public Health Protection Network

IEF0012 - TASSC International

IEF0013 - Centre for Financial Crime and Security Studies (Royal United Services Institute)

IEF0014 - Serious Fraud Office

IEF0016 - Global Diligence LLP, and International Partnership for Human Rights

IEF0017 - Mr. William Browder (Head of the Global Magnitsky Justice Campaign and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management at Hermitage Capital Management)

IEF0018 - Dr William Vlcek (Senior Lecturer in Global Political Economy at School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, Scotland)

IEF0019 - UK Anti-Corruption Coalition

IEF0020 - Transparency International UK

IEF0021 - Anonymised

IEF0022 - The Sentry

IEF0023 - Justin Moore

IEF0025 - Spotlight on Corruption

IEF0028 - Dr. Andrea Bracciali (Lecturer in Computing at The University of Stirling)

IEF0029 - SAS Institute

IEF0030 - Redress

IEF0031 - FCDO

IEF0032 - Trilateral Research

## **Tuesday 28 June 2022**

### **Members present**

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [18 June 2015].

Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Alicia Kearns  
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:

### **Responding to illicit and emerging finance**

Mr Justin Moore (IEF0034)

### **The Wagner Group and beyond: Proxy private military companies**

Mr D White (Risk/Crisis Management Advisor at Freelance) (WGN0001)  
Proelium Law (WGN0016)

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Work of the FCDO

Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs; Sir Philip Barton KCMG OBE, Permanent Under-Secretary, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; and Kumar Iyer, Director General, Economics, Science and Technology, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 5 July at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 28 June - Wednesday 29 June

The Chair, Liam Byrne and Royston Smith visited Brussels as part of the Committee's scrutiny of the FCDO's management of the UK's relationship with the EU, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 17 May.

## Tuesday 5 July 2022

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair



Liam Byrne  
Alicia Kearns  
Graham Stringer

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

Draft Report (Encoding values: Putting tech at the heart of UK foreign policy), 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 168.

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

Draft Special Report (Lagos calling: Nigeria and the Integrated Review: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh 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 Seventh Report from the Committee of Session 2021-22 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.

## 3. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations**

Amnesty International UK (SLH0031)

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

Correspondence with the Tech Envoy & HM Consul General to San Francisco on his experience as the UK's first tech envoy to the US, dated 24/06/2022

## 4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Dr Alessio Patalano, Professor of War & Strategy in East Asia at King's College London, Dr Jamie Collier, Senior Threat Intelligence Advisor at Mandiant and Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist at NTT Corporation, gave oral evidence.

Bill Emmott, Writer and Consultant and Former Editor-in-Chief at The Economist, and Robert Ward, Japan Chair at International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 12 July at 2.00 pm

# Tuesday 12 July 2022

## Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair<sup>3</sup>

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

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:

### **Lagos calling: Nigeria and the Integrated Review: Government Response**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, dated 12 July 2022

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 730 Miscellaneous Series No. 6 (2022)
- CP 731 Miscellaneous Series No. 7 (2022)

## 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. UK-Libya relations

Fathi Bashagha, Prime Minister appointed by the Libyan House of Representatives, gave oral evidence.

{In the absence of the Chair, Chris Bryant took the Chair}

Fathi Bashagha, Prime Minister appointed by the Libyan House of Representatives, gave further oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 July at 2.00 pm

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<sup>3</sup> Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings [18 June 2015].

# Tuesday 19 July 2022

## Members present

Chris Bryant

Neil Coyle

Alicia Kearns

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

In the absence of the Chair, Chris Bryant was called to the chair.

## 1. Missing in action: UK leadership and the withdrawal from Afghanistan: Government Response

Draft Special Report (*Missing in action: UK leadership and the withdrawal from Afghanistan: Government Response to the Committee's First Report*), 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. Treaties or agreements laid under the provision of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 734 Miscellaneous Series No. 9

## 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 2.00 pm

Sunday 4 September – Monday 5 September

Liam Byrne visited Prague to attend the IPU on CFSP/CDSP in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 September.

## Tuesday 6 September 2022

### Members present

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair  
Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Alicia Kearns  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Bob Seely  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

### 1. The cost of complacency: illicit finance and the war in Ukraine: Government Response

Draft Special Report The cost of complacency: illicit finance and the war in Ukraine: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report, 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 Third 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:

#### **Lagos calling: Nigeria and the Integrated Review: Government Response**

Correspondence with the Minister for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, dated 25 July 2022 and 12 July 2022

#### **The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the status of Morad Tahbaz's detention, dated 12/08/2022 and 20/07/2022

SLH0033 Dr Hans Jakob Schindler (Senior director at Counter Extremism Project)

SLH0034 Kamran Foroughi

SLH0036 REDRESS  
SLH0037 Rt Hon Alistair Burt

### **FCDO Main Estimate 2022-23**

Correspondence with the Permanent Under-Secretary relating to the FCDO Main Estimate 2022-23, dated 24/08/2022 and 20/07/2022

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

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary following the FAC oral evidence session on 28 June 2022, dated 29/07/2022

## 3. Committee travel

*Ordered*, that Liam Byrne have leave to visit Prague to attend the IPU conference on CFSP/CDSP in representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

## 4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Responding to illicit and emerging finance

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 September 2022 at 2.00 pm

# Thursday 22 September 2022

## Members present

Chris Bryant  
Neil Coyle  
Alicia Kearns  
Bob Seely  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith

Tom Tugendhat having resigned as Chair,<sup>4</sup> Chris Bryant was called to the chair for the meeting and for all further meetings until a new chair is elected by the House.

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<sup>4</sup> See Votes and Proceedings, 7 September 2022

## 1. The cost of complacency: illicit finance and the war in Ukraine: Government Response

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Committee travel

*Ordered*, that Alicia Kearns have leave to visit Pristina to attend the IPU conference on 22-24 October in representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

## 3. Future programme and informal meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 October 2022 at 2.00 pm

# Tuesday 18 October 2022

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair<sup>5</sup>

Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

## 1. Encoding values: Putting tech at the heart of UK foreign policy: Government Response

Draft Special Report (*Encoding values: Putting tech at the heart of UK foreign policy: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report*), 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.

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<sup>5</sup> Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings 12 October

*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. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence from the FCDO relating to FCDO 2021-22 Overseas Superannuation Accounts, dated 22/09/2022

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Security relating to the introduction of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill, dated 23/09/2022

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the British Indian Ocean Territory (Immigration) (Amendment) Order 2022, dated 13/10/2022

## 3. Informal meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Responding to illicit and emerging finance

Oliver Windridge, Senior Advisor, The Sentry, and Maria Nizzero, Research Fellow, Centre for Financial Crime and Security Studies, RUSI gave oral evidence.

Adam Smith, Partner, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 4.30 pm

## Wednesday 19 October 2022

The Committee met concurrently with the Defence, International Development and International Trade Committees.

The formal minutes relating to this meeting, including consideration of a draft Report, are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, Developments in UK Strategic Export Controls, HC 282.

## Tuesday 25 October 2022

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Chris Bryant  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Bob Seely  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith

### 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations**

SLH0039 - 33 Bedford Row on behalf of Anoosheh Ashoori and his family

#### **The Wagner Group and beyond: proxy Private Military Companies**

WGN0017 – The Sentry  
WGN0020 – Henry Jackson Society  
WGN0021 – Transparency International and Transparency International Defence & Security  
WGN0023 – Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism

#### **UK Armed Forces and Chinese military**

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Defence relating to former UK Armed Forces training the Chinese military, dated 19/10/2022

### 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 November 2022 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 1 November 2022

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
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:

Letter to the Foreign Secretary relating to the 16 October Manchester Chinese Consulate incident and the Government's approach to China

### **The Wagner Group and beyond: proxy Private Military Companies**

WGN0024 - Protection Approaches

WGN0025 - FCDO

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

CP 750 - Country Series New Zealand No. 1 (2022)

CP 750 - Country Series New Zealand No. 1 (2022) Part 2

## 3. The Wagner Group and beyond--proxy Private Military Companies

Jason McCue, Senior Partner, McCue Jury & Partners, and Professor Jason Blazakis, Executive Director of the Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism (Middlebury Institute of International Studies) and Senior Research Fellow at the Soufan Center gave oral evidence.

Mikhail Khodorkovsky, former political prisoner and pro-democracy activist, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 14 November 2022 at 3.30 pm

## Monday 14 November 2022

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Evin **Prison, Iran** Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary dated 31 October and 20 October 2022 on the fire and riots at Evin Prison

### **FCDO and China**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary dated 31 October and 10 November 2022 regarding the 16 October Manchester Chinese Consulate-General incident and the Government's approach to China

## 2. Work of the FCDO

Rt Hon James Cleverly MP, Foreign Secretary, and Sir Philip Barton KCMG OBE, Permanent Under-Secretary, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 November 2022 at 2.00 pm

# Tuesday 15 November 2022

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Bob Seely  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith

## 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Update to the UK's Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy

Air Marshal Edward Stringer (Ret'd) CB, CBE, Senior Fellow, Policy Exchange and Ed Arnold, Research Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) gave oral evidence.

Andrew Seaton, Chief Executive Officer, China-Britain Business Council, Veerle Nouwens, Senior Research Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Rifkind QC, Former Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs at Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 22 November 2022 at 2.00 pm

# Tuesday 22 November 2022

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

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:

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

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary following his appearance before the Committee on 14 November 2022, dated 15 November 2022

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

Shafiah Muhibat, Deputy Executive Director for Research at Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta; and Gregory Poling, Senior Fellow and Director, Southeast Asia Program and Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative at Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC, gave oral evidence.

