



Formal Minutes of the Foreign Affairs Committee in Session 2023-24

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They include:

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

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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 14 November 2023

Members present¹

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair
Brendan O'Hara
Bob Seely
Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

1. Overseas Territories Sub-Committee appointment

Ordered, That a Sub-Committee on the Overseas Territories be appointed with the following Terms of Reference:

To consider the FCDO's management of relations with the Overseas Territories.

Ordered, That Alicia Kearns, Brendan O'Hara, Henry Smith and Graham Stringer be members of the Sub-Committee.

Ordered, That Alicia Kearns be Chair of the Sub-Committee.

2. Evidence reported for publication

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

Follow-up to Afghanistan inquiry

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Middle East, North Africa, South Asia, Commonwealth and United Nations relating to the Committee's oral evidence session on 17 October, dated 8 November 2023

3. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Committee travel to Qatar and Saudi Arabia

Resolved, That the Committee visit Doha and Riyadh, in connection with its inquiry into the UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

(CP 955) – Georgia No. 2 (2023)

¹ The list of members present at each meeting of the Committee indicates those committee members who were present for all or part of the meeting.

(CP 956) – Moldova No. 2 (2023)

(CP 969) – Republic of Korea No. 2 (2023)

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Members present:

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Neil Coyle

Brendan O'Hara

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

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 from the Permanent Under-Secretary: FCDO Quarterly Corporate Update August – October 2023

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 974) – Miscellaneous Series No. 10 (2023)
- (CP 976) – Georgia No. 3 (2023)

3. Committee travel

Ordered, that the Chair, Brendan O'Hara and Royston Smith have leave to visit Qatar to attend the Doha Forum 2023 in representative capacity, notwithstanding the decision of 14 November, 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. The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa

Witnesses gave oral evidence in private.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 28 November 2023

Members present:

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Brendan O'Hara

Bob Seely

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 979) – Belgium No. 1 (2023)

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The UK's international counter-terrorism policy

Dr Nisar Majid, Research Director (Somalia), London School of Economics and Political Science; Nuradin Dirie, European Institute of Peace, Senior Advisor; and Roger Middleton, Sabi Insight, Managing Director, gave oral evidence.

John Deverell CBE, Independent Consultant with First Call Partners, former Director of Defence Diplomacy in the UK Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

Jonathan Guiffard, Institute Montaigne, Senior Fellow, Defence and Africa; Dr Nicholas Westcott CMG, Professor of Practice in Diplomacy, Department of Politics and International Studies, SOAS University of London, former Director of the Royal African Society; and Professor Stig Jarle Hansen, Associate Professor at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and political scientist, author and historian, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 4 December at 4pm

Monday 4 December 2023

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair
Henry Smith
Royston Smith

1. The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa

John Bolton, Former National Security Advisor (United States) and Former US Ambassador to the United Nations, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 December at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 5 December 2023

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair
Neil Coyle
Fabian Hamilton
Brendan O'Hara
Bob Seely
Henry Smith
Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

1. New Member

Fabian Hamilton declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix). He further declared attendance at the IISS Manama Dialogue and as Honorary President of the Institute of Accountants and Bookkeepers.

2. Overseas Territories Sub-Committee appointment

Ordered, That Fabian Hamilton be a member of the Sub-Committee.

3. Critical minerals

Draft Report (*A rock and a hard place: building critical mineral resilience*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 371.

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa

- MENA0002 - Drivers of UK's National interests in M.E and N.A Angie Hesham Abdo Ahmed Mahmoud (PhD Candidate/ Associate Fellow(HE Advance) at University of Hull)
- MENA0003 - Professor Anoush Ehteshami (Professor of International Relations at Durham University)
- MENA0004 – Anonymised
- MENA0005 – Labour Friends of Israel
- MENA0006 – MENA Programme, European Council on Foreign Relations
- MENA0007 – Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP)
- MENA0008 – Prof Christopher Phillips (Professor at Queen Mary University of London), and Mr Michael Stephens (Associate at RUSI)
- MENA0009 – Aid to the Church in Need
- MENA0011 – Professor Clive Jones (Professor in Regional Security (Middle East) at Institute For Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Durham University, Durham, UK), and Dr Robert Geist-Pinfold (Lecturer in Peace and Security at School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University, Durham, UK)
- MENA0012 – Reprieve
- MENA0013 – National Council of Resistance of Iran - UK Representative Office
- MENA0014 – European Leadership Network UK (ELNET UK)
- MENA0015 – British Committee for Iran Freedom
- MENA0016 – MENA2050
- MENA0017 – Professor Simon Mabon (Professor of International Politics/Director SEPAD at Lancaster University)
- MENA0018 – Bahai Community of the UK, Office of Public Affairs
- MENA0019 – Anonymised
- MENA0020 – British Council
- MENA0021 – Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa (EAMENA) project
- MENA0022 – Jewish Leadership Council
- MENA0023 – Redress
- MENA0024 – War Child UK
- MENA0025 – Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
- MENA0026 – Policy Exchange
- MENA0028 – Tony Blair Institute for Global Change
- MENA0029 – IMPACT-se
- MENA0030 – All Party Parliamentary Group on Trafficked Britons in Syria
- MENA0031 – The Sectarianism, Proxies and De-sectarianization Project (SEPAD)
- MENA0032 – Anonymised
- MENA0033 – International Centre of Justice for Palestinians
- MENA0035 – UK Abraham Accords Group
- MENA0036 – Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy
- MENA0037 – Human Rights Watch
- MENA0038 – Open Doors UK and Ireland
- MENA0039 – Mr. Behnam Taleblu (Senior Fellow at Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD))
- MENA0040 – Center for the Study of Islam & Democracy
- MENA0041 – All-Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group (PHRG) - an APPG
- MENA0042 – Conservative Friends of Israel

