

At dissolution of Parliament (11 April 2005), before the General Election, every All Party Group was disbanded. These groups had until 14 July 2005 to re-register, shortly after this date the lists were updated with the new APPG's

Some groups have been registered, these entries are indicated with an asterisk (*) before the group name. All other entries have not yet re-registered and so information present may not be accurate.

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ALL-PARTY GROUPS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS: SUBJECT GROUPS

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Introduction

All-party groups are unofficial, and have a membership of backbench Members of the House of Commons, or of both Houses. They are classified either as **subject groups** (relating to a particular topic eg. forestry) or **country groups** (relating to a particular country or region). The groups tend on the whole to cover subjects which are not generally contentious in party terms. These groups flourish and wane according to the interests and enthusiasm of Members and with the topicality of various subjects. They reflect the interests of the day and therefore may change frequently. Over the years since 1945, it has been argued, less and less influence has been exerted by backbench Members in the formulation of government policy, and there has been insufficient consultation between backbenchers and Ministers. All-party groups can sometimes serve as a counterbalance to this. They have a liaison function and can, when necessary, exert pressure on a Minister to modify policy or influence legislation and further action in particular areas. They thus play a part in the flexible pattern of consultation that Governments nowadays employ in order to sound out views both inside and outside Parliament.

To sum up, all-party groups may draw attention to certain aspects of public affairs, may assist in keeping the Government informed of parliamentary opinion, and may act as pressure-groups to promote some particular cause. And as Peter Richards said (in *The Backbenchers*; Faber & Faber, 1974) ... *Non party activity is important, for it ensures that parliamentary life is not wholly dominated by party feeling. It helps Members to appreciate the qualities of their political opponents, and to establish yet more firmly an underlying consensus about the value of parliamentary institutions.*

Status of Groups

The Register of All-Party Groups exists as a result of a Resolution made by the House on 17 December 1985 which stated that:

"Commons officers in All-Party Groups, Parliamentary Groups, and Groups whose membership is open to Members of either House of more than one party, be required to register the names of the Officers of the Group, and the source and extent of any benefits financial or in kind from outside sources which they may enjoy, together with any other

relevant gainful occupation of any staff which they may have. Where a public relations agency provides the assistance, the ultimate client should be named".

In 1995, the Administration Committee conducted an inquiry into All-Party Groups; the report was published in session 1995/96 (HC 494) and provides useful background to how groups were set up and organised. The Approved List of All-Party Parliamentary Groups and Associate Parliamentary Groups, which is distinct from the Register, exist as a result of a Resolution made by the House on 31 October 1984. It is a means of regulating the use made by groups of the House's facilities and status. A group cannot be approved without first being registered. Groups may choose whether or not they wish to apply for inclusion on the Approved List but only groups which are on the List may enjoy the following privileges:

- use of the words *All-Party*, *Associate*, and *Parliamentary* in the group's title
- use of the All-Party Notices to advertise all meetings
- priority when booking rooms in the Palace of Westminster over groups which are not on the Approved List

For groups on the Approved List, where only Members of the House of Commons or Lords have voting rights, the group must include the words *All-Party Parliamentary Group* (shown in the text as APPG) in its title; otherwise it must include the words *Associate Parliamentary Group* (shown in the text as APG). Groups which are registered but not approved must omit the words *All-Party*, *Parliamentary* and *Associate* from their title (shown as neither an APPG nor APG in the text).

Before it can be included on the Approved List a group must give a written undertaking to comply at all times with the rules listed in the Declaration below.

DECLARATION

1. The group's membership is open to all Members of the House of Commons and Lords and its aims and constitution are parliamentary in character.
2. The group's membership will at all times include at least ten Members from the Government party, together with ten from the other parties (of which at least six must be from the main Opposition party); those numbers may include Members of the House of Lords.
3. The group will keep a record of every meeting so that, if challenged, it can demonstrate that: (1) present at every group meeting are one officer and two other members (each of those three must be a Member of either the Commons or Lords); and (2) the group meets at least twice per calendar year (the AGM may count as one meeting; the second meeting must take place on a day other than that on which the AGM is held).
4. The group will hold an AGM to elect its officers, who are all Members of either House, every 12 months from the date of its last registered AGM. This, and any other election of officers, must be announced in advance on the All-Party Notices. The group will register the result of any AGM by checking the group's Register entry, writing on it any additions or deletions required, and returning the entry to the Assistant Registrar. Where the only amendment required is to register the date of the AGM, the group will nevertheless sign and return the entry as proof that it is otherwise correct.
5. The group will notify the Assistant Registrar of any change (i.e. deletion or addition) required to its Register entry within 28 days of such a change occurring.
6. Members of either House may attend, speak and vote at any meeting (including the AGM) of any group that does not charge Members a subscription. Where Members are charged a subscription, Members of either House may attend and speak at any meeting (including