Patrick Abbot, UK Director at NIRAS Development Consulting, and Managing Director at LTS International; Ben Bland, Director of the Asia-Pacific Programme at Chatham House, and Former Director of the Southeast Asia Programme at Lowy Institute; Jurgen Haacke, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations at London School of Economics (LSE); and Aaron Connelly, Senior Fellow for Southeast Asian Politics and Foreign Policy at International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 2.00 pm

## Monday 28 November – Saturday 3 December

The Chair, Liam Byrne, Neil Coyle, Stewart Malcolm McDonald, and Royston Smith visited Taipei in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the tilt to the Indo-Pacific, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 14 June.

# Tuesday 6 December 2022

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Saqib Bhatti  
Chris Bryant  
Neil Coyle  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith

## 1. New member

Saqib Bhatti declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix). He further declared an interest as Chair of the APPG on horses.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **TikTok**

Correspondence with TikTok relating to data sharing, dated 8 and 22 November 2022

### **The Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary on PSVI, dated 28 November 2022

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

CP 760 - Country Series Switzerland No. 2 (2022)

CP 762 – Miscellaneous Series No. 10 (2022)

## 4. Update to the UK's Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. The situation in Iran and the FCDO's response

The Chair made a statement in public.

## 6. The situation in Iran and the FCDO's response

Witnesses gave oral evidence in private.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 4.30 pm

## Wednesday 7 December 2022

The Committee met concurrently with the Defence, International Development and International Trade Committees.

For formal minutes of this meeting see Formal Minutes of the Committees on Arms Export Controls.

## Tuesday 13 December 2022

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Chris Bryant

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

### 1. Update to the UK's Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy

Draft Report (Refreshing our approach? Updating 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 Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 882.

### 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **UK Armed Forces and Chinese military**

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Defence dated 19 October and 9 December 2022 relating to former RAF pilots training the Chinese military

#### **UK Overseas Territories**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary dated 4 November and 9 December relating to UK Overseas Territories

#### **Update to the UK's Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy**

IRR0002 – Lord David Arthur Russell Lord Howell of Guildford (Committee member, Constitution Committee at House of Lords)

IRR0004 – Dr Ioannis Chapsos (Assistant Professor (Research) at Coventry University), Dr James Malcolm (Assistant Professor (Research) at Coventry University), Dr Robert McCabe (Assistant Professor (Research) at Coventry University), and Dr Adam Fenton (Associate Professor (Research) at Coventry University)

IRR0005 – SC Strategy Limited

IRR0006 – Beijing to Britain, and Oxford China Policy Lab

IRR0009 – Anonymised

IRR0010 – The Centre for Long-Term Resilience

IRR0011 – Lockheed Martin UK

IRR0013 – Westminster Foundation for Democracy

IRR0015 – Professor Andrew Dorman (Professor of International Security at King's College London)

IRR0016 – ADS

IRR0017 - Taiwan Policy Centre

IRR0018 – Tearfund

IRR0019 – techUK

IRR0020 – British Foreign Policy Group

IRR0021 – VisitBritain

IRR0022 – Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)

IRR0023 – Mr. Antoine Levesques (Research Fellow for South and Central Asia Asian Defence, Strategy and Diplomacy at The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS))

IRR0025 – Rethinking Security

IRR0028 – United Nations Association – UK

IRR0030 – Professor Basil Germond (Professor of International Security at Lancaster University)

IRR0031 – Chatham House, Royal Institute of International Affairs

IRR0034 – Dr Leslie Vinjamuri (Director, US and Americas programme Chatham House; Reader in International Relations, SOAS University of London at Chatham House; SOAS University of London)

IRR0035 – Anonymised

IRR0037 – Dr. Nick Kaderbhai, Postdoctoral Fellow; Dr. William D. James, Postdoctoral Fellow; Mr. Oliver Yule-Smith, Doctoral Fellow (Centre for Grand Strategy at King's College London)

IRR0038 – Airwars

IRR0039 – BBC World Service

IRR0040 – Amnesty International UK

IRR0041 – Oxfam GB

## 1. Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative

Nadine Tunasi, Survivor Champion for Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative and Coordinator at Survivors Speak OUT Network, Kolbassia Haoussou MBE, Survivor Champion for Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative and Survivor Empowerment Director at Freedom from Torture, and Lejla Damon, Advocate for Children Born out of Sexual Violence gave oral evidence.

Dr Paul Kirby, Associate Professorial Research Fellow, Centre for Women, Peace and Security at London School of Economics and Prof. Kim Thuy Seelinger, Special Adviser to the Prosecutor on Sexual Violence in Conflict, International Criminal Court, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 10 January 2023

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Saqib Bhatti

Sir Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Drew Hendry

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

### 1. New member

Drew Hendry declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix). He further declared an interest as Honorary Counsel to Romania for the Highlands and Islands.

### 2. Committee travel

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Chile in connection with its inquiry into Critical minerals and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre in Nottinghamshire in connection with its inquiry into Critical minerals.

### 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

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

Sir Dominic Asquith KCMG, former British High Commissioner to India and Asoke Mukerji, former Indian Ambassador to the UN, gave oral evidence.

Garima Mohan, Senior Fellow in the Marshall Fund's Asia Program and Walter Ladwig III, Senior Lecturer in International Relations at KCL, gave oral evidence.

Aman Hingorani, lawyer and mediator in the Supreme Court of India in Delhi, and Mosharraf Zaidi, CEO of Tabadlab in Islamabad, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 24 January 2023

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Saqib Bhatti  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Drew Hendry  
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 FCDO's approach to state-level hostage situations:**

SLH0039 –33 Bedford Row on behalf of AnooSheh Ashoori and his family  
SLH0042 –Carine and Anaise Kanimba (daughters of Paul Rusesabagina detained in Rwanda)

#### **Responding to illicit and emerging finance:**

IEF0035 – Henry Jackson Society  
IEF0037 – ACAMS

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 776 Country Series Italy No. 1 (2023)
- CP 783 Treaty Series No. 2 (2023)
- CP 784 Treaty Series No. 3 (2023)

### 3. Committee travel

*Ordered*, that Liam Byrne have leave to visit Stockholm to attend the IPU conference on CFSP/CDSP in representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.



## 4. Committee conference

*Resolved,* That the Committee hold a conference on European security on Thursday 20 April and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the conference.

## 5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 30 January 2023 at 3.45 pm

# Monday 30 January 2023

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Drew Hendry  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith

## 1. Western Balkans

Christian Schmidt, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 2 pm

# Tuesday 31 January 2023

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Saqib Bhatti  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
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 Iran and the FCDO's response:**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the situation in Iran, dated 24 January and 18 January 2023

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

TIP0023 – Dr Aman Hingorani

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That members of the Defence Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 6 February 2022 relating to the Wagner Group and beyond, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

## 3. Western Balkans

Anthony Monckton, Former British Diplomat and Founder at ViennEast; Dr Kurt Bassuener Co-founder and Senior Associate at Democratization Policy Council; and Edward P. Joseph, Former US Deputy Head of OSCE Mission in Kosovo and Senior Fellow at Johns Hopkins University School of International Studies (SAIS), gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 6 February 2023 at 3.45 pm

# Monday 6 February 2023

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Saqib Bhatti

Sir Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Drew Hendry

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Robert Courts and Dave Doogan also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*) (*Foreign Affairs Committee's resolution of 31 January*).

## 1. The Wagner Group and beyond

Leo Docherty MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Europe, Ben Fender OBE, Director, Eastern Europe and Central Asia and Hazel Cameron, Head of the Human Rights Department, FCDO, gave oral evidence.

## 2. Committee travel

*Ordered*, that the Chair, Alicia Kearns have leave to visit Munich to attend the Security Conference in representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 2 pm

# Tuesday 7 February 2023

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Saqib Bhatti

Sir Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

## 1. Central Asia

The Committee resolved to inquire into this matter.

## 2. Committee travel

*Resolved*, that the Committee visit Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan as part of its inquiry into Central Asia, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

## 3. The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations

Phil Harper QPM, CEO and Founder at Sheep One Hundred and Mickey Bergman, Vice President and Executive Director at Governor Richardson Center for Global Engagement, gave oral evidence.

Dominic Barton, Former Canadian Ambassador to People's Republic of China and Vina Nadjibulla, Adjunct Professor, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia, Fellow, Canadian Global Affairs Institute gave oral evidence in private.

## 4. Guesting

*Resolved*, That members of the Education Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 28 February 2023 relating to UK Universities' Engagement with Autocracies pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 2 pm

## Friday 17 to Sunday 19 February

The Chair attended the Munich Security Conference in representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 6 February 2023

## Monday 20 February

The Chair and Saqib Bhatti visited the UK Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre at the British Geological Survey, Nottingham as part of the Committee's inquiry into Critical minerals, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 January 2023

## Tuesday 21 February 2023

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Saqib Bhatti  
Liam Byrne  
Drew Hendry  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith

### 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

**UK's withdrawal from Afghanistan: FCDO's Lessons Learned review**  
Correspondence with the Permanent Under-Secretary, dated 8 February 2023

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 795 Country series Georgia No. 1

## 3. The UK's security relationship with the EU

Sir Richard Dearlove KCMG OBE, former Head of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6); Lord Ricketts GCMG GCVO, former National Security Adviser and UK Ambassador to France, gave oral evidence.