MENA0043 – Henry Jackson Society
MENA0044 – Prof Azeem Ibrahim OBE (Senior Director at New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy)
MENA0045 – Miss Kaouther Ferjani
MENA0046 – Balfour Project Charity
MENA0047 – International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, and Coalition for Genocide Response
MENA0048 – Amnesty international UK
MENA0049 – Dr Roger Higginson (Independent Researcher)
MENA0050 – Dr Louise Kettle (Assistant Professor at University of Nottingham)
MENA0051 – Professor Anna Stavrianakis (Professor of International Relations at University of Sussex)
MENA0052 – Palestine Briefing
MENA0053 – Professor Asaf Siniver (Professor of International Security at University of Birmingham)
MENA0054 – Professor Lina Khatib (Director, SOAS Middle East Institute at SOAS University of London)
MENA0055 – Council for Arab British Understanding (Caabu)
MENA0056 – Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS)
MENA0057 – Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
MENA0058 – Dr May Darwich (Associate Professor in International Relations at University of Birmingham)
MENA0059 – Oxfam GB
MENA0060 – The Sentry
MENA0061 – Tunisian United Network
MENA0062 – Friends of Israel Initiative
MENA0063 – Kasia A. Houghton (ESRC-Funded Doctoral Researcher at University of St Andrews, PeaceRep)
MENA0064 – Mines Advisory Group (MAG)
MENA0065 – International Centre of Justice for Palestinians
MENA0066 – Britain-Israel Communications and Research Centre (BICOM)
MENA0068 – E B
MENA0069 – BBC World Service
MENA0070 – Professor Jeroen Gunning (Professor of Middle East Politics and Conflict Studies at King's College London), Dr Tristan Dunning (Honorary Research Fellow at University of Queensland), Dr Anas Iqtait (Lecturer in Economics and Political Economy (The Middle East) at Australian National University - Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies), Mr Tareq Baconi (Senior Analyst at Institute for Palestine Studies), Dr Martin Kear (Sessional lecturer and tutor at University of Sydney), Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart (Professor of Heritage and Digital Humanities at University of New England), Dr Shannon Brincat (Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at University of the Sunshine Coast), and Dr Adel Yousif (senior Lecturer at the at University of Tasmania - Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA))
MENA0071 – Dr Stepan Stepanenko (Director at Forward Strategy Ltd), and Ms Catherine Perez-Shakdam (Director at Forward Strategy Ltd)
MENA0073 – Mr Zachariah Farrand (Student / Member of RGS development geography research group at Lancaster University)
MENA0074 – Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)

MENA0075 – Mr James Lynch (Co-director at FairSquare)
MENA0076 – Westminster Foundation for Democracy
MENA0077 – British Palestinian Committee
MENA0079 – Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa

John Casson, Former Foreign Affairs Private Secretary to the Prime Minister and Ambassador to Egypt at Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office; and Jay Mens, Senior Fellow at Policy Exchange, gave oral evidence.

Dr Anoush Ehteshami, Professor of International Relations at School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham; Dr Simon Mabon, Professor of International Politics at Politics, Philosophy and Religion Department, University of Lancaster; and Dr Christopher Phillips, Professor in International Relations at School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University of London, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 9 January at 13.45 pm

Tuesday 19 December 2023

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of [13 March 2020]:

Afghanistan:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 14/12/2023 and 17/12/2023

Situation in Gaza:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State dated 15/12/2023

Announcement of the new human rights sanctions package:

Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Indo-Pacific dated 08/12/2023

Tuesday 9 January 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair
Dan Carden
Fabian Hamilton
Ranil Jayawardena
Brendan O'Hara
Bob Seely
Henry Smith
Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 980) Miscellaneous Series No. 11 (2023)
- (CP 994) – Rwanda No. 1 (2023)

2. New Members

Dan Carden and Ranil Jayawardena declared their interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix). Dan Carden further declared an interest for attending the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai, as a Government-appointed Trade Envoy to Mexico and as President of the Inter Parliamentary Union Board of Young Parliamentarians.

Ranil Jayawardena further declared an interest as an officer on the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Qatar and as an unpaid Co-Chair of the Coalition on Global Prosperity.

3. Overseas Territories Sub-Committee appointment

Ordered, That Dan Carden and Ranil Jayawardena be members of the Sub-Committee.

4. Committee travel

Ordered, that the Chair have leave to visit Washington DC to attend the Conference of Global Chairs of Foreign Affairs Committees in representative capacity, 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 Poland and Ukraine, in connection with its work on the situation in Ukraine.

5. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Rt Hon the Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton, Foreign Secretary, and Sir Philip Barton KCMG OBE, Permanent Under-Secretary, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 2.15pm

Tuesday 16 January 2024

Members present

Royston Smith, in the Chair

Dan Carden

Neil Coyle

Fabian Hamilton

Brendan O'Hara

Henry Smith

Graham Stringer

In the absence of the Chair, Royston Smith was called to the chair.

1. Committees on Arms Export Controls Special Report – Scrutiny of Strategic Export Controls

Draft Special Report (*Scrutiny of Strategic Export Controls*): Joint Special Report from Business and Trade Committee, Foreign Affairs Committee and International Development Committee, proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

2. Countries at Crossroads: UK engagement in Central Asia

Draft Special Report (*Countries at Crossroads: UK engagement in Central Asia: Government Response to the Committee's Tenth Report of Session 2022-23*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Tenth 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.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 1003) Albania No.1 (2024)
- (CP 1006) Miscellaneous Series No. 1 (2024)
- (CP 1007) Kosovo No.1 (2024)

4. Evidence reported for publication

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

Scrutiny of Secretaries of State in the House of Lords

Correspondence with the Chair of the Procedure Committee, dated 10 January 2024

5. Committee travel to Saudi Arabia and Egypt

Resolved, That the Committee visit Riyadh and Cairo, in connection with its inquiry on the UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa.

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

7. The UK's international counter-terrorism policy

Edmund Fitton-Brown, Former Coordinator at UN Sanctions Monitoring Group; and Dr Lina Khatib, Director at SOAS Middle East Institute, gave oral evidence

Dr Inga Trauthig, Visiting Fellow at Centre for Middle Eastern Studies and KCL; and Jerome Drevon, Jihad and Modern Conflict Senior Analyst at International Crisis Group, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 2.15 pm

Tuesday 23 January 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Dan Carden

Fabian Hamilton

Ranil Jayawardena

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

1. Committee travel

Ordered, that Alicia Kearns have leave to visit Munich to attend the Munich Security Conference on 15-18 February 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 Fabian Hamilton have leave to visit Bruges to attend the Interparliamentary Conference on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) on 3-5 March in representative capacity, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

2. Future programme and informal meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa

The Rt Hon Jack Straw, Former Secretary of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, gave oral evidence.

Professor Ali Ansari, Professor at the School of History, St Andrew's University; and Behnam Ben Taleblu, Senior Fellow at Foundation for Defense of Democracies, gave oral evidence.