- the AGM) but voting rights may be restricted to paid-up members of the group. The subscription charged to Members of either House must not exceed £5 per year.
7. The group will observe the rules on booking rooms, and will maintain and guarantee the parliamentary nature of the occasion by ensuring the participation of Members of either House in any activity taking place within the precincts.
 8. The group will observe the rules on the use of original House stationery (including post-paid envelopes), especially if this is to be used to correspond with persons other than Members of either House.
 9. With the exception of those groups which receive funding from Her Majesty's Government, all groups cease to exist two calendar months after the first meeting of a new Parliament following a General Election unless they re-register within that two month period.

Administration of the Approved List and the Register

Both the Approved List and the Register are compiled and maintained by the Assistant Registrar (020 7219 0401) on behalf of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. The Approved List is regulated by the Administration Committee and the Register is regulated by the Committee on Standards and Privileges.

Publication of Register and Information Lists

A copy of the most recent edition of the Register of All-Party Groups is available: for public inspection in the Committee Office of the House of Commons (call 020-7219 4300 to make an appointment); for Members to inspect in the Oriel Room at the House of Commons; and on the internet at www.parliament.uk (select 'Index' on the home page, then the letter 'R', then 'Register of All-Party Groups').

Information Lists published by the House of Commons Information Office on both country and subject groups can be found by looking under 'All-Party Country Groups Lists' and 'All-Party Groups Subject Lists' respectively in the index on Parliament's home page.

ABBREVIATIONS

Captain	-	Cap.
Chairman/Chairwoman	-	Ch.
Co-Chairman/Chairwoman	-	Co-Ch.
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association	-	CPA
Conservative Party	-	Con
Convenor	-	Conv
Crossbench	-	CB
Deputy Chairman	-	DCh.
Executive	-	Exec.
Honorary Administrative Secretary	-	Hon.Admin.Sec.
Inter-Parliamentary Union	-	IPU
Joint	-	J
Labour Party	-	Lab
Liberal Democrats	-	LD
Member of European Parliament	-	MEP
Officers	-	Offs.
Parliamentary	-	Parly.
Plaid Cymru	-	PC
President	-	Pres.
Approved All-Party Parliamentary Group	-	APPG
Approved Associate Parliamentary Group	-	APG
Scottish National Party	-	SNP
Secretary	-	Sec.
Treasurer	-	Tre.
Ulster Unionist Party	-	UUP
Vice Chairman/woman	-	VCh.
Vice Convenor	-	VCon.
Vice President	-	VPres.
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ALL-PARTY SUBJECT GROUPS

Note: Groups are requested to inform the Assistant Registrar (020 7219 0401) whenever a change in the Group occurs.

* ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To question and debate the procedures and processes used by the authorities which lead to the arrest of individuals in connection with abuse cases.

Ch. Claire Curtis-Thomas MP (Lab); **VCh. & Tre.** Earl Howe (Con); **DCh.** Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Sec.** Baroness Howe of Idlicote (CB); **Contact:** Ms Claire Curtis-Thomas MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4193

* ADOPTION AND FOSTERING (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote interest in and discussion about all matters relating to adoption and fostering, including legislation, research and issues raised by members of the public and professionals in the field.

JCh. Dari Taylor MP (Lab); **VCh.** Julian Brazier MP (Con); **Sec.** Baroness Gibson of Market Rasen (Lab); **Tre.** Earl Howe (Con); **Contact:** Mr Julian Brazier MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5178.

ADVENTURE AND RECREATION IN SOCIETY (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To identify barriers to healthy adventure and recreation and campaign for legal and other means to tackle them, and to promote wider recognition of the contribution of adventure and healthy risk-taking in society.