General (Ret.) Sir James Everard KCB CBE, former NATO Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Sir David Lidington KCB CBE, Chair, Royal United Services Institute, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 2 pm

# Tuesday 28 February 2023

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Saqib Bhatti  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
Drew Hendry  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

Robin Walker and Andrew Lewer also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (*Select committees: power to work with other committees*) (*Foreign Affairs Committee's resolution of 7 February*).

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **UK universities' engagement with autocracies (HC 1157)**

- UAU0001 – Dr Andrew Chubb (Senior Lecturer at Lancaster University), and Professor John Heathershaw (Professor at Exeter University)
- UAU0002 – Dr Iain Overton (Executive Director at Action on Armed Violence)
- UAU0003 – Big Brother Watch

- UAU0005 – Russell Group
- UAU0006 – Universities UK
- UAU0007 – RAND Europe
- UAU0008 – FCDO (on behalf of DfE)

## **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Supplementary Estimate 2022-23**

### **The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations (HC 166)**

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 778 – Country Series Ukraine No. 1

## 3. UK Universities' Engagement with Autocracies

Fiona Quimbre, Analyst, RAND Europe; Vivienne Stern, CEO, Universities UK; and Professor John Heathershaw, Professor of International Relations, Department of Politics, College of Social Sciences and International Studies, University of Exeter, gave oral evidence.

Professor Sir Anthony Finkelstein, President, City, University of London; Dr Tim Bradshaw, CEO, Russell Group; and Alan Mackay, Deputy Vice-Principal International and Director of Edinburgh Global, University of Edinburgh, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 13 March 2023 at 3.30 pm

## **Monday 13 March 2023**

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Saqib Bhatti  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
Drew Hendry  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Annual FCDO update on media freedom**

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary, dated 28/02/2023

### **Update on FCDO structures**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, dated 09/03/2023

### **The Lachin Corridor**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, dated 28/02/2023 and 03/02/2023

### **FCDO's International Women and Girls Strategy (2023-2030)**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, dated 03/02/2023

### **Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI)**

Correspondence from the Director of the FCDO Office for Conflict, Stabilisation and mediation, dated 02/03/2023

### **The Wagner Group and beyond: proxy Private Military Companies**

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Europe) following up on the evidence session on 6 February 2023, dated 28/02/2023 and 09/02/2023

### **UK universities' engagement with autocracies**

UAU0007 – RAND Europe

UAU0007 – FCDO (on behalf of DfE)

## **2. Future inquiries**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **3. The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations**

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State (Middle East, North Africa, South Asia and United Nations), David Rutley MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Americas and Caribbean), and Jennifer Anderson, Director for Consular Affairs, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 2 pm

## **Monday 21 March 2023**

### **Members present**

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle  
Drew Hendry  
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:

### **AUKUS**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the AUKUS leaders' announcement regarding delivering a conventionally armed nuclear powered submarine capability to Australia, dated 14/03/2023

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Critical minerals

Guillaume Pitron, Journalist and Author of 'The Rare Metals War' and Henry Sanderson, Journalist and Author of 'Volt Rush', gave oral evidence.

Jeff Townsend, Founder at Critical Minerals Association and Christopher Vandome, Senior Research Fellow, Africa Programme at Chatham House, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 2 pm

# Monday 28 March 2023

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Drew Hendry  
Bob Seely  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer



## 1. The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations

Draft Report (Stolen years: combatting state hostage 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 Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 166.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **International Security Strategy**

Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Investment Security Unit and Minister of State for Business and Trade relating to the International Technology Strategy and the associated Annex

### **The FCDO's approach to state-level hostage situations**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, dated 21/03/2023 and 06/03/2023

### **Critical minerals**

Cobalt Institute (MIN003)

Dr Matthew Hedges (MIN0004)

INTRAW-International Raw Materials Observatory (MIN0005)

Blue Marine Foundation (MIN0006)

Sustainable Materials Engineering Ltd (MIN0007)

Geothermal Engineering Ltd and Kerogen Capital Ltd (MIN0008)

Pensana (MIN0009)

School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of St Andrew's (MIN0010)

Richard Horner & Andrew Brown (MIN0011)

University College London (MIN0012)

Dr Kathryn Moore, Ms Cassia Johnson, Dr Deborah McFarlane (Camborne School of Mines and University of Exeter) (MIN0013)

Dr Kathryn Moore and Dr Penda Diallo (MIN0014)

Critical Minerals Association (MIN0015)

CONFLICT MINERALS CAMPAIGN (MIN0017)

Dr Jose Gonzalez Rodriguez (Professor and analytical chemist) (MIN0018)

International Energy Agency (MIN0019)

Environmental Justice Foundation (MIN0020)

Green Alliance (MIN0021)

Transport & Environment UK (MIN0022)

Mr Oliver Oram (MIN0023)

Anti-Slavery International (MIN0024)

Mr James Heyburn (Policy & Engagement Officer at Imperial Policy Forum), Professor Magda Titirici (Chair in Sustainable Energy Materials at Department of Chemical Engineering), and

Dr Jamie Speirs (Sustainable Gas Institute Fellow in Energy Analysis and Policy, at Centre for Environment Policy) (MIN0025)

London Mining Network (MIN0026)

British Geological Survey (MIN0027)

Royal Society of Chemistry (MIN0028)  
CalPac Resources Limited (MIN0029)  
Amnesty International UK (MIN0030)  
Fauna & Flora International (MIN0031)  
SSE plc (MIN0032)  
Africa programme, Chatham House (MIN0033)  
Russell Fryer (CEO at Critical Metals Plc) (MIN0034)  
Global Witness (MIN0035)  
UK Anti-Corruption Coalition (MIN0036)  
SQM (Sociedad Química y Minera) (MIN0037)  
Anglo American (MIN0038)  
University of Exeter Circular Economy Hub (MIN0039)  
RAND Europe (MIN0040)  
University of Exeter - Met4Tech CE Centre (MIN0041)  
Rights and Accountability in Development (RAID) (MIN0042)  
Fiona Clouder (MIN0043)  
World Uyghur Congress, Anti-slavery International, Campaign for Uyghurs, Global Legal Actin Network, Stop Uyghur Genocide, Unseen, and Uyghur Human Rights Project (MIN0044)  
Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) (MIN0046)  
Green Lithium Refining Limited (MIN0047)  
Forest Peoples Programme (MIN0048)  
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (MIN0049)  
Protection Approaches (MIN0050)  
Greenpeace UK (MIN0051)

### 3. CRAG

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 820 Miscellaneous Series No.3 (2023)
- Amendment – CP 820 – Miscellaneous Series No. 3 (2023)
- CP 821 – Miscellaneous Series No. 1 (2023)
- CP 823 – Miscellaneous Series No. 2 (2023)
- CP 825 – Miscellaneous Series No. 4 (2023)

### 4. Committee travel

*Ordered*, that the Chair, Alicia Kearns have leave to visit Paris to attend the a State dinner in representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

### 5. Work of the FCDO

Sir Philip Barton KCMG OBE, Permanent Under-Secretary at Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; and Juliet Chua CB, Director General, Finance and Corporate at Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 3 pm

## Tuesday 18 April 2023

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Saqib Bhatti  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Drew Hendry  
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:

#### **Afghanistan**

Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to Afghans seeking sanctuary in the UK, dated 30/03/2023

#### **ODA allocations**

Correspondence with the Minister for Development and Africa, dated 29/03/2023

### 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Critical minerals

Duncan Wood, Vice President for Strategy & New Initiatives at Wilson Center, and Christopher Heron, Director for Communication & Public Affairs at Eurometaux (European Metals Association), gave oral evidence.

James Black, Assistant Director, Defence and Security at RAND Europe, and Aidan Davy, Chief Operating Officer at International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), gave oral evidence and Duncan Wood, Vice President for Strategy & New Initiatives at Wilson Center,

and Christopher Heron, Director for Communication & Public Affairs at Eurometaux (European Metals Association), gave further oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 April 2023 at 2 pm

## Tuesday 25 April 2023

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Saqib Bhatti

Sir Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

### 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **The UK's engagement in Central Asia**

ECA0001 – Martin Smith (Goldsmiths)

ECA0002 – Sophie Ibbotson (Chairman at Royal Society for Asian Affairs)

ECA0003 – John Howkins

ECA0004 – KSC Group

ECA0005 – Charles Garrett

ECA0006 – Gerald Lyston (Goldsmiths)

ECA0007 – Observer Research Institute

ECA0008 - Prof Luca Anceschi (Glasgow University)

ECA0009 – London Politica

ECA0010 – John Heathershaw and Alexander Cooley

ECA0011 – Horace Yeung and Flora Huang, Tashkent State University

ECA0012 – Tony Blair Institute

ECA0013 – Crown Agents Limited

ECA0014 – Eleanor Kramers, Montfort Communications

ECA0015 – The Foreign Policy Centre

ECA0016 – Global Partners Governance Foundation

ECA0017 – Anti-Slavery International

ECA0018 – Dr Sajjan M.Gohel, Marcus Andreopoulos, and Victoria Jones

ECA0019 – Kristian Lasslett

ECA0020 – Raffaello Pantucci

ECA0021 – Dr Matteo Fumagalli and Dr Filippo Costa Buranelli

ECA0022 – Professor E.J. Milner-Gulland Dr Joseph Bull

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

Correspondence with the Permanent Under Secretary relating to issues raised during oral evidence on the work of the FCDO on 28 March, dated 24/04/2023

## **Financial sanctions**

Correspondence with Baroness Penn, HM Treasury Minister of State, dated 18/04/2023

## **2. CRAG**

The Committee considered this matter.