Baroness Ashton of Upholland, Former Vice President of the European Commission and former High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; Sir Mark Lyall Grant, Former UK Ambassador to UN and National Security Adviser; and Mike Singh; Managing Director at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 2.15 pm

Tuesday 30 January 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Dan Carden

Fabian Hamilton

Brendan O'Hara

Ranil Jayawardena

Bob Seely

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- (CP 1012) – Philippines No. 1 (2024)

2. 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 from the Foreign Secretary, dated 26/01/2024

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa

Farea Al-Muslimi, Research Fellow in the MENA programme at Chatham House; Helen Lackner, Former Visiting Fellow at European Council for Foreign Relations and Former Research Associate at SOAS; and Dr Elisabeth Kendall, Mistress at Girton College, University of Cambridge and former Senior Research Fellow in Arabic and Islamic Studies at Pembroke College, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

Tim Eaton, Senior Research Fellow in the MENA programme at Chatham House; Peter Millett, Former UK Ambassador to Libya; and Denisse Rudich, Director of Rudich Advisory and adviser at The Sentry, gave oral evidence.

In the absence of the Chair, Royston Smith was called to the chair.

Tim Eaton, Senior Research Fellow in the MENA programme at Chatham House; Peter Millett, Former UK Ambassador to Libya; and Denisse Rudich, Director of Rudich Advisory and adviser at The Sentry, gave further oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 1.30 pm

Tuesday 6 February 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Dan Carden

Neil Coyle

Brendan O'Hara

Ranil Jayawardena

Henry Smith

Graham Stringer

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Follow-up to Xinjiang inquiry

Sir Geoffrey Nice KC, Chair of the Uyghur Tribunal; Dr Kate Ferguson, Co-Executive Director at Protection Approaches; and The Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws KC, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, gave oral evidence.

Chloe Cranston, Head of Thematic Advocacy Programmes at Anti-slavery International; Rahima Mahmut, UK Director at World Uyghur Congress; and Yalkun Uluyol, Researcher at Forced Labour Lab, Sheffield Hallam University, gave oral evidence.

{In the absence of the Chair, Dan Carden was called to the chair.}

Chloe Cranston, Head of Thematic Advocacy Programmes at Anti-slavery International; Rahima Mahmut, UK Director at World Uyghur Congress; and Yalkun Uluyol, Researcher at Forced Labour Lab, Sheffield Hallam University, gave further oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 27 February 2024 at 1.30 pm

Tuesday 20 – Wednesday 21 February

The Chair, Neil Coyle, Fabian Hamilton and Henry Smith visited Warsaw in connection with the Committee's inquiry on the situation in Ukraine, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 January.

Tuesday 27 February 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Dan Carden

Neil Coyle

Fabian Hamilton

Bob Seely

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

1. A rock and a hard place: building critical mineral resilience: Government Response

Draft Special Report (*A rock and a hard place: building critical mineral resilience*): 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 Third 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 1017 – Miscellaneous Series No. 2 (2024)

CP 1028 – Denmark No. 1 (2024)

CP 1030 – Miscellaneous Series NO. 3 (2024)

CP 1031 – Country Series – Ukraine No.1 (2024)

3. The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa

Gershon Gorenberg, Columnist at The Washington Post; Dr Rashid Khalidi, Edward Said Professor of Modern Arab Studies at Columbia University; and Colonel (Retired) Miri Eisin, Managing Director at International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Alistair Burt, former Minister of State for the Middle East at Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office; Dr Gershon Baskin, Co-Chairman at Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI); and Samer Sinijlawi, Founding Chairman at Jerusalem Development Fund, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 1.30 pm

Monday 4 March – Thursday 7 March

The Chair, Neil Coyle, Brendan O'Hara, Henry Smith and Royston Smith visited Riyadh and Cairo in connection with the Committee's inquiry on the UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 January.

Monday 11 March 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of [13 March 2020]:

The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa:

Letter to the Foreign Secretary relating to humanitarian aid access to Gaza, dated 09/03/2024

Tuesday 12 March 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Neil Coyle

Fabian Hamilton

Brendan O'Hara

Ranil Jayawardena

Andrew Rosindell

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

International humanitarian law application in Gaza

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, dated 22/02/2024 and 01/02/2024

The UK Government's engagement regarding the British Indian Ocean Territory

Mr Jean Paul France (CHA0039)

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 1011 - Miscellaneous Series No. 4 (2024)

3. Overseas Territories Sub-Committee appointment

Ordered, That Andrew Rosindell be a member of the Sub-Committee.

4. Committee travel

Resolved, That the Committee visit Brazil in connection with its inquiry into international relations within the multilateral system and that the Chair seek the approval of the Chair of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

5. The situation in Ukraine and the UK's response

Mykola Kuleba, Founder of Save Ukraine; Dr Yulia Ioffe, Lecturer (Assistant Professor) at the Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (IRDR) at University College London (UCL); and Shahida Tulaganova, Filmmaker, war reporter and Director of 'Ukraine's Stolen Children', gave oral evidence.

Dr Maria Shagina, Senior Research Fellow at International Institute for Strategic Studies; and Professor Philippa Webb, Professor of Public International Law at Kings College London, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister of State (Indo-Pacific) at Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; Ben Fender OBE, Director, Eastern Europe and Central Asia at Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; and David Reed MBE, Director, Sanctions Directorate at Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 19 March 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair
Dan Carden
Neil Coyle
Fabian Hamilton
Ranil Jayawardena
Bob Seely
Henry Smith
Royston Smith

1. Tilting horizons: the Integrated Review and the Indo-Pacific: Government Response

Draft Special Report (*Tilting horizons: The Integrated Review and the Indo-Pacific: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2022-23*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Eighth Report of Session 2022-23 from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

2. Evidence reported for publication

Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary following up on the oral evidence session of 9 January 2024, dated 21/02/2024

FCDO Quarterly Corporate Update November 2023 to January 2024

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 1046 – Country Series – Hungary No.1 (2024)
- CP 1047 – Country Series – Switzerland No.1 (2024)

4. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Western Balkans

The Rt Hon the Lord Robertson of Port Ellen KT, Secretary General of NATO from 1999-2004; Ian Cliff OBE, Former British Ambassador to Kosovo (2011-2015) and British Ambassador to Croatia (2015-2016); and Dr Andi Hoxhaj OBE, Lecturer in Law at University College London, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 March at 1.30 pm

Thursday 21 March 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of [13 March 2020]:

The situation in Gaza

Correspondence with the Secretary of State, dated 15 March, 9 March and 19 February 2024

Tuesday 26 March 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair
Fabian Hamilton
Brendan O'Hara
Bob Seely
Henry Smith
Royston Smith

1. Overseas Territories Sub-Committee appointment

Ordered, That Royston Smith be a member of the Sub-Committee.