CoCh. Julian Brazier MP (Con), Derek Wyatt MP (Lab), Lembit Opik MP (LD); **Sec.** Earl of Erroll (CB); **Tre.** Lord Rea (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Ian Lewis, 10 St Peter Street, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6NU, Tel: 07802 423502

* ADVERTISING (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To encourage debate and understanding of key issues relating to the advertising industry

Ch. Austin Mitchell MP (Lab); **VCh.** Graham Brady MP (Con), Nigel Evans MP (Con), Maria Miller MP (Con) **Sec.** Lord McNally (LD) **Contact:** Mr Austin Mitchell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4559

* AEROSPACE (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion between Members of both Houses of Parliament and those involved in aerospace activities

Ch. David S. Borrow MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lembit Opik MP (LD), Gerald Howarth MP (Con); **Sec.** Mark Tami MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Mark Tami MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8174

* AGEING AND OLDER PEOPLE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To focus on current political and legislative issues before parliament which affect older people.

Co-Ch. Edward O'Hara MP (Lab), Nigel Waterson MP (Con); Paul Burstow MP (LD); **VCh.** Nick Gibb MP (Con); Lord Lane of Horsell (Con); Baroness Barker (LD); Lord Rix (CB); Baroness Greengross (CB); **Sec.** Linda Gilroy MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Edward O'Hara MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5232

* AIDS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness in parliament, and to act as a bridge with the HIV sector

Ch. Neil Gerrard MP (Lab); **VCh.**, David Borrow MP (Lab); Francis Maude MP (Con); Lord Fowler of Sutton Coldfield (Con); Baroness Masham of Ilton (CB); Dr Evan Harris MP (LD); Sandra Gidley (LD); **Tre:** Laura Moffatt MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Neil Gerrard MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4529.

AIRPORT FOR THE SOUTH EAST (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To explore the case for a new airport in south east England.

Ch. Francis Maude MP (Con); **VCh.** John McDonnell MP (Lab); Dr Vincent Cable MP (LD); **Sec.** Mark Prisk MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Mark Prisk MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8246

ALCOHOL MISUSE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote discussion of alcohol related issues and to raise issues of concern, and recommendations, with Government and other policy makers

Ch. Ross Cranston MP (Lab); **VCh.** Mrs Marion Roe MP (Con); Viscount Falkland MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Josh Bayly, Campaigns and Parliamentary Officer, Alcohol Concern, Waterbridge House, 32-36 Loman Street, London SE1 0EE. Tel: 020 7928 7377

ALTERNATIVE AND COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To facilitate among politicians the exchange of information on alternative and complementary medicine; to stimulate well-informed debate and to contribute to the development of knowledge and policies on the subject

Co-Pres. Lord Colwyn (Con), Alan Simpson MP (Lab); **Co-Ch.** Earl Baldwin of Bewdley (CB), Jean Corston MP (Lab); **Tre.** David Tredinnick MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr David Tredinnick MP, 2 The Abbey Garden, Great College Street, London SW1P 3SE. Tel: 020 7219 4474

*** ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To increase the awareness of the UK Parliament of the aluminium industry; to visit plants in the UK and debate issues where legislation affects the aluminium industry.

Ch. Helen Southworth MP (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Gardner of Parkes (Con), Alan Beith MP (LD); **Sec.** Lord Davies of Coity (Lab); **Tre.** Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Contact:** Ms Helen Southworth MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2190

*** ANIMAL WELFARE (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote and further the cause of animal welfare by all means available to the parliaments at Westminster and in Europe.

Ch. Eric Martlew MP (Lab); **VCh.** Dr Nick Palmer MP (Lab) **Sec.** Norman Baker MP (LD), Baroness Gale (Lab), Lord Soulsby of Swaffham Prior (Con); **Tre.** Tim Loughton MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Eric Martlew MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4114

*** ANTISEMITISM, PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AGAINST (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To combat antisemitism and to help to develop and seek implementation of effective public policy to combat antisemitism.

Pres; Lord Hunt of Wirral (Con), Lord Merlyn-Rees (Lab) **Ch.** John Mann MP (Lab); **VCh.** Ian Austin MP (Lab); James Clappison MP (Con), **Sec.** Lady Hermon (UUP) **Tre.** Andrew Dismore MP (Lab) **Contact:** Mr John Mann MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3000

*** ARCHAEOLOGY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To further an understanding of archaeology and to promote archaeology and archaeological education.