- CP 833 – Country Series – France No. 1

## **3. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **4. The situation in Sudan**

Martin Plaut, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Ian Boswell, Horn of Africa Director, International Crisis Group, gave oral evidence.

Dame Rosalind Marsden, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House and Former EU Special Representative for Sudan and former British Ambassador to Sudan, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon. Andrew Mitchell MP, Minister of State for Development and Africa, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), gave oral evidence.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 May 2023 at 2 pm

# **Tuesday 9 May 2023**

## **Members present**

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Saqib Bhatti

Sir Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Graham Stringer

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

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

The UK's engagement in Central Asia

- ECA0023 – FCDO

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

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Europe relating to FCDO communications with the Russian Embassy

### **Fellowship Programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, dated 28/04/2023

## 2. CRAG

The Committee considered this matter.

- CP 836 – Country Series – Spain No. 1

## 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. The UK's international counter-terrorism policy

The Committee resolved to inquire into this matter.

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Pretoria and Maputo in connection with its inquiry into the UK's international counter-terrorism policy.

## 5. The situation in Sudan

The Committee considered this matter. [agreement to undertake survey]

## 6. The UK's engagement in Central Asia

Professor Peter Frankopan, Professor of Global History at Worcester College, Oxford University, and Professor of Silk Roads Studies and Bye-Fellow at King's College, Cambridge University; Dr Aijan Sharshenova, Research Fellow at Foreign Policy Centre, and Postdoctoral Research Fellow at OSCE Academy; and Annette Bohr, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme at Chatham House, gave oral evidence.

Professor John Heathershaw, Professor of International Relations at University of Exeter; Professor Kristian Lasslett, Head of the School of Applied Social and Policy Sciences at University of Ulster; and Oliver Bullough, freelance journalist, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 23 May 2023 at 2 pm

## Monday 14-20 May 2023

The Chair, Sir Chris Bryant, Liam Byrne and Neil Coyle visited Tashkent, Astana and Bishkek as part of the Committee's inquiry into the UK's engagement in Central Asia, in accordance with the Committee's decision 7 February 2023.

## Tuesday 23 May 2023

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Saqib Bhatti  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Drew Hendry  
Bob Seely  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

### 1. Refreshing our approach? Updating the Integrated Review: Government Response

Draft Special Report (*Refreshing our approach? Updating the Integrated Review: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report*), 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 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:

#### **Global Health Framework 2023-25**

Correspondence from the Minister for Development and Africa, dated 19/05/2023

#### **The future of the UK's work on International Development**

Correspondence from the minister of State for Development and Africa, dated 11/05/2023

#### **UK arms exports in 2019**

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, dated 12/05/2023

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

FCDO Quarterly Corporate Update February to April 2023

### **FCDO Main Estimate 2023-24**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Main Estimate 2023-24 and Overseas Superannuation 2023-24

### **3. CRAG**

The Committee considered this matter.

- CP 837 – Country Series Ukraine No. 2 (2023)

### **4. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **5. The UK's engagement in Central Asia**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **6. Recovery in Ukraine**

The Committee considered this matter.

Simon Smith, Former UK Ambassador to Ukraine, and Chairman, Steering Committee, Ukraine Forum, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House, Natalie Jaresko, Former Minister of Finance of Ukraine, and finance and restructuring expert, and Dr Vlad Mykhnenko, Associate Professor of Sustainable Urban Development, St Peter's College, University of Oxford gave oral evidence.

Olena Bilan, Chief Economist, Dragon Capital, Co-chair of the Board of the Directors, Kyiv School of Economics, Olena Halushka, Board Member, Anticorruption Action Center, Co-Founder, International Center for Ukrainian Victory, and Anna Myroniuk, Head of Investigations, The Kyiv Independent gave oral evidence.

Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine and Professor Antonios Tzanakopoulos, Professor of Public International Law, St Anne's College, University of Oxford gave oral evidence.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 2 pm

## **Tuesday 6 June 2023**

### **Members present**

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Neil Coyle



Drew Hendry  
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:

### **Presidential and Parliamentary elections in Sierra Leone**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, dated 25/05/2023

## 2. CRAG

The Committee considered this matter.

- CP 853 – Country Series Ukraine No. 3 (2023)
- CP 854 – Country Series North Macedonia No 1 (2023)

## 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Committee travel

*Resolved*, That the Chair visit Washington DC to hold talks with Chairs of Committees of other national parliaments in connection with events in Ukraine and the Western Balkans and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

## 5. The UK's engagement in Central Asia

The Committee considered this matter.

## 6. Narco-diplomacy

The Committee considered this matter.

Caroline Rose, Director, Strategic Blind Spots Forum, New Lines Institute, and Professor Lina Khatib, Director, Middle East Institute, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), Former Director at the Middle East and North Africa Programme, Chatham House, gave oral evidence.

Dr Annette Idler, Director of the Global Security Programme and Senior Research Fellow, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, and David Mansfield, Independent Consultant on illicit drugs trade in Afghanistan, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 12 June 2023 at 3.30 pm

# Monday 12 June 2023

## Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Saqib Bhatti

Sir Chris Bryant

Liam Byrne

Neil Coyle

Drew Hendry

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:

### **Fraud against the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in Sierra Leone**

Correspondence with the Permanent Under-Secretary, dated

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Committees on Arms Exports Controls

The Committee considered this matter.

- CP 859 – Country Series Moldova No. 1 (2023)

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

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon James Cleverly MP, Secretary of State, FCDO, Sir Philip Barton KCMG OBE, FCDO, and Thomas Drew CMG, Director General, Defence and Intelligence, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## 5. Work of the FCDO

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon James Cleverly MP, Secretary of State, FCDO, Sir Philip Barton KCMG OBE, FCDO, and Thomas Drew CMG, Director General, Defence and Intelligence, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 2 pm

## Tuesday 13 June 2023

### Members present

Sir Chris Bryant  
Drew Hendry  
Henry Smith  
Graham Stringer

In the absence of the Chair, Sir Chris Bryant was called to the chair.

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Critical minerals

The Committee considered this matter.

Fiona Clouder, Former Regional Ambassador, Latin America and Caribbean, COP26; Former HM Ambassador to Chile; Independent consultant, and Mr Paul Atherley, Chairman, Pensana Plc, gave oral evidence.

Dr Marina Caparini, Senior Researcher, Centre for Policy Research, United Nations University, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister of State (Indo-Pacific), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Professor Paul Monks, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, and Tim Stern, International Energy Director, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 19 June 2023 at 4pm

## Monday 19 June 2023

### Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair  
Drew Hendry  
Royston Smith

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

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 2 pm

## Tuesday 20 June 2023

### Members present

Alicia Kearns  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Drew Hendry  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

### 1. Stolen years: combatting state hostage diplomacy

Draft Special Report (*Stolen years: combatting state hostage diplomacy: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report*), 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 Sixth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

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

### 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. The situation in Sudan

The Committee considered this matter.

Bushra Rahama, Founder of Human Rights and Development Organization (HUDO) and Waging Peace Representative, Maddy Crowther, Co-Executive Director, Waging Peace, and Dr Kate Fergurson, Co-Executive Director and Head of Research and Policy, Protection Approaches, gave oral evidence.

Mohamed Hassan al-Ta'ishi, Former Member of the Sudan Sovereignty Council. Senior Peace Fellow, The Public International Law & Policy Group, Mohamed Osman, Researcher, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch and Emma DiNapoli, Legal Consultant, Office of Amal Clooney, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 2pm

# Tuesday 27 June 2023

## Members present

Alicia Kearns  
Bob Seely  
Drew Hendry  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Liam Byrne

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

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

Letter to the Foreign Secretary following up on the FAC evidence session of 12 June, dated 27/06/2023

### **The UK's engagement in Central Asia**

- ECA0025 – The British Council

### **Government's response to tensions between Serbia and Kosovo**

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Europe, dated June 2023

## 2. CRAG

The Committee considered this matter:

- C869 – Country Series Switzerland No.1 2023
- CP 864 – Miscellaneous Series No. 5 2023

## 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. The UK's engagement in Central Asia

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Khalisa Azhigulova, Independent Research Consultant, and Maisy Weicherding, Researcher at Amnesty International, gave oral evidence.

Erica Marat, Professor, College of International Security Affairs at National Defense University, Noah Tucker, Senior Researcher at The Oxus Society for Central Asian Affairs, and Senior Research Consultant at Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV), University of St Andrews, and Luca Anceschi, Professor of Eurasian Studies (Central & East European Studies) at School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 1.45pm

## Tuesday 4 July 2023

### Members present

Alicia Kearns  
Drew Hendry  
Henry Smith  
Liam Byrne

### 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

#### **The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the Government Response to the Committee's report: 'Stolen years: combatting state hostage diplomacy', dated 5 July 2023

#### **Lord Johnson's visit to Hong Kong on 7-9 May 2023**

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, dated 28 June 2023 and 14 June 2023

### 2. CRAG

The Committee considered this matter:

- C869 – Country Series Switzerland No. 1 2023
- CP 864 – Miscellaneous Series No. 5 2023
- CP 867 – Country Series Canada No. 1 2023

### 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 July 2023 at 2.00 pm

## Sunday 9 - Friday 14 July 2023

The Chair, Sir Chris Bryant, Henry Smith, Royston Smith and Drew Hendry visited Pretoria and Maputo in connection with the Committee's inquiry into the UK's international counter-terrorism policy, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 May 2023.