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP1049 – Country Series – Saudi Arabia No. 1 (2024)

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The UK's engagement with the Middle east and North Africa

Will Todman, Deputy Director and Senior fellow at Middle East Program, CSIS; Urban Coningham, Research Analyst and Course Lead at RUSI; Jonathan Wilks, Former UK Ambassador to Qatar (2020-2023), Iraq (2017-2019), Oman (2014-2017), Syria (2012-2014); and Professor Gareth Stansfield, Professor of Middle East Politics and former director of the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies at The University of Exeter, gave oral evidence.

Dr. Radwan Masmoudi, President at Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy; Dr Shana Cohen, Director at Think-Tank for Action on Social Change; and Amine Ghouli, Visiting Fellow at the Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy at Heritage Foundation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 1.30 pm

Monday 15 April 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of [13 March 2020]:

International relations within the multilateral system

Mr James Day (MUL0001)

Dr Martin Scott (Associate Professor at University of East Anglia), Professor Mel Bunce (Professor at City, University of London), and Dr Mary Myers (Research Associate at University of East Anglia) (MUL0002)

Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation (MUL0003)

China Strategic Risks Institute (MUL0004)

Mr Andrew Yeh (Executive Director at China Strategic Risks Institute (CSRI)) (MUL0005)

Ms Emma Reilly (MUL0006)

The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (MUL0007)

Dr Thomas Cheney (Assistant Professor in Law at Northumbria University) (MUL0008)

Mr Bill Browder (Head at Global Magnitsky Justice Campaign) (MUL0010)

Antonio Patriota (Ambassador of Brazil to the United Kingdom at Embassy of Brazil) (MUL0011)

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (MUL0012)

Mr Alexander Gale (Defence & Geopolitical Analyst at Self-employed/SDAFA) (MUL0013)

Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (MUL0014)

Hong Kong Watch (MUL0015)

Dr Carlos Solar (Senior Research Fellow, International Security at Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)) (MUL0016)

The Foreign Policy Centre (MUL0018)

Council on Geostrategy (MUL0019)

Tsvetelina van Benthem (Postdoctoral researcher at University of Oxford) (MUL0020)

Tuesday 16 April 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Dan Carden

Neil Coyle

Fabian Hamilton

Brendan O'Hara

Henry Smith

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

The situation in Ukraine and the UK's response

Correspondence from the Minister for the Indo-Pacific relating to Russian sanctions, dated 28 March 2024

The UK Government's engagement regarding the British Indian Ocean Territory

Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, dated 5 April and 12 March 2024

Overseas Territories

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Americas, Caribbean and the Overseas Territories relating to Ministers with responsibility for the Overseas Territories, dated 4 April 2024

The situation in Gaza

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary, dated 15 March 2024

FCDO annual update on media freedom

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary, dated 26 March 2024

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

The Committee considered the matter of:

- CP 1037 – Miscellaneous Series No. 7 (2024)
- CP 1051 – Miscellaneous Series No. 5 (2024)
- CP 1054 – Miscellaneous Series No. 6 (2024)
- CP 1052 – Country Series – Bahrain No. 1 (2024)
- CP 1053 – Country Series – Senegal No. 1 (2024)

3. International relations within the multilateral system

The Rt Hon. the Lord Malloch-Brown KCMG, President at Open Society Foundations, gave oral evidence.

Emma Reilly, Former Human Rights Officer at Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); and Richard Gowan, UN Director at International Crisis Group, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 1.30 pm

Monday 22 April – Friday 26 April

The Chair, Dan Carden, Neil Coyle, Fabian Hamilton, Brendan O'Hara, Ranil Jayawardena, Henry Smith and Royston Smith visited Brasilia and Rio de Janeiro in connection with the Committee's inquiry on international relations within the multilateral system in accordance with the Committee's decision of 12 March.

Tuesday 30 April 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair
Fabian Hamilton
Brendan O'Hara
Andrew Rosindell
Bob Seely
Henry Smith
Royston Smith
Graham Stringer

1. The UK's international counter-terrorism policy

Sir Alex Younger KCMG, Former Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) gave oral evidence.

Ali Ansari, Professor of Iranian History at The University of St Andrews, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 1.30 pm

Tuesday 7 May 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair
Dan Carden
Neil Coyle
Fabian Hamilton
Brendan O'Hara
Bob Seely
Royston Smith

1. Evidence reported for publication

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

Crisis management: FCDO lessons learned following the Afghanistan crisis in 2021

Correspondence from the Permanent Under-Secretary, dated 2 May 2024, and January 2022 Afghanistan Lessons Learned Report.

2. Guesting

Resolved, That Mr Brendan O'Hara attend the meeting of the Business and Trade Committee on 21 May 2024 relating to arms export to Israel, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The UK's international counter-terrorism policy

Aimen Dean, Former MI6 agent, former member of al-Qaeda and Co-Founder and Director of Operations at Cruickshank & Dean Global Intelligence, gave oral evidence.

Professor Alexander Evans, Former Coordinator, Al Qaida/Daesh/Taliban Monitoring Team, UN Security Council, Professor in Practice, London School of Economics and Political Science, gave oral evidence.