Ch. Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn (Con), **Sec.** Lord Redesdale (LD), **Tre.** Tim Loughton MP (Con)
Contact: Lord Redesdale, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW. Tel. 020 7219 4342

*** ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To inform parliamentarians about issues affecting architecture and planning; to raise the profile of architecture and planning within Parliament; and to develop better links between architects, planners and parliamentarians.

Co-Ch. Lord Foster of Thames Bank (CB); Lord Rogers of Riverside (Lab); Lord Howarth of Newport (Lab) Mr John Gummer MP **VCh.** Lord King of Bridgwater (Con); David Wright MP (Lab); Richard Younger-Ross (LD) **Sec.** Christine Russell MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Palmer (CB) **Contact:** Christine Russell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6398

*** AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a parliamentary forum for the consideration of policy and practice affecting Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the promotion and management of these invaluable parts of our countryside heritage in order to protect the environment, landscape and the economic and social wellbeing of local communities.

Ch. Martin Caton MP (Lab), **VCh.** Cheryl Gillan MP (Con), Hywel Williams MP (PC); **Sec.** Gwyn Prosser MP (Lab); **Tre.** Baroness Miller of Clithorne Domer (LD); **Contact:** Mr Martin Caton MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 5111

*** ARMY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the interests of the army within parliament, and to keep parliamentarians informed about developments in the army.

Ch. James Gray MP (Con); **VCh.** Claire Curtis-Thomas MP (Lab); Bob Russell MP (LD); Lord Astor of Hever (Con); **Sec.** Lord Truscott (Lab); **Tre.** Frank Cook MP(Lab); **Contact:** Mr James Gray MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6237

*** ARTS AND HERITAGE GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To foster interest in the arts and heritage at Westminster.

Ch. Sir Patrick Cormack MP (Con); **VCh.** Alan Beith MP (LD); **Sec.** Lord Crathorne (Con); **Tre.** Baroness Noakes (Con); **Contact:** Lord Crathorne, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW. Tel.020 7219 5224

*** ASTHMA (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness in parliament of asthma and to work towards a better deal for people with asthma.

Ch. Dr Howard Stoaite MP (Lab); **VCh.** David Amess (Con); **Contact:** Dr Howard Stoaite, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4571

*** ASTRONOMY AND SPACE ENVIRONMENT (PASEG) (AGGP)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion to further parliamentary interest in astronomy and space environment affecting terrestrial life and its climate; and to increase awareness of all implications of present and future space technologies connected with exploring and understanding the cosmos.

Ch. Lord Tanlaw (CB); **JVCh.** Viscount Simon (Lab), Lembit Opik MP (LD), David Heathcoat-Amory MP (Con); **Contact:** Professor David Heathcote- Armory MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA Tel. 020 7219 3543.

ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness and improve understanding of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), in order to improve the support and services available to patients and their families.

Ch. Kerry Pollard MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Astor of Hever (Con), Nigel Jones MP (LD); **Contact:** Ms Tamora Langley, Weber Shandwick, 14 Greys Inn Road, London, WC1X 8WS, Tel: 020 7067 0339

*** AUTISM (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of issues affecting people with autism spectrum disorders, their families and carers; to raise parliamentary awareness of autism; to campaign for changes to government policy to benefit people with autism and improve the diagnosis of, and support for, people with autism spectrum disorders.

Ch. Liz Blackman MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Clement-Jones (LD); Tim Loughton MP (Con); **Sec.** Lord Astor of Hever (Con); **Tre.** Paul Holmes MP (LD); **Contact:** Ms Liz Blackman MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2397

*** AVIATION GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To arrange meetings and briefings on aviation issues with airlines, airports, Civil Aviation Authority, trade unions and other relevant organisations and individuals.

Ch. David Marshall MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Alan Keen MP (Lab), Anne McIntosh MP (Con); **Sec.** David Wilshire MP (Con); Lord Clinton-Davis (Lab) **Contact:** Mr David Marshall MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5134 or home (0141 778 8125)

BACK CARE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness amongst parliamentarians of back pain and muscular-skeletal conditions; to provide a forum for the exchange of information and briefing from professionals in the field; and to raise awareness amongst policy makers and practitioners.