# Tuesday 18 July

## Members present

Alicia Kearns  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Neil Coyle  
Drew Hendry  
Henry Smith  
Graham Stringer

## 1. 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**

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary following-up on the 12 June oral evidence session, dated 13 July 2023

### **Critical minerals**

Correspondence from the Minister for the Indo-Pacific following up on the FAC session on Tuesday 13 June, dated 4 July 2023

### **The UK's engagement in Central Asia**

- International Partnership for Human Rights (ECA0026)
- Amnesty International (ECA0027)

### **The Wagner Group and beyond: proxy Private Military Companies**

- Anonymised (WGN0026)

## 2. CRAG

The Committee considered this matter:

- CP 871 – Miscellaneous Series No. 6 2023
- CP 889 – Miscellaneous Series No. 7 2023
- CP 899 – Country Series St Vincent and the Grenadines No. 1 2023
- CP 904 – Country Series Azerbaijan No. 1 2023

## 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 2.00 pm

# Tuesday 5 September

## Members present

Alicia Kearns  
Saqib Bhatti  
Sir Chris Bryant  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

## 1. Evidence reported for publication

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

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

Quarterly Corporate Update: May – July 2023, dated 30 August 2023

### **UK armed forces and Chinese military**

Further correspondence with the Secretary of State for Defence relating to former UK RAF pilots training the Chinese military, dated 21 August 2023

### **Western Balkans**

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary, dated 31 July 2023

### **Serbia-Kosovo relations**

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary, dated 29 August 2023

### **Vladimir Kara-Murza's appeal hearing**

Correspondence from the Minister for Americas and the Caribbean, dated 31 July 2023

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

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary addressing follow-up questions from the 12 June FAC oral evidence session, dated 21 July 2023

### **The situation in Sudan**

- Bushra Rahama (SUD0001)

## 2. CRAG

The Committee considered this matter:



- CP 911 – Treaty Series No. 21 2023
- CP 912 – Treaty Series No. 22 2023
- CP 915 – Treaty Series No. 25 2023
- CP 908 – Treaty Series No. 19 2023
- CP 910 – Treaty Series No. 20 2023
- CP 923 – Treaty Series No. 31 2023
- CP 926 – Treaty Series No. 34 2023
- CP 916 – Treaty Series No. 26 2023
- CP 924 – Treaty Series No. 32 2023
- CP 925 – Treaty Series No. 33 2023

### 3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 4. Committee travel

*Resolved,* That the Committee visit Brussels in connection with its scrutiny of the UK's relationship with the EU and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

### 5. The UK's engagement in Central Asia

The Committee considered this matter.

Charles Garrett, Former UK Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan; and Erlan Dosymbekov, Managing Partner at Ernst and Young (EY) in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, gave oral evidence.

Leo Docherty MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Europe) at Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office; and Chris Allan, Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Division (EECAD) at Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, gave oral evidence.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 12 September

### Members present

Alicia Kearns

Saqib Bhatti

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 UK's engagement in Central Asia**

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Europe) following up on the FAC oral evidence session on Central Asia, dated 13/10/2023 and 13/09/2023

### **The UK's international counter-terrorism policy**

- Action on Armed Violence (CTE0001)
- Mr Nader Fallah (CTE0002)
- Dr Brian Phillips (Reader at Department of Government, University of Essex) (CTE0003)
- Mr Tom Keatinge (Director at The Centre for Financial Crime and Security Studies at RUSI) (CTE0005)
- War Child UK (CTE0007)
- Mr. Marcel Plichta (PhD Candidate at University of St Andrews), and Dr Raúl González Muñoz (Board Member at Spanish Association for Aeronautical and Space Law (AEDAE)) (CTE0008)
- The Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) (CTE0009)
- Prof Harmonie Toros (Professor in Politics and International Relations at University of Reading), and Mr Richard Barrett (CTE0010)
- Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism Fionnuala Ní Aoláin (Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism at Independent United Nations Expert) (CTE0011)
- Emily Winterbotham (Director at RUSI), Dr Antonio Giustozzi (Senior Research Fellow at RUSI), and Professor Karl Roberts (Deputy Director, Senior Research Fellow at RUSI) (CTE0012)
- Reprieve (CTE0013)
- All-Party Parliamentary Group on Trafficked Britons in Syria (CTE0014)
- Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (CTE0015)

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. The UK's international counter-terrorism policy

The Committee considered this matter.

Peter Neumann, Professor of Security Studies, Dept. of war Studies, King's College London, and Founder of International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation; and Antonio Giustozzi, Fellow at RUSI, gave oral evidence.

Richard Barrett CMG OBE, Former Director of Counter-Terrorism at MI6 and former Head of UN al Qaeda/Taliban Monitoring Team; Professor Harmonie Toros, Professor of International Relations, University of Reading; and Paul Jordan, Head of Responding to Violent Extremism, European Institute of Peace, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 2.00 pm

## Tuesday 19 September

### Members present

Alicia Kearns  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith

### 1. Committee travel

*Ordered*, that Henry Smith and Neil Coyle have leave to visit Madrid to attend the IPU conference on CFSP/CSDP in representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

*Ordered*, that the Chair, Alicia Kearns have leave to visit Nova Scotia to attend the Halifax Security Forum in representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

### 2. Recent coups in West Africa and the Sahel region

The Committee considered this matter.

Dr Nicholas Westcott CMG, Professor of Practice in Diplomacy, Department of Politics and International Studies, SOAS University of London; Aneliese Bernard, Founder and Director, Strategic Stabilization Advisors; and Aanu Adeoye, West Africa Correspondent, Financial Times, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 17 October 2023 at 2.00 pm

## Sunday 1 – Tuesday 3 October 2023

Henry Smith and Neil Coyle visited Madrid to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) in representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 19 September 2023.

# Tuesday 17 October

## Members present

Alicia Kearns  
Saqib Bhatti  
Liam Byrne  
Neil Coyle  
Brendan O'Hara  
Bob Seely  
Henry Smith  
Royston Smith  
Graham Stringer

Robert Courts also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

## 1. Declaration of interests

Brendan O'Hara declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

## 2. The FCDO's approach to state level hostage situations

Draft Report (*Combatting state hostage diplomacy: A follow-up to the Government's response to the Committee's Sixth Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

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

Draft Special Report (*Guns for gold: the Wagner Network exposed: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report*), 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 of Session 2022-23 was appended to the Report.

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

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

## 4. Evidence reported for publication

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

### **Follow-up to Afghanistan inquiry**

World Food Programme (AFU0001)

Adam Bychawski (Reporter at openDemocracy) (AFU0002)

Anonymised (AFU0004)

Laure-Hélène Piron (Director at The Policy Practice, on behalf of the UK-Afghanistan Diplomacy and Development Alliance), Joseph Seaton (Founder at At Risk Teachers),

Andrew Kidd, Daniel Pimlott, and Sarah Hearn (AFU0005)

USPUK (AFU0006)

Peace Direct (AFU0007)

Sulha Alliance CIO (AFU0008)

BBC World Service (AFU0009)

Law Society of England and Wales (AFU0010)

## **The UK's engagement in Central Asia**

Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Europe) following up on the FAC oral evidence session on Central Asia, dated 13/10/2023 and 13/09/2023

## **5. CRAG**

The Committee considered this matter:

- CP 942 – Miscellaneous Series No. 9 (2023)
- CP 948 – Miscellaneous Series No. 8 (2023)
- CP 953 – Portugal No.1 (2023)

## **6. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

## **7. Follow-up to Afghanistan inquiry**

Andrew Kidd, Former Head of UKAid Programme at British Embassy Kabul, Director at Kent Refugee Action Network, and Representative at UK-Afghanistan Diplomatic and Development Alliance; and Fawzia Koofi, Former Deputy Speaker at Afghan Parliament; and Nicola Kelly, Freelance journalist, gave oral evidence.

The Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State (Middle East, North Africa, South Asia and United Nations) at Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office; and Andrew McCoubrey, Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan at Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, gave oral evidence.

## **Adjournment**

Adjourned till Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 2.00 pm

# **Tuesday 24 October**

## **Members present**

Liam Byrne

Brendan O'Hara  
Henry Smith

{In the absence of the Chair, Liam Byrne was called to the chair}

## 1. The UK's engagement in Central Asia

Draft Report (Countries at crossroads: UK engagement in Central Asia), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

## 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Artificial intelligence and diplomacy

Professor Michael Ambühl, Former Swiss State Secretary for Foreign Affairs; Mathematician; Professor Corneliu Bjola, Associate Professor of Diplomatic Studies at Department of International Development, University of Oxford; Pia Hüscher, Research Analyst for Cyber, Technology and National Security at Royal United Services Institute (RUSI); and Professor Nick Boström, Professor and Director at Future of Humanity Institute, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 November at 10.30 am

## Thursday 7 – Friday 8 November

The Chair, Neil Coyle and Royston Smith visited Brussels in accordance with the Committee's decision of 5 September 2023.