{In the absence of the Chair, Royston Smith was called to the chair.}

Professor Alexander Evans, Former Coordinator, Al Qaida/Daesh/Taliban Monitoring Team, UN Security Council, Professor in Practice, London School of Economics and Political Science, gave further oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 8.50 am

Tuesday 14 May 2024

Members present

Alicia Kearns, in the Chair

Dan Carden

Fabian Hamilton

Brendan O'Hara

Bob Seely

Royston Smith

Graham Stringer

1. Evidence reported for publication

The following papers were reported to the Committee, and to the House for publication, under the powers given to the Chair by Order of the Committee of <2 April 2020> and Order of the Sub-committee of <11 July 2020>:

The UK Government's support of education for Overseas Territories students:

Miss Kelly-Jo Peters, and Miss Jaede Benjamin (OTE0002)

Peter Symonds College (OTE0006)

Hon. Andrew Turner (Member of Legislative Council at St Helena Legislative Council) (OTE0007)

St Helena Chamber of Commerce (OTE0010)

Falkland Islands Government (OTE0011)

St Helena Government (OTE0012)

St Helena Government (OTE0013)

H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (OTE0014)

Department for Education (OTE0015)

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa

The Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State (Middle East, North Africa, South Asia, United Nations and the Commonwealth); and Stephen Hickey, Director for Middle East and North Africa, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

{In the absence of the Chair, Royston Smith was called to the chair.}

The Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State (Middle East, North Africa, South Asia, United Nations and the Commonwealth); and Stephen Hickey, Director for Middle East and North Africa, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave further oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 4 June 2024 at 1.45 pm

Tuesday 21 May 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of [13 March 2020]:

The situation in Gaza

Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary, dated 16 May 2024

Thursday 23 May 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of [13 March 2020]:

International relations within the multilateral system

Written evidence from Reprieve (MUL0021)

The UK Government's support of education for Overseas Territories students

Correspondence with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of State for Education relating to the Sub-Committee's inquiry, dated 23 May 2024

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

(i) Members of the Committee—register entry at 14 November 2023

Alicia Kearns MP

Kearns, Alicia (Rutland and Melton)

1. Employment and earnings

30 December 2022, received £600 from LBC Radio Ltd, 30 Leicester Square, London WC2H 7LA, for presenting a radio show. Hours: 3 hrs. (Registered 26 January 2023)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Attitude Magazine - Stream Publishing Limited

Address of donor: The Cowshed, Ladycross Farm, Hollow Lane, Dormansland RH7 6PB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: One ticket for the Virgin Atlantic Attitude Awards 2023, value £600

Date received: 11 October 2023

Date accepted: 11 October 2023

Donor status: company, registration 6766284
(Registered 09 November 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: The HALO Trust

Address of donor: Carronfoot, Thornhill, Dumfries DG3 5BF

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1,716.48), accommodation (£708.47), transport (£73.50), food (£147.65), and visa (£64.40), total value £2,710.50

Destination of visit: Somaliland and Ethiopia

Dates of visit: 6-11 August 2023

Purpose of visit: To see the Halo Trust's work in removing landmines and unexploded ordnance, and gain a better understanding of the UK's role supporting NGOs like the Halo Trust to deliver greater resilience and recovery from conflict.
(Registered 06 September 2023)

Name of donor: Embassy of Finland in London

Address of donor: 38 Chesham Place, London SW1X 8HW

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel, accommodation and hospitality for a member of my staff, total value £1,500

Destination of visit: Finland

Dates of visit: 30 August - 3 September 2022

Purpose of visit: Study trip undertaken by a member of my staff to learn about Finland's foreign, defence and security policy ahead of their accession to NATO.
(Registered 13 September 2023)

Name of donor: Embassy of Finland in London
Address of donor: 38 Chesham Place, London SW1X 8HW
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel, accommodation and hospitality for a member of my staff, total value £1,500
Destination of visit: Finland
Dates of visit: 29 August - 2 September 2023
Purpose of visit: Study trip undertaken by a member of my staff to learn about comprehensive security, Finnish foreign and security policy, and Finland's accession to NATO.
(Registered 13 September 2023)

Name of donor: Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in London
Address of donor: 6 Upper Phillimore Gardens, London W8 7HA
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£466.90), accommodation and meals (£500), total value £966.9
Destination of visit: Jordan
Dates of visit: 23-26 October 2023
Purpose of visit: Meetings with Jordanian Government, Parliamentarians and Jordanian Armed Forces.
(Registered 09 November 2023)

8. Miscellaneous

From 23 June 2022, Board Member of the Great British-China Centre, a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee operating as an executive non-departmental public body, established by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to support UK-China relations. (Registered 28 July 2022)

Dan Carden MP

Carden, Dan (Liverpool, Walton)

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

Name of donor: Tina Clayman
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to my campaign fund, to support my activities on addiction issues
Date received: 5 December 2022
Date accepted: 5 December 2022
Donor status: individual
(Registered 09 January 2023)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Everton Football Club
Address of donor: Goodison Park, Goodison Road, Liverpool L4 4EL
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality in the boardroom for Everton vs Wolverhampton Wanderers, value £400
Date received: 26 December 2022
Date accepted: 26 December 2022

Donor status: company, registration 00036624
(Registered 09 January 2023)

Name of donor: Liverpool Football Club
Address of donor: Anfield Road, Anfield, Liverpool L4 0TH
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality in the Boardroom for Liverpool v Chelsea, value estimated at a maximum of £500
Date received: 21 January 2023
Date accepted: 21 January 2023
Donor status: company, registration 35668
(Registered 16 February 2023)

Name of donor: Ascot Racecourse Ltd
Address of donor: Ascot, Berkshire SL5 7JX
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets and hospitality in the Ascot Authority Box for racing, value £550
Date received: 29 July 2023
Date accepted: 29 July 2023
Donor status: company, registration 4320977
(Registered 23 August 2023)

Name of donor: Attitude Magazine - Stream Publishing Limited
Address of donor: The Cowshed, Ladycross Farm, Hollow Lane, Dormansland RH7 6PB
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: One ticket with dinner for the Virgin Atlantic Attitude Awards 2023, total value £600
Date received: 11 October 2023
Date accepted: 11 October 2023
Donor status: company, registration 6766284
(Registered 13 November 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: FIA Foundation
Address of donor: 60 Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DS
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): £3,108.31 reimbursement for flights received on 23 June 2023, and £1,138.52 received on 11 August 2023 as reimbursement for five nights' hotel accommodation (13-18 July 2023) in New York, total value £4,246.83
Destination of visit: New York and Washington
Dates of visit: 13-20 July 2023
Purpose of visit: As President of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians at the Inter-Parliamentary Union, to attend the United Nations High Level Political Forum and to meet with Members of the United States Senate and Congress.
(Registered 17 August 2023; updated 23 August 2023)

Name of donor: Mrs. Pikulkeaw Krairiksh, Member of the Senate of Thailand
Address of donor: private
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Accommodation, food and transport in Bangkok, estimated value £443
Destination of visit: Bangkok, Thailand
Dates of visit: 19-24 September 2023