Ch. Paul Burstow MP (LD); **VCh.** Janet Dean MP (Lab); **Sec.** Christopher Chope MP (Con); **Tre.** Rev Martin Smyth MP (UUP); **Contact:** Ms Pamela Dow, AS Biss & Co, 100 Rochester Row, London SW1P 1JP. Tel: 020 7312 6706.

*** BAHA'IS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To take appropriate action, through the good offices of Parliament, in defence of Baha'is who are persecuted on grounds of their faith throughout the world, and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas central to Baha'i principles that are of relevance to Members of Parliament (e.g. human rights policy, social cohesion).

Ch. Lembit Opik MP (LD), Ian Stewart MP (Lab); **VCh.** Cheryl Gillian MP (Con); Lord Avebury (LD); **Sec.** David Lepper MP (Lab), **Tre.** Peter Luff MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Lembit Opik MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 1144

*** BAR (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote parliamentary understanding of legal and home affairs issues

Ch. Lord Brennan (Lab); **VCh.** Edward Garnier MP (Con), Dominic Grieve MP (Con) **Sec.** Kieth Vaz MP (Con); **Tre.** Lord Goodhart (LD); **Contact:** Mr Edward Garnier MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6524

*** BBC (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To encourage debate and discussion within and outside Parliament about the future of public service broadcasting, with special emphasis on the BBC.

Ch. John Grogan MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lembit Opik MP (LD); David Ruffley MP (Con); Lord Gordon of Strathblane (Lab); **Sec.** Anne Begg MP (Lab); **Tre.** Shailesh Vara MP (Con); **Contact:** Miss Anne Begg MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2140.

*** BEEF AND LAMB (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for parliamentarians to consider the concerns and needs of those working in the English beef and lamb industries and to assist in the formation of appropriate policies which support and enhance the working of these sectors.

Ch. Peter Atkinson MP (Con); **VCh.** Colin Breed MP (LD), Paddy Tipping MP (Lab) **Sec.** Baroness Gibson of Market Rasen (Lab); **Tre.** Janet Dean MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Peter Atkinson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4013

*** BEER GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the wholesomeness and enjoyment of beer and the unique role of the pub in UK society; to increase understanding of the social, cultural and historic role of brewing and pubs in the UK, and their value to tourism; to broaden recognition of the contribution of brewing and pubs to employment and to the UK economy; to promote understanding of the social responsibility exercised by the brewing and pub industries; to support the UK's brewing industry worldwide, and to promote a positive future for beer and the pub

Ch. John Grogan MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Nigel Evans MP (Con); Ann Keen MP (Lab); Nick Harvey MP (LD); **JTre.** Laurence Robertson MP (Con); Bill Oiner MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John Grogan MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4403

BETTING AND GAMING (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To consider the effects of the Budd proposals regarding betting and gaming legislation.

Ch. George Howarth MP (Lab), Baroness Golding (Lab); **VCh.** James Paice MP (Con), Lord Lipsey (Lab); **Sec.** Lord Donoughue (Lab); **Tre.** Viscount Falkland (LD); **Contact:** Mr George Howarth MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6902

BOARDING SCHOOLS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose:

Ch. Norman Lamb MP (LD); **Sec.** Richard Bacon MP (Con)

Contact: Mr Norman Lamb MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel: 020 7219 8480

BOXING (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote boxing interests such as the health and safety of amateur and professional participants; to meet and hold discussions with the Boxing Board of Control, promoters and boxers

Ch. James Wray MP (Lab); **VCh.** Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC, MP (Con), Ian Stewart MP (Lab); **Sec.** David Heathcoat-Amory MP (Con); **Tre.** Ronnie Campbell MP (Lab) **Contact:** Mr James Wray MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4606

BRAIN INJURY (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise the profile of acquired brain injury and to lobby for improvements in support and services for people affected by acquired brain injury.

Ch. Bob Russell MP (LD); **VCh.** David Cairns MP (Lab); **Sec.** John Hayes MP (Con); **Contact:** Ms Philippa Denning, UK Acquired Brain Injury Forum, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, West Hill, Putney, London SW15 3SW. Tel: 020 8780 4500 (ext 5140).

*** BRAIN TUMOURS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the issues facing the brain tumour community and to increase funding to improve education, information, specialisation, support, research, diagnosis and treatment.

Ch. John Bercow MP (Con); **VCh.** Betty Williams MP (Lab); Dr Evan Harris (LD) **Contact:** John Bercow MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3462.