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

## (i) Members of the Committee—register entry at 17 May

### **Tom Tugendhat MP**

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

#### **1. Employment and earnings**

Payments from Associated Newspapers Ltd, Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street, Kensington, London W8 5TT:

22 August 2021, received £1,200 for two articles. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 03 September 2021)

25 November 2021, received £1,000 for an article. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 07 December 2021)

20 January 2022, received £1,000 for an article. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 21 January 2022)

27 January 2022, received £600 for an article. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 27 January 2022)

25 May 2021, received £500 from News Corp UK & Ireland Ltd, News UK Group, 1 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9GF, for an article. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 01 June 2021)

29 June 2021, received AUS\$5,000 (around £2,700) from the Center for Independent Studies, Level 1, 131 Macquarie St, Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia, for a paper on UK-Australia relations. Hours: 10 hrs (plus extra researcher input). Payment used to cover office costs and research assistance. (Registered 30 June 2021)

Payments from the Telegraph Media Group Ltd, 111 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0DT:

24 August 2021, received £200 for an article written on 14 August 2021. Hours: 1 hr. Fee donated to charity. (Registered 24 August 2021)

8 February 2022, received £250 for an article. Hours: 1 hr. Fee used to cover office costs. (Registered 08 February 2022)

22 February 2022, received £250 for an article. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 22 February 2022)

Payments from Connor Broadley Ltd, 7 Curzon St, London W1J 5HG:

1 November 2021, payment of £2,500 for a speaking engagement. Hours: 1 hr. Fee paid direct to charity. (Registered 09 November 2021)

3 November 2021, second payment of £2,500 for a speaking engagement. Hours: no additional hours. Fee paid direct to charity. (Registered 09 November 2021)

15 November 2021, payment of £350 from Mohamed Jasim Hineidi (Director of EMAN) [private address] on behalf of the Extremist Monitoring Analysis Network (EMAN), Unit 150,

Maple 2, Dubai Hills Estate, United Arab Emirates, for a speaking engagement. Hours: 2 hrs. Fee paid direct to charity. (Registered 30 November 2021)

Payment of £10,000 expected from Cazenove Capital, 1 London Wall Place, London Wall, Barbican, London EC2Y 5AU, via Chartwell Partners Ltd, 26 High Street, Marlborough SN8 1LZ, for a speaking engagement on 25 November 2021. Hours: 1 hr. This fee will be used to cover office costs and research assistance. (Registered 13 December 2021)

25 November 2021, received a case of wine valued at £250 from Simon Aldridge, [private address], following a speech and Q&A at Saffron Walden Conservative Constituency Association - Patrons Club. Hours: approx. 1.5 hrs. (Registered 15 December 2021)

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

Name of donor: David John Coldman

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £30,000 to pay for an extra member of staff to support my work as the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Date received: 27 August 2021

Date accepted: 27 August 2021

Donor status: individual

(Registered 03 September 2021)

Name of donor: Michael Spencer (Lord Spencer of Alresford)

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £25,000 to pay for an extra member of staff to support my work as the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Date received: 1 April 2022

Date accepted: 1 April 2022

Donor status: individual

(Registered 06 April 2022)

Name of donor: InvestUK (Group) Ltd

Address of donor: 9 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3QN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to pay for an extra member of staff to support my work as the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Date received: 14 April 2022

Date accepted: 14 April 2022

Donor status: company, registration 10318390

(Registered 20 April 2022)

## **4. Visits outside the UK**

Name of donor: (1) Arendal Kommune (the municipality of Arendal) (2) Global Outlook (a festival event organised by the University of Agder, GCE NODE, Gard and Eyde Cluster)

Address of donor: (1) Postboks 123, 4891 Grimstad (2) c/o Eyde Cluster, Kystveien 2, 4841 Arendal, Norway

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Accommodation, approx. value £167.89 (2) Flights, taxi, train, and PCR tests, total approx. value £1,604.16

Destination of visit: Arendal, Norway

Dates of visit: 16-17 August 2021

Purpose of visit: To give the keynote speech at Global Outlook during the Norwegian annual



political festival Arendalsuka 2021.  
(Registered 22 September 2021)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From 15 June 2017, Crypto Quantique Ltd, a quantum encryption company. I have held these shares since 15 June 2017, and they achieved registrable value in April 2022.  
(Registered 30 August 2017; updated 07 April 2022)

From 5 April 2019, AccuRx Ltd, a software company building technology to improve communication in healthcare. I have held these shares since 6 March 2017, and they achieved registrable value in April 2019. (Registered 08 April 2019; updated 07 April 2022)

**8. Miscellaneous**

Holding below registrable threshold in Juliand Digital Ltd (productivity software). (Registered 04 June 2015; updated 19 November 2018)

Until 1 April 2022, commissioned officer in British Army Reserve. (Registered 04 June 2015; updated 12 April 2022)

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

From 25 April 2018, a member (unpaid) of the advisory board of Onward, a think tank which focusses on key challenges facing the UK. (Registered 06 November 2020)

From 25 April 2020, Chair, and from 16 September 2021, a Director of the China Research Group, a company limited by guarantee which considers the longer term challenges arising from the rise of China and hosts relevant events online. These are unpaid roles. (Registered 06 November 2020; updated 08 October 2021)

From 1 April 2022, commissioned officer in Royal Naval Reserve. (Registered 12 April 2022)

*14 June 2022*

Tom Tugendhat amended his declaration of interests: he declared that his wife has taken a post in French Government as adviser to the French Foreign Minister on the UN, global affairs and international organisations.

## **Chris Bryant**

Chair of APPG on Russia

Chair of APPG on Spain

Referred to the Register of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement

Vice-president of Canning House

### **1. Employment and earnings**

Payments received via United Agents, 12-26 Lexington Street, London W1F 0LE:

6 May 2021, received £11,070 as advance for a new book from Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, 50 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3DP. Hours: more than 100 hrs over the last 18 months. (Registered 06 May 2021)

14 January 2022, received £2,010 from Tantor Media Inc, 6 Business Park Road, Old Saybrook, CT 06475, USA, for audio rights to a book. Hours: no additional hours. (Registered 14 January 2022)

17 March 2022, received £7,600 from Mother Pictures Ltd, Biscuit Building, 10 Redchurch Street, London E2 7DD, for the rights to make a television series based on my book. Hours: no additional hours. (Registered 18 March 2022)

Payments from Reach Shared Services Limited, 3rd Floor, 5 St Paul's Square, Liverpool L3 9SJ:

Payment of £200 expected for an article in the Daily Express written on 11 March 2022. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 18 March 2022)

5 July 2021, received £175 from the Boswell Trust, Auchendrane, By Ayr, KA7 4TW, for speaking at a Festival event on 13 June 2021. Hours: 2 hrs. Fee donated to charity. (Registered 26 July 2021)

30 July 2021, received £275 for a survey from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW. Hours: 1 hr 15 mins. (Registered 30 July 2021)

Payments from Mace Media Limited, 8A Lower Grosvenor Place, London SW1W 0EN:

3 September 2021, received £250 for an article for Mace Magazine. Hours: 90 mins. (Registered 06 September 2021)

15 October 2021, received £400 for two book reviews. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 19 October 2021)

21 February 2022, received £200 for an article for Mace Magazine. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 21 February 2022)

Payments from Guardian News & Media Ltd, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU:

18 November 2021, received £250 for an article. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 18 November 2021)

21 February 2022, received £100 for an article. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 21 February 2022)

2 February 2022, received £600 from Associated Newspapers Ltd, Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street, Kensington, London W8 5T, for two articles. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 02 February 2022)

7 March 2022, received £200 from the BBC, Broadcasting House, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR, for participation as a panel member on BBC R4 Any Questions on 25 February 2022. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 07 March 2022)

#### **4. Visits outside the UK**

*Name of donor: British Council*

*Address of donor: 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN*

*Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Transport, accommodation and food, to a value of £685.33*

*Destination of visit: Poland*

*Dates of visit: 28-30 August 2019*

*Purpose of visit: Delegation with other MPs including addressing a Future Leaders conference.*

*This is a late register entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 24 June 2021. Paragraph 15 of chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules refers. (Registered 03 June 2021; updated 24 June 2021)*

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

Address of donor: Qatar Embassy, 1 South Audley Street, London W1K 1NB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and meals with a value of £7,357.67

Destination of visit: Qatar

Dates of visit: 12-17 October 2021

Purpose of visit: British-Qatari APPG visit to meet ministers and officials to discuss Qatar's humanitarian and political response to the Afghanistan crisis, preparations for the World Cup, workers' rights reform and bilateral relations.

(Registered 25 October 2021)

#### **5. Gifts and benefits from sources outside the UK**

Name of donor: Tertulias Hispano-Britanicos

Address of donor: Madrid, Spain

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Accommodation and meals with a value of £370

Destination of visit: Bilbao, Spain

Dates of visit: 19 - 21 November 2021

Purpose of visit: Attendance at the UK-Spain Tertulia conference/symposium.

(Registered 09 December 2021)

#### **8. Miscellaneous**

From June 2018, Chairman (unpaid) of Rhondda Arts Festival in Treorchy (RAFT).  
(Registered 17 August 2020)

Along with For the Citizens Ltd (known as The Citizens) and three other MPs, since 19 October 2020 I have been party to judicial review proceedings crowdfunded through The Citizens, The Old Workshop, 1 Ecclesall Road South, Sheffield, S11 9PA. Total costs incurred to date between the four MPs, which will be capped, are £221,924.75 (consisting of £85,401.25 counsel fees, £134,820.50 solicitor fees, and £1,703.11 in disbursements).  
(Registered 27 October 2020; updated 02 February 2021, 30 April 2021 and 28 July 2021)

**Byrne, Liam** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill)

### **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)

### **4. Visits outside the UK**

Name of donor: Swiss Foreign Ministry

Address of donor: Presence Switzerland PRS, Bundesgasse 32, 3003 Bern, Switzerland

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): Flights, accommodation, hospitality and local travel pass, total approx. value £2,300

Destination of visit: Switzerland (Bern, Zurich, Zug)

Date of visit: 10-14 April 2022

Purpose of visit: Participation in a parliamentary study trip to Switzerland (Swiss-UK relations, finance and trade, science and innovation)

(Registered 23 May 2022)

Name of donor: Ditchley Foundation

Address of donor: Ditchley Park, Enstone, Chipping Norton OX7 4ER

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and hospitality, total approx. value £1,800

Destination of visit: New York, USA

Dates of visit: 22-24 April 2022

Purpose of visit: Participation in conference on Geofinance: the impact of China, cyber security and other strategic issues on the global financial system.