Purpose of visit: As President of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians at the Inter Parliamentary Union, to attend meetings at the House of Representatives of Thailand and other political, cultural and social events.
(Registered 20 October 2023)

Name of donor: United Arab Emirates, Federal National Council
Address of donor: Abu Dhabi, P.O. Box 836, UAE
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights to and from the UAE, hotel accommodation, food and in-country transport, estimated value £6,220
Destination of visit: Abu Dhabi and Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Dates of visit: 27 September - 3 October 2023
Purpose of visit: As President of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians at the Inter Parliamentary Union, to attend Climate Future Week events, meet with members of the Federal National Council, and develop plans for the engagement of young parliamentarians at COP28 UAE.
(Registered 30 October 2023)

Name of donor: Jordanian Embassy in London
Address of donor: 6 Upper Phillimore Gardens, London W8 7HA
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£833), accommodation, meals and transport (£1,000), total value £1,833
Destination of visit: Amman, Jordan
Dates of visit: 23-27 October 2023
Purpose of visit: Delegation to Amman, Jordan including meetings with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, King Abdullah II of Jordan, Ministers and parliamentarians and a visit to Za'atri Refugee Camp.
(Registered 21 November 2023)

8. Miscellaneous

From 24 June 2021, Member of the Commission on Alcohol Harm, established by the Alcohol Harm Alliance (a consortium of over 50 non-governmental organisations) to promote evidence based policies to reduce the harm caused by alcohol. (Registered 07 July 2021)

From 28 July 2021, unpaid director of Addiction Recovery Now Ltd, a company limited by guarantee. The company researches addiction issues and seeks to promote visible recovery in society. (Registered 24 August 2021)

From 13 March 2023, Executive Member and President of the Board of Young Parliamentarians of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 01 November 2023)

From 30 November 2022, Treasurer and Executive Member of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 01 November 2023)

Neil Coyle MP

Coyle, Neil (Bermondsey and Old Southwark)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Government of Jordan

Address of donor: Abdali, King Hussein Street - Building No. 205, P.O. Box 72, 11181 Amman

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£833), accommodation and meals (£500) and sundries (£417), total value £1,750

Destination of visit: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Dates of visit: 23-27 October 2023

Purpose of visit: Meetings with high-level Jordanian Government ministers, ambassadors and Jordanian royal family members, visits to refugee camps and military regions to foster links between the UK and Jordan and understand the challenges and issues that Jordan is facing.

(Registered 16 November 2023)

Fabian Hamilton MP

Hamilton, Fabian (Leeds North East)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Institute of Accountants and Bookkeepers

Address of donor: Unit 1, Moat Farm, Whetstead Road, Five Oak Green, Tonbridge TN12 6RR

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1,568.38), hotel (£736), food (£252.52) and internal transport (£90), total value £2,646.90

Destination of visit: India

Dates of visit: 11-18 February 2023

Purpose of visit: As Honorary President of the IAB, together with IAB officials, visit to help establish course centres for qualifications in Cost Accounting and Bookkeeping.

(Registered 14 March 2023)

Name of donor: Halo Trust

Address of donor: Carronfoot, Thornhill, Dumfries DG3 5BF

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Hotels (£703.18), flights (£1,849.26), sustenance (£282.51) and internal travel (£466.63), total value £3,301.58

Destination of visit: El Salvador and Guatemala

Dates of visit: 2-9 July 2023

Purpose of visit: To meet members of the Governments of both countries in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Latin America and the Caribbean; see the Mangrove Restoration Project in San Salvador and discuss the destruction of illegal weapons and ammunition in Guatemala, both being part of the work of the donor.

(Registered 19 July 2023)

Mr Ranil Jayawardena MP

Jayawardena, Mr Ranil (North East Hampshire)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from News UK and Ireland Limited, 1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9GF. Unless otherwise stated, all payments are used to help meet the costs of my office and to support my work as a Member of Parliament.

Payment of £750 expected for an article written on 20 January and published on 22 January 2023. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 16 February 2023)

Payments from Reach Plc, 1 Canada Square, London E14 5AP. Unless otherwise stated, all payments are used to help meet the costs of my office and to support my work as a Member of Parliament.

Payment of £350 expected for an article written on 19 January and published on 20 January 2023. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 16 February 2023)

Payment of £350 expected for an article written on 12 February and published on 13 February 2023. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 16 February 2023)

From 17 May 2023, Senior Adviser at Ringshall Limited, c/o The Office of Ranil Jayawardena, The Bury, Odiham, Hampshire, RG29 1NB; a business support and holding company. I provide strategic business and geopolitical advice, for which I receive a monthly salary of £500. All payments are used to help meet the costs of my office and to support my work as a Member of Parliament. Hours: approximately two hours per week. I consulted ACoBA about this appointment. I expect some of the clients, to whom I personally provide services, to require confidentiality under relevant legal and professional duties. Clients will be listed below. (Registered 22 May 2023)

United Kingdom Accreditation Service Limited, 2 Pine Trees, Chertsey Lane, Staines-Upon-Thames, Middlesex, TW18 3HR. (Registered 22 May 2023)

Payments from GB News Limited, Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3TT. GB News Limited provide me with taxis to and/or from the studio when necessary. Unless otherwise stated, all payments are used to help meet the costs of my office and to support my work as a Member of Parliament.

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 22 June 2023. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 17 July 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 4 July 2023. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 17 July 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 25 July 2023. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 15 August 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 15 August 2023. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 15 August 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 22 August 2023. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 01 September 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 29 August 2023. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 01 September 2023)

Payment of £250 expected for a guest appearance on 19 October 2023. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 15 November 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 30 October 2023. Hours: 2 hrs.
(Registered 15 November 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 15 November 2023. Hours: 2 hrs.
(Registered 15 November 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 21 November 2023. Hours: 2 hrs.
(Registered 14 December 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 28 November 2023. Hours: 2 hrs.
(Registered 14 December 2023)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 12 December 2023. Hours: 2 hrs.
(Registered 08 January 2024)

Payment of £500 expected for a guest appearance on 19 December 2023. Hours: 2 hrs.
(Registered 08 January 2024)

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

Name of donor: Rosemount Financial Solutions Limited
Address of donor: Rosemount House, 2-4 Chequers Road, Basingstoke RG21 7PU
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to support my work,
campaigns and the staffing of my office
Date received: 22 December 2022
Date accepted: 22 December 2022
Donor status: company, registration 5676603
(Registered 09 January 2023; updated 07 September 2023)