*** BREAST CANCER (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for MPs and Peers to discuss breast cancer related issues and to raise particular issues of concern with government or other policy makers.

JCh. Annette Brooke MP (LD); Angela Watkinson MP (Con); Ann Cryer MP (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Morgan of Drefelin (Lab); Baroness Morris of Bolton (Con); **Sec.** Ann Keen MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Ann Keen MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2512

*** BRITISH COUNCIL (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To inform parliamentarians of the work and interests of the British Council and to act as a forum for the exchange of views in the field of public diplomacy and the promotion of the UK.

Ch. Derek Wyatt MP (Lab); **VCh.** Nigel Evans (Con), Roger Williams MP (LD), Baroness D'Souza (CB); **Sec.** Vera Baird MP (Lab); **Tre.** Nia Griffith MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Derek Wyatt MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5238

BRITISH MUSEUM (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To inform parliamentarians of the work and interests of the British Museum and strengthen the parliamentary link with that institution, which was founded by an Act of Parliament.

Ch. David Heathcoat-Amory; **VCh.** Lord Smith of Finsbury (Lab); Dr Phyllis Starkey (Lab); **Sec.** Edward Miliband MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Powell of Bayswater (CB); **Contact:** David Heathcoat-Amory MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3543.

*** BUILDING SOCIETIES AND FINANCIAL MUTUALS GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To discuss and support building societies and financial mutuals.

Ch. Adrian Bailey MP (Lab) **VCh.** John Butterfill MP (Con); Sir Nicholas Winterton MP (Con); Baroness Maddock (LD); Lord Naseby (Con); **Sec.** Sarah McCarthy-Fry MP (Lab); **Tre.** Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Adrian Bailey MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6060

*** BUILT ENVIRONMENT GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To hear expert speakers on matters concerning the built environment and discuss issues arising

JCh. Bill Oler MP (Lab); Alistair Burt MP (Con); **VCh.** Lord Davies of Coity (Lab); **Sec.** Lord Chidgey (LD); **Tre.** Lord Gregson (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bill Oler MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4154

BUSINESS SERVICES (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a parliamentary forum where issues of relevance and importance to the business services sector can be addressed.

Ch. Fabian Hamilton MP (Lab); **Tre.** Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Contact:** Ms Val Hiscock, Business Services Association, Warnford Court, 29 Throgmorton Street, London EC2N 2AT. Tel: 020 7786 6302

*** CABLE, SATELLITE AND DIGITAL GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum where issues concerning public policy in cable, satellite and digital television may be discussed in order to advance the knowledge of Members of both Houses of Parliament

Ch. Bill Olnier MP (Lab); **VCh.** John Austin MP (Lab); Michael Fabricant MP (Con); **Sec.** Bob Spink MP (Con), **Tre.** Jim Dobbin MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bob Spink MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8468

*** ILLEGAL CAMPING AND TRAVELLER MANAGEMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To improve the management of illegal camping and anti-social behaviour by travellers.

JCh. Graham Allen MP (Lab); Sir Paul Beresford MP (Con); **Sec.** Crispin Blunt MP (Con); **Tre.** Michael Gove (Con)

Contact: Sir Paul Beresford MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5018

CANCER (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To keep cancer on the political agenda, monitor implementation of government initiatives, provide regular briefings to parliamentarians, and ensure policy-making is evidence-based and patient-centred.

Ch. Dr Ian Gibson MP (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Morgan of Drefelin (Lab), Sandra Gidley MP (LD), Dr Richard Taylor (Ind); John Baron MP (Con); **Contact:** Dr Ian Gibson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 1100.

*** FRIENDS OF CAFOD (CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT) (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To increase awareness among Members of both Houses about the work of CAFOD, and to support the work of CAFOD.

Ch John Battle MP (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Williams of Crosby MP (LD); Edward Leigh MP (Con); **Sec.** Helen Jones MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Alton of Liverpool (CB); **Contact:** Ms Helen Jones MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4048

CARAVANNING (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote the subject of caravanning and related issues in parliament

Ch Eric Illsley MP (Lab); **VCh** Bill O'Brien MP (Lab); **Sec.** David Amess MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Eric Illsley MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3501

*** CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the issue of sudden cardiac death in the young.

Ch. Kevan Jones MP (Lab); **VCh.** Tim Loughton MP (Con); Mark Oaten MP (LD); **Sec.** Dari Taylor MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Howe of Aberavon (Con); **Contact:** Ms Dari Taylor MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4608

*** CARERS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To ensure the equality of opportunity for carers in the UK by liaising with carers organisations, lobbying Government and promoting legislation on their behalf; to promote awareness amongst members for both Houses of the needs of carers and former carers; to liaise with members of the devolved administrations within the UK in order to share best practice; and to link with appropriate bodies including carers organisations, on an international basis.

