

CHA3101 – Anonymous written evidence

What is your main country of residence?

United Kingdom.

If other, please specify the country (or state if you prefer not to specify).

Were you born on the Chagos islands?

No.

What is your link to the Chagos islands?

Chagossian descendant

Have you engaged with the UK Government on the Agreement with Mauritius?

No.

Under the Agreement, Mauritius can allow Chagossians to live again on the outer islands (but not Diego Garcia). How confident are you that Mauritius will support Chagossians to resettle on the outer islands?

Not confident.

How likely are you to take up this opportunity yourself?

Very likely.

What would affect your decision?

How important is it that people of Chagossian descent are given greater opportunity to work on the military base on Diego Garcia?

Very important.

How likely are you to apply to work on the military base on Diego Garcia if employment was made more accessible for Chagossians?

Very likely.

You can explain your earlier answers on resettlement and employment opportunities here if you wish.

The Agreement says that Mauritius will set up a Trust Fund with £40 million from the UK to help Chagossians. How confident are you that Chagossians will benefit from this?

Not confident.

How do you think the money from the trust fund should be used to best support the Chagossian community? For example, what should the priorities be?

I do not approve of this deal.

What oversight mechanisms or management arrangements would give you confidence that the Trust Fund is being properly managed?

In addition to the Trust Fund, the UK will also give Mauritius £45 million every year for 25 years for projects to help all Mauritians. What projects should it prioritise?

You can explain your earlier answers on financial support for Chagossians here if you wish.

The Agreement says that the UK will assist Mauritius in the establishment and management of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) around the islands. Is the establishment of a new Marine Protected Area important to you?

Yes.

Who should play a role in managing the Marine Protected Area around the Chagos islands?

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How can conservation efforts protect nature and still keep Chagossian fishing traditions alive?

You can explain your earlier answers on environmental protections and fishing rights here if you wish.

Please tell us if there is anything else you would like to raise.