Name of donor: Hazem Ben-Gacem
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £25,000 to support my work,
campaigns and the staffing of my office
Date received: 10 June 2023
Date accepted: 10 June 2023
Donor status: individual
(Registered 03 July 2023; updated 07 September 2023)

Name of donor: George Reed
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,000 to support my work,
campaigns and the staffing of my office
Date received: 7 September 2023
Date accepted: 7 September 2023
Donor status: individual
(Registered 07 September 2023)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Alliance for Responsible Citizenship Limited
Address of donor: 78 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ES
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Attendance at the donor's
inaugural conference and events, value £1,500

Date received: 30 October 2023
Date accepted: 30 October 2023
Donor status: company, registration 10510005
(Registered 15 November 2023)

Name of donor: ITV plc
Address of donor: ITV White City, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7RU
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket with hospitality for An Audience with Kylie at the Royal Albert Hall, total value £362.75
Date received: 1 December 2023
Date accepted: 1 December 2023
Donor status: company, registration 4967001
(Registered 06 December 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Coalition for Global Prosperity
Address of donor: Public Hall, 1 Horseguards Avenue, Westminster, London SW1A 2HU
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Payment of £3,302.96 received on 16 December 2022 for flights and Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), total value £3,302.96
Destination of visit: United States
Dates of visit: visit did not take place
Purpose of visit: Meetings at the White House, State Department, Congress and the British Embassy. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the visit could not take place in December 2022, and it is now expected to take place in 2023.
(Registered 09 January 2023)

Name of donor: ECR Party (funded by the European Parliament)
Address of donor: Rue du Trône 4, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and associated costs, total approx. value £1,612
Destination of visit: Croatia
Dates of visit: 14-15 September 2023
Purpose of visit: Speaker at the European Congress of Families.
(Registered 09 October 2023)

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar
Address of donor: Almirqab Tower, West Bay, Doha, Qatar
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and associated costs, total approx. value £6,672
Destination of visit: Qatar
Dates of visit: 18-21 September 2023
Purpose of visit: APPG on Qatar visit to meet Members of the Consultative Assembly of Qatar, and senior local and international representatives of international development organisations to share knowledge and explore ways of enhancing Anglo-Qatari cooperation on international development and aid.
(Registered 09 October 2023)

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

Ringshall Ltd; a business support and holding company. (Registered 05 June 2015; updated 11 December 2017, 15 January 2019, 03 June 2020 and 02 November 2022)

8. Miscellaneous

From 16 October 2018, unremunerated Trustee (Director) of Owl and Bear Education; a not-for-profit company set up with the intention of running a free school. (Registered 31 October 2018)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Alison Jayawardena, as part-time Senior Researcher. (Registered 14 June 2016)

Brendan O'Hara MP

O'Hara, Brendan (Argyll and Bute)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Bellwether International

Address of donor: 694 E 230 N, Lindon, Utah, USA 84042

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, hotels, food and security, value £1,456.96

Destination of visit: Iraq

Dates of visit: 10-14 February 2023

Purpose of visit: As Chair of APPG Yazidi visited the internally displaced people's camps in the Kurdistan region of Iraq to gain an understanding of the situation and the issues faced by the Yazidi people.

(Registered 08 March 2023)

Name of donor: International Centre for Law and Religious Studies (ICLRS)

Address of donor: J Reuben Clarke Centre, 341 E Campus Dr, Provo, UT 84602, USA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Accommodation including food (£740.20) and flights (£1,304.75), total value £2,044.95

Destination of visit: Salt Lake City, Utah

Dates of visit: 29 September - 2 October 2023

Purpose of visit: As chair of the APPG for International Law, Justice and Accountability, to speak in the plenary session in ICLRS Law and Religious Symposium.

(Registered 09 November 2023)

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

Director and shareholder of Oh! Television; a television production company. The company has not traded. (Registered 11 January 2016)

8. Miscellaneous

From 26 April 2021, a Director of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 19 May 2021)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Catherine O'Hara, as full time Office Manager. (Registered 19 January 2016; updated 08 October 2020)

Andrew Rosindell MP

Rosindell, Andrew (Romford)

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

Name of donor: Ebury Court Residential Home Ltd

Address of donor: 438 Rush Green Road, Romford RM7 0LX

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for Christmas printing and events

Date received: 19 December 2022

Date accepted: 19 December 2022

Donor status: company, registration 04870331

(Registered 13 January 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Address of donor: 30 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and meals, value £1,390.16

Destination of visit: Bahrain

Dates of visit: 17-21 November 2022

Purpose of visit: To attend the Manama Dialogue Conference.

(Registered 20 December 2022)

Name of donor: Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Address of donor: FICCI Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi, 110001

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and meals, value £5,400

Destination of visit: India

Dates of visit: 9-15 April 2023

Purpose of visit: As part of APPG India (Trade and Investment) delegation to visit India.

(Registered 02 May 2023)

Name of donor: APROPOS – Advancing Process in Politics

Address of donor: Karl-Marx-Allee 98, 10243 Berlin, Germany

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, hotels and catering, total value £713.90

Destination of visit: Warsaw

Dates of visit: 7-8 July 2023

Purpose of visit: To attend the Open European Dialogue seminar to discuss the war in Ukraine.

(Registered 31 July 2023)

8. Miscellaneous

From 7 July 2010, Director of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 08 August 2023)

Bob Seely MP

Seely, Bob (Isle of Wight)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from News UK & Ireland Limited, PO Box 151, Peterborough PE7 8YT:

23 January 2023, received £1,550 for appearing as a panellist on Talk TV's First Edition programme. Hours: 5 hrs. (Registered 20 February 2023)

23 February 2023, received £50 for a guest appearance on a News UK show. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 30 March 2023)

8 March 2023, received £300 for a guest appearance on a News UK show. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 30 March 2023)

5 April 2023, received £300 for appearing as a guest on Talk TV's First Edition programme. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 25 April 2023)

22 May 2023, received £300 for a guest appearance on a News UK show. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 24 May 2023)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Sea View Yacht Club

Address of donor: The Esplanade, Seaview, Isle of Wight PO34 5HB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Honorary Membership, total value £2,988 (£498 per annum)

Date received: 9 June 2017 - 8 June 2023

Date accepted: 9 June 2017

Donor status: friendly society

(Registered 04 August 2022)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Skigruppe der Bundesversammlung

Address of donor: private

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Ski passes/instruction for one person, value £622

Destination of visit: Davos, Switzerland

Dates of visit: 3-8 January 2023

Purpose of visit: Swiss-British Parliamentary Ski trip.