Ch. Hywel Francis MP (Lab); **VCh.** Hywel Williams MP (PC); Baroness Pikeathly (Lab); Lord Pendry (LD); Angela Browning MP (Con) **Sec.** Paul Burstow MP (LD); **Tre.** Tom Clarke MP (Lab); **Contact:** Dr Hywel Francis MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8121

FRIENDS OF CARITAS ASSOCIATE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

Statement of Purpose: To provide a parliamentary forum for MPs and Peers to discuss social policy issues of interest to the catholic voluntary sector and church and to increase awareness and support for the work of Caritas, which is the social justice agency of the catholic church in England and Wales.

Ch. Andy King MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Northbourne (CB); Claire Curtis-Thomas MP (Lab); **Sec.** Mark Hoban MP (Con); **Contact;** Ms Philomena Cullen, Caritas-Social Action, 39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BX. Tel: 020 7901 4875

CAST METAL (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To research and develop policies which will promote a thriving cast metal industry in the UK.

Ch. John Battle MP (Lab); **VCh.** Tony Baldry MP (Con); **Sec.** Adrian Bailey MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Adrian Bailey MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6060.

CHARITABLE GIVING (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To work to promote a stronger culture of charitable giving in the UK through highlighting the benefits of tax-effective giving.

Ch. Sue Doughty MP (LD); **VCh.** Paul Goggins MP (Lab); Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Contact:** Peter Gilheany, The Giving Campaign, 6th Floor, Haymarket House, 1a Oxenden Street, London SW1Y 4EE. Tel: 020 7930 2636.

*** CHARITIES AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To discuss issues affecting charities and the voluntary sector and to conduct reviews of specific policy areas that impact on the sector.

Ch. Tom Levitt MP (Lab); **VCh.** Adrian Sanders MP (LD); David Drew MP (Lab); Derek Conway MP (Con); Baroness Pitkeathley (Lab); **JSec.** Baroness Morgan of Drefelin (Lab), Lord Rix (CB); **JTre.** Robert Walter MP (Con); Bob Russell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Tom Levitt MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3000

CHEESE (APPG)

Ch. Dan Rogerson MP (LD); **VCh.** Hywel Williams PC; Russell Brown MP (Lab) **Sec.** Jeremy Corbyn MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Dan Rogerson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 0120 7219 4707

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To enable Members of each House to consider current issues topical to both Parliament and the chemical industry, with the benefit of input from the industry

Ch. Dr Brian Iddon MP (Lab); **VCh.** Richard Page MP (Con); Dr Ashok Kumar MP (Lab); **Sec.** Michael Connarty MP (Lab); **Tre.** Dari Taylor MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Berenice Seel, Government Relations Assistant, Chemical Industries Association, Kings Buildings, Smith Square, London SW1P 3JJ. Tel: 020 7963 6787

*** CHILD ABDUCTION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To advise, plan and implement policies which will more effectively prevent children from being abducted from the UK and which will promote the return of children who have already been abducted

CoCh. Bill Olnier MP (Lab); Rt Hon Sir John Stanley MP (Con), **VCh.** Jimmy Hood MP (Lab); **Sec.** Dari Taylor MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bill Olnier MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4154

*** CHILDCARE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness and promote the importance of high quality, affordable childcare and early years provision in the UK.

Ch. Joan Humble MP (Lab); **VCh.** Julie Kirkbride MP (Con), Paul Keetch MP (LD); **Contact:** Ms Joan Humble MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5025

CHILD MIGRANTS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote the interests of former child migrants sent to a number of countries in the Commonwealth.