(Registered 24 May 2022)

### **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**

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

**Coyle, Neil** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark)

### **1. Employment and earnings**

Payments from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Street, London E1W 1YW, for surveys:

18 August 2021, received £275. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 23 August 2021)

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

10 September 2021, received £120. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 15 September 2021)

Payments from Savanta ComRes, 3 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7PE, for surveys:

7 January 2021, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 30 July 2021)

1 April 2021, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 30 July 2021)

4 May 2021, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 30 July 2021)

25 June 2021, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 30 July 2021)

30 July 2021, received £100. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 30 July 2021)

7 September 2021, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 08 September 2021)

1 November 2021, received £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 03 November 2021)

17 August 2021, received £500 from InvestIN Education, 2 Stephen Street, London W1T 1AN, for speaking and participating in workshops on politics. Hours: 8 hrs. (Registered 23 August 2021)

### **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 from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021; estimated value £13,000.

Date received: 1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021

Date accepted: 1 January 2021

Donor status: company, registration 12373468  
(Registered 04 February 2021)

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 from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021; estimated value £13,000

Date received: 1 July 2021 - 31 December 2021

Date accepted: 1 July 2021

Donor status: company, registration 12373468  
(Registered 21 July 2021)

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

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 from 1 January 2022 to 11 February 2022; estimated value £3,000

Date received: 1 January 2022 - 11 February 2022  
Date accepted: 1 January 2022  
Donor status: company, registration 12373468  
(Registered 07 January 2022; updated 17 March 2022)

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

Name of donor: Betting and Gaming Council  
Address of donor: 16 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HU  
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality to an Autumn Nations Series rugby match, total value £2,517.50  
Date received: 20 November 2021  
Date accepted: 20 November 2021  
Donor status: company, registration 12213577  
(Registered 17 December 2021)

### **4. Visits outside the UK**

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar  
Address of donor: Qatar Embassy, 1 South Audley Street, London W1K 1NB  
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, internal travel and meals with a value of £7,356.67  
Destination of visit: Qatar  
Dates of visit: 12-16 October 2021  
Purpose of visit: British-Qatari APPG visit to meet ministers and officials to discuss Qatar's humanitarian and political response to the Afghanistan crisis, preparations for the World Cup, workers' rights reform and bilateral relations.  
(Registered 28 October 2021)

**Kearns, Alicia** (Rutland and Melton)

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

Name of donor: British Phonographic Industry  
Address of donor: 2nd Floor Riverside Building, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JA  
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: A ticket for the Brit Awards, with corporate hospitality, total value £900  
Date received: 8 May 2021  
Date accepted: 8 May 2021  
Donor status: company, registration 01132389  
(Registered 11 June 2021)

Name of donor: Brunswick Group LLP  
Address of donor: 16 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3ED  
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets for Wimbledon, including hospitality, total value £2,200  
Date received: 1 July 2021  
Date accepted: 1 July 2021  
Donor status: company, registration OC306588  
(Registered 20 July 2021)

Name of donor: Brunswick Group LLP  
Address of donor: 16 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3ED  
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Lunch with a value of £62  
Date received: 3 October 2021  
Date accepted: 3 October 2021  
Donor status: company, registration OC306588  
(Registered 03 November 2021)

Name of donor: Attitude Magazine Foundation (a subsidiary of Stream Publishing Ltd)  
Address of donor: The Cowshed Ladycross Farm, Hollow Lane, Dormansland RH7 6PB  
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets to the Attitude Awards, total value £900  
Date received: 5 October 2021  
Date accepted: 5 October 2021  
Donor status: company, registration 6766284  
(Registered 03 November 2021)

Name of donor: The Great Britain China Centre (executive non-departmental body of the FCDO, but also sponsored by HSBC, Prudential, abrdn and Arup)  
Address of donor: 15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS  
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Associated with participating in the Future Leader's Programme, for myself and a guest, three night's accommodation and food with a total value of £3,735.63  
Date received: 9-12 November 2021  
Date accepted: 9 November 2021  
Donor status: company, registration 01196043  
(Registered 03 December 2021)

#### **4. Visits outside the UK**

Name of donor: Kingdom of Bahrain Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Address of donor: PO Box 547, Government Road, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain  
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and meals with a value of £5,349  
Destination of visit: Bahrain  
Dates of visit: 18-22 November 2021  
Purpose of visit: Parliamentary delegation to the IISS Manama Dialogue 2021 to understand the Middle East's most pressing security challenges and participate in bilaterals with allies on foreign affairs and national security issues.  
(Registered 15 December 2021)

#### **Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

Referred to the Register of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement  
McDonald, Stewart Malcolm (Glasgow South)

#### **4. Visits outside the UK**

Name of donor: Article 36  
Address of donor: 19 Barnardo Road, Exeter EX2 4ND

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and accommodation, value £823

Destination of visit: Geneva

Dates of visit: 5-7 April 2022

Purpose of visit: In my capacity as Chair of the APPG on Drones and Modern Conflict, invited to speak at the UN negotiations for a political declaration against use of explosive weapons in populated areas.

(Registered 16 May 2022)

## **8. Miscellaneous**

On 26 February 2020, I received the Ukrainian Order of Merit (Third Class) from the President of Ukraine, care of Embassy of Ukraine (London), 60 Holland Park, London W11 3SJ. (Registered 11 March 2020)

## **Andrew Rosindell**

Referred to the Register of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement

Co-chair of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly

Member of the IPU

Member of the CPA

Rosindell, Andrew (Romford)

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

Name of donor: Romford Conservative Support Club

Address of donor: Margaret Thatcher House, 85 Western Road, Romford RM1 3LS

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: A constituency event for my 20th anniversary celebration, held on 14 August 2021, total value £7,330.40

Date received: 14 August 2021

Date accepted: 14 August 2021

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 27 September 2021)

## **4. Visits outside the UK**

Name of donor: Honorary Consulate for the Republic of San Marino

Address of donor: Baird House, 15-17 St Cross St, London EC1N 8UW

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): For a member of staff and myself, flights £1,038; accommodation in Italy (8-11 October 2021) £800; accommodation in San Marino (11-15 October 2021) £1,200; car transport £400; meals £1,000; total value £4,438

Destination of visit: Italy and San Marino

Dates of visit: 8-15 October 2021

Purpose of visit: All-Party Parliamentary Group for San Marino visit to strengthen bilateral relations.

(Registered 26 October 2021)



Name of donor: Swiss Foreign Ministry  
Address of donor: Presence Switzerland PRS, Bundesgasse 32, 3003 Bern, Switzerland  
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and accommodation, approx. value £2,300  
Destination of visit: Switzerland (Bern, Zurich, Zug)  
Dates of visit: 10-14 April 2022  
Purpose of visit: Participation in a parliamentary study trip with a focus on Swiss-UK relations, finance and trade, science and innovation.  
(Registered 06 May 2022)

### **Bob Seely**

Referred to the Register of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement

Seely, Bob (Isle of Wight)

#### **1. Employment and earnings**

21 March 2022, received £200 from the BBC, Broadcasting House, London W1A 1AA, for an appearance on Radio 4's Any Questions aired on 18 March 2022. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 23 March 2022)

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

Name of donor: Bembridge Sailing Club  
Address of donor: Embankment Road, Bembridge, Isle of Wight PO35 5NR  
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Honorary membership, total value £2,445 (£489 per annum)  
Date received: 9 June 2017 - 9 December 2021  
Date accepted: 9 June 2017  
Donor status: friendly society  
(Registered 24 January 2022)

#### **4. Visits outside the UK**

Name of donor: Kingdom of Bahrain Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Address of donor: PO Box 547, Government Road, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain  
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel and accommodation with a value of £5,349  
Destination of visit: Bahrain  
Dates of visit: 18-22 November 2021  
Purpose of visit: Parliamentary delegation to the IISS Manama Dialogue 2021 to understand the Middle East's most pressing security challenges.  
(Registered 24 November 2021)

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

Shared ownership of a property in London: (i) and, from 24 August 2021, (ii). (Registered 06 July 2017; updated 09 November 2021)

#### **8. Miscellaneous**

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

From 9 June 2017, honorary membership of Yarmouth Sailing Club. The annual value of this membership is below the registrable threshold. (Registered 18 January 2022)

## **Henry Smith**

Referred to the Register of All-Party Parliamentary Groups for details of APPG involvement

Smith, Henry (Crawley)

### **1. Employment and earnings**

6 May 2021, received £200 from Associated Newspapers Ltd, Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street, Kensington, London W8 5TT, as a cancellation fee for an article. Hours: approx. 30 mins. (Registered 17 May 2021)

11 November 2021, received £290 from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, for a survey. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 17 November 2021)

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

Name of donor: Emirates Airlines UK

Address of donor: Gloucester Park, 95 Cromwell Road, London SW7 4DL

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality for the Formula 1 British Grand Prix, Silverstone, value £4,248

Date received: 18 July 2021

Date accepted: 18 July 2021

Donor status: other (Dubai corporation)