(Registered 02 February 2023)

Name of donor: Lord Michael Ashcroft

Address of donor: private

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flight from Chisinau Airport to Stansted Airport, estimated value £126.15

Destination of visit: Ukraine

Dates of visit: 20-24 December 2022

Purpose of visit: Visiting charities and officials in Ukraine in my role as Chair of the Ukraine APPG.

(Registered 09 February 2023)

Name of donor: UK Office of the Victor Pinchuk Foundation

Address of donor: Third Floor, 95 The Promenade, Cheltenham GL50 1HH

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and travel £2,911, accommodation £1,190, meals/hospitality £310.31; total value £4,411.31

Destination of visit: Davos, Switzerland

Dates of visit: 17-19 January 2023

Purpose of visit: To contribute to Ukrainian events organised by the Victor Pinchuk Foundation.

(Registered 10 February 2023)

Name of donor: Le Cercle

Address of donor: 85 Great Portland Street, First Floor, London W1W 7LT

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1,422.18), accommodation (£470) and meals during the meeting (£520), total value £2,412.18

Destination of visit: Warsaw, Poland

Dates of visit: 6-9 July 2023

Purpose of visit: A speaking engagement.

(Registered 04 August 2023; updated 10 August 2023)

Name of donor: (1) National Democratic Institute (2) Open Society Foundation

Address of donor: (1) 455 Massachusetts Ave, NW, 8th Floor, Washington DC 20001-2621, United States (2) 4th Floor, Herbal House, 8 Back Hill, London EC1R 5EN

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Accommodation, value £338.10 (2) Flights and transportation, value £431.05

Destination of visit: Prague, Czech Republic

Dates of visit: 1-2 September 2023

Purpose of visit: Participated in the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China Prague Summit.

(Registered 25 September 2023)

Name of donor: Yalta European Strategy Limited

Address of donor: Third Floor, 95 The Promenade, Cheltenham GL50 1HH

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel (£74.75), conference fees (£305.48) and meal (£7.31), total value £387.54

Destination of visit: Kyiv, Ukraine

Dates of visit: 4-10 September 2023

Purpose of visit: Travel around Ukraine and attending the Yalta European Strategy Conference.

(Registered 02 October 2023)

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, between 24 August 2021 and 15 December 2022, and again from 5 September 2023, (ii). (Registered 06 July 2017; updated 09 November 2021 and 26 September 2023)

8. Miscellaneous

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

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

Henry Smith MP

Smith, Henry (Crawley)

1. Employment and earnings

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

28 November 2022, received £100. Hours: 45 mins. Fee donated to the voluntary sector. (Registered 01 December 2022)

28 November 2022, received £100. Hours: 45 mins. Fee donated to the voluntary sector. (Registered 01 December 2022)

19 January 2023, received £225 from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for a survey. Hours: 90 mins. (Registered 30 January 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Government of Bahrain

Address of donor: Bahrain Embassy, 30 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£649.66), accommodation (£428) and meals (£167.90), total value £1,245.56

Destination of visit: Bahrain

Dates of visit: 8-12 November 2022

Purpose of visit: Visit to Bahrain Air Show and meeting with Foreign Minister. (Registered 01 December 2022)

Name of donor: Skigruppe der Bundesversammlung

Address of donor: private

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Ski pass, value £142

Destination of visit: Davos, Switzerland

Dates of visit: 3-8 January 2023

Purpose of visit: British-Swiss Parliamentary Ski Week. (Registered 30 January 2023)

Name of donor: HM Government of Gibraltar

Address of donor: Gibraltar House, 150 Strand, London WC2R 1JA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1,001), accommodation (£800) and general hospitality (£200), total value £2,001

Destination of visit: Gibraltar

Dates of visit: 7-11 September 2023

Purpose of visit: To attend meetings and Gibraltar National Day events. (Registered 13 September 2023)

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)

Royston Smith MP

Smith, Royston (Southampton, Itchen)

1. Employment and earnings

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

27 October 2022, payment of £75 for a survey. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 22 November 2022)

22 November 2022, payment of £50 for a survey. Hours: 10 mins. (Registered 22 November 2022)

30 November 2022, payment of £100 for a survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 20 December 2022)

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

27 October 2022, payment of £100 for October MP survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 22 November 2022)

22 November 2022, payment of £100 for November MP survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 22 November 2022)

15 December 2022, payment of £100 for a survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 20 December 2022)

Payments from Yonder Consulting, Northburgh House, 10 Northburgh Street, London, EC1V 0AT for completing opinion surveys. All fees donated to local charities: (Registered 10 October 2022)

30 November 2022, payment of £75 for a survey. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 20 December 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: Carlton Club Political Committee

Address of donor: The Carlton Club, 69 St James's Street, London SW1A 1PJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 02 May 2023)

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 Southampton v Queens Park Rangers, total value £600
Date received: 26 August 2023
Date accepted: 26 August 2023
Donor status: company, registration 01519689
(Registered 02 October 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in London
Address of donor: 6 Upper Phillimore Gardens, London W8 7HA
Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£708), accommodation, meals and transport (£500), total value £1,208
Destination of visit: Jordan
Dates of visit: 23-26 October 2023
Purpose of visit: MP delegation visit to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for meetings with the Jordanian Government, parliamentarians and armed forces.
(Registered 20 November 2023)

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)

From 7 August 2020, a trustee of the National Spitfire Project, a charity raising funds to erect a monument to celebrate the designer, manufacturers and pilots of the Supermarine Spitfire in Southampton. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 01 March 2023)

Graham Stringer MP

Stringer, Graham (Blackley and Broughton)

1. Employment and earnings

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

25 November 2022, received £100. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 14 December 2022)

2 December 2022, received £75. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 14 December 2022)

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

8 December 2022, received £75. Hours: 25 mins. (Registered 14 December 2022)

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

12 January 2023, received £225. Hours: 65 mins. (Registered 01 February 2023)

8. Miscellaneous

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

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.