(Registered 26 July 2021)

### **8. Miscellaneous**

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

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

## **Smith, Royston** (Southampton, Itchen)

### **1. Employment and earnings**

Until 31 December 2021, I provided consultancy services to Barker Mill Estates, Longdown, Marchwood SO40 4UH. (Updated 28 February 2022)

11 May 2021, £6,000 received for the period 1 November 2020 – 31 January 2021. Hours: 30 hrs (10 hrs per month). (Registered 11 May 2021)

29 October 2021, £6,000 received for the period 1 May 2021 – 31 July 2021. Hours: 30 hrs (10 hrs per month). (Registered 23 November 2021)

18 March 2022, received £6,000 for the period 1 August 2021 – 31 October 2021. Hours: 30 hrs (10 hrs per month). (Registered 30 March 2022)

18 March 2022, received £4,000 for the period 1 November 2021 – 31 December 2021. Hours: 20 hrs (10 hrs per month). (Registered 30 March 2022)

Payments from Savanta ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for completing opinion surveys. All fees donated to local charities:

29 January 2021, payment of £50 for January 2021 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 June 2021)

24 February 2021, payment of £75 for February 2021 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 June 2021)

19 March 2021, payment of £75 for March 2021 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 June 2021)

11 May 2021, payment of £75 for May 2021 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 16 June 2021)

14 June 2021, payment of £100 for Parliamentary Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 16 June 2021)

14 July 2021, payment of £75 for July 2021 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 15 September 2021)

7 September 2021, payment of £75 for September 2021 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 15 September 2021)

18 October 2021, payment of £75 for Parliamentary Panel survey. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 21 October 2021)

18 November 2021, payment of £75 for Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 25 November 2021)

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, for completing opinion surveys. All fees donated to local charities:

22 January 2021, payment of £100 for January 2021 MPs Survey. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

19 February 2021, payment of £100 for February 2021 MPs Survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

19 March 2021, payment of £100 for March 2021 MPs survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

29 April 2021, payment of £110 for April 2021 MPs survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 11 May 2021)

13 May 2021, payment of £50 for May MP Survey. Hours: 10 mins. (Registered 13 September 2021)

9 June 2021, payment of £160 for May MPs Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 13 September 2021)

7 July 2021, payment of £160 for July MPs Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 13 September 2021)

6 September 2021, payment of £160 for September MPs Survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 13 September 2021)

18 October 2021, payment of £120 for October MPs survey. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 21 October 2021)

Payment of £120 expected for MPs survey completed on 26 October 2021. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 26 October 2021)

12 November 2021, payment of £100 for November 2021 Survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 25 November 2021)

6 December 2021, payment of £100 for December MPs survey. Hours 18 mins. (Registered 06 December 2021)

10 January 2022, payment of £100 for January MPs Survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 14 April 2022)

7 February 2022, payment of £120 for February MPs Survey. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 14 April 2022)

21 March 2022, payment of £80 for March MPs Survey. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 14 April 2022)

4 April 2022, payment of £100 for April MPs Survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 14 April 2022)

16 March 2022, payment of £225 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for Winter 2021 MPs Survey. Hours: 1 hr. Fee paid direct to local charity. (Registered 22 March 2022)

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

Name of donor: Genting Casinos UK Ltd

Address of donor: Genting Club Star City, Watson Road, Birmingham B7 5SA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality for Tottenham Hotspur vs Southampton, total value £600

Date received: 9 February 2022

Date accepted: 9 February 2022

Donor status: company, registration 01519689

(Registered 02 March 2022)

### **4. Visits outside the UK**

Name of donor: Kuwait National Assembly

Address of donor: Arabian Gulf St, PO Box 716, Safat, Kuwait

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and accommodation, total value £3,162.50

Destination of visit: Kuwait City

Dates of visit: 8-11 November 2021

Purpose of visit: APPG for Kuwait visit to meet the Speaker of the National Assembly, Kuwait

Foreign Minister and other stakeholders to discuss foreign policy, security and trade. The delegation also met with the UK Mission in Kuwait.  
(Registered 29 November 2021)

Name of donor: Kingdom of Bahrain Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Address of donor: PO Box 547, Government Road, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain  
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, and meals with a value of £5,349  
Destination of visit: Bahrain  
Dates of visit: 18-22 November 2021  
Purpose of visit: Parliamentary delegation to the IISS Manama Dialogue 2021 in order to understand the Middle East's most pressing security challenges.  
(Registered 06 December 2021)

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

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

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

Vigilo Ltd trading as RMJ Public Relations. (Registered 4 June 2015; updated 15 December 2015 and 28 February 2022)

**8. Miscellaneous**

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

**Graham Stringer**

Vice chair of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus APPG

Stringer, Graham (Blackley and Broughton)

**1. Employment and earnings**

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

9 February 2021, received £40. Hours: 10 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

9 February 2021, received £100. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

16 April 2021, received £60. Hours: 10 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

30 April 2021, received £140. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

30 April 2021, received £100. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

24 June 2021, received £110. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

27 July 2021, received £120. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

6 September 2021, received £120. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

6 September 2021, received another payment of £120. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

11 November 2021, received £120. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

19 November 2021, received £100. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

9 December 2021, received £150. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

Payments from Yonder Consulting, 10 Northburgh Street, London EC1 0AT, for surveys:

18 March 2021, received £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

18 March 2021, received another payment of £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

18 May 2021, received £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

22 June 2021, received £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

22 July 2021, received £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

3 August 2021, received £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

29 November 2021, received £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

9 December 2021, received £50. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

Payments from Savanta ComRes, 3 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7PE, for surveys:

6 April 2021, received £75. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

5 May 2021, received £75. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

25 June 2021, received £75. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

30 July 2021, received £100. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

7 September 2021, received £75. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

2 November 2021, received £75. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

6 December 2021, received £75. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 12 January 2022)

2 February 2022, received £225 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for a survey. Hours: 65 mins. (Registered 02 February 2022)

## **8. Miscellaneous**

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

From 4 March 2020 until 25 January 2022, unremunerated director of the Centre for Brexit Policy. (Registered 17 March 2020; updated 11 April 2022)

From 1 April 2020, Member (unpaid) of the Political Advisory Board of the Foundation for Independence, a pro-Brexit group. (Registered 22 May 2020)

## **9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses**

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

Declared at the meeting on Tuesday 6 December 2022

**Bhatti, Saqib** (Meriden)

### **1. Employment and earnings**

From 21 April 2021, Member of the Independent Advisory Board for the House Magazine, Dods Group, 11th Floor, The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG. (Registered 28 April 2021)

28 January 2022, received £900 for attending meetings. Hours: 6 hrs. (Registered 15 February 2022)

15 August 2022, received £1,050 for attending meetings. Hours: 7 hrs. (Registered 06 September 2022)

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

Name of donor: Pertemps Ltd

Address of donor: Meriden Hall, Main Road, Meriden, Coventry CV7 7PT

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,500

Donor status: company, registration 04881571

(Registered 02 March 2022; updated 27 May 2022)

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

Name of donor: Sony Music Entertainment

Address of donor: Address of donor: 2 Canal Reach, London N1C 4DB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Tickets for me and my spouse to a Harry Styles concert, total value £698

Date received: 18 June 2022

Date accepted: 18 June 2022

Donor status: company, registration 01471066

(Registered 06 July 2022)

### **4. Visits outside the UK**

Name of donor: Doha Forum 2022

Address of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the State of Qatar, Almirqab Tower, West Bay, Doha, Qatar

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights £6,020 and accommodation £1,560, total value £7,580

Destination of visit: Doha, Qatar

Dates of visit: 25-28 March 2022

Purpose of visit: To attend the Doha Forum 2022, a global policy forum.

(Registered 19 April 2022)

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

House in Walsall: (i) and (ii). (Registered 10 January 2020)

25% share of a house in Walsall: (i) and (ii). (Registered 10 January 2020)

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

Younis Bhatti & Co. Ltd; chartered accountants. (Registered 10 January 2020)

West Central Ltd; consultancy and e-commerce. (Registered 10 January 2020)

### **8. Miscellaneous**

Director (unpaid) of Younis Bhatti & Co. Ltd (chartered accountants). (Registered 10 January 2020; updated 17 December 2021)

Director (unpaid) of West Central Ltd. (Registered 10 January 2020)

Board Member of the West Midlands Reserve Forces and Cadets Association. (Registered 10 January 2020)

Declared at the meeting on Tuesday 10 January 2023

**Hendry, Drew** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey)

### **1. Employment and earnings**

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, for surveys:

24 May 2022, received £120. Hours: 2 hrs. Fee donated to SNP Inverness Branch. (Registered 08 June 2022)

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

Teclan Ltd, a digital marketing company. (Registered 04 June 2015)

## **(ii) Specialist Advisers**

**Professor Hameed Hakimi** Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into Afghanistan, made the following declaration:

I confirm that I have no relevant interests to declare, financial or otherwise, in the area of Afghanistan inquiry

**Professor Alessio Patalano** [Sims] Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into xx, made the following declaration:

I wish to declare the following interests: Professor of War and Strategy in East Asia at the Department of War Studies, King's College London; Fellow, Royal Historical Society; Visiting Professor, Japan Maritime Command and Staff College; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of



Contemporary Asian Studies, Temple University Japan; Senior Fellow, Policy Exchange; Senior Fellow, Royal United Services Institute.

**Tom Keatinge** Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into illicit finance, made the following declaration:

- 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).