Ch. Vernon Coaker MP (Lab); **VCh.** Henry Bellingham MP (Con); Candy Atherton MP (Lab); **Sec.** Jonathan Shaw MP (Lab); **Tre.** Malcolm Savidge MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Jonathan Shaw MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6919

*** CHILDREN (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise greater awareness in the Houses of Parliament of aspects of the well-being of the nation's children aged 0-18 years, and our obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and to work with children, young people, children's organisations, and politicians from all sides to promote first class government policy for children.

Ch. Baroness Massey of Darwen (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness David (Lab), Baroness Walmsley (LD), Annette Brooke MP (LD), Tim Loughton MP (Con); **Sec.** Baroness Howarth of Breckland (CB); **Tre.** Earl of Listowel (CB); **Contact:** Baroness Massey of Darwen, House of Lords, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8653

***CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To work with children, young people, children's organisations, and politicians from all sides to promote first class government policy for children.

Ch. David Kidney MP (Lab); **VCh.** Earl of Listowel (CB) ; **Contact:** David Kidney MP, House of Commons, Rm 316 Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 6472

*** CHILDREN IN WALES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To discuss any issues relating to the welfare of children in Wales and to promote the welfare of Welsh children in Wales.

Ch. Julie Morgan MP (Lab); **VCh.** Hywel Williams MP (PC), Roger Williams MP (LD), Lord Roberts of Conwy (Con); **Sec.** Dr Hywel Francis MP (Lab); **Tre.** Betty Williams MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Julie Morgan MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel. 020 7219 6960.

*** CHINESE IN BRITAIN (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the interests of the Chinese community in Britain within Parliament.

Ch. Andrew Dismore MP (Lab); **VCh.** Keith Vaz MP (Lab); Lord Chan (CB); Lord Beaumont of Whitley (Other); **Sec.** Mark Field MP (Con); **Tre.** Mark Lancaster MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Andrew Dismore MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4408

***CHOCOLATE AND CONFECTIONERY INDUSTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To consider the issues of concern to the chocolate and confectionery industry and to raise awareness of these matters in Parliament.

Ch. Bill Wiggin MP (Con); **VCh.** Michael Fabricant MP (Con); Doug Henderson MP (Lab); **Sec.** Baroness Golding (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Faulkner of Worcester (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bill Wiggin MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 0207 219 8175

*** CHOIR (APPG) (THE PARLIAMENT CHOIR)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote choral singing; to perform choral works to a high standard; and to promote and support young musicians.

Ch. Baroness Walmsley (LD); **VCh.** Cheryl Gillan MP (Con); Dari Taylor MP (Lab); Baroness Cohen of Pimlico (Lab); **Contact:** Baroness Cohen of Pimlico, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 0461

*** CHRISTIANS IN PARLIAMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide an opportunity for Christians of all denominations to come together at the Palace of Westminster for fellowship, worship, prayer and discussion.

Ch. Alistair Burt MP (Con); **VCh.** Jeffrey Donaldson MP (DUP), Lord Elton (Con), Andy Reed MP (Lab); **Sec.** David Drew MP (Lab); **Tre.** Steve Webb MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Alistair Burt MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8132

*** CIVIL CONTINGENCY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness in parliament of the need to prepare for civil contingencies.

JCh. Fabian Hamilton MP (Lab), Patrick Mercer MP (Con); **VCh.** Lord Chidgey (LD), Lord Condon (CB); **Contact:** Mr Fabian Hamilton MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3493

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise and discuss matters of social concern to Christian and Jewish communities. The aims of the Council of Christians and Jews nationwide involve bringing Christians and Jews together to combat racism and anti-semitism and to promote social justice and harmony through education and reconciliation.

Ch. Sir Sydney Chapman MP (Con); **VCh.** Baroness Richardson of Calow (CB); **Sec.** Kerry Pollard MP (Lab); **Tre.** Dr Evan Harris MP (LD); **Contact:** Sir Sydney Chapman MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4542

*** CIDER GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the cause of cider as a drink; to raise its profile and to inform and educate people about its role and importance, especially in rural areas.

Ch. Bill Wiggin MP (Con); **Sec.** Brian Jenkins (Lab); **Tre.** Richard Younger-Ross MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Bill Wiggin MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8175.

*** CLASSICS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To support and promote the study and teaching of classical languages, literature, art and history.

Ch. Michael Fallon MP (Con) **VCh.** Lord Faulkner of Worcester MP (Lab); Jenny Willott MP (Lab); Edward O'Hara MP (Lab) **Tre.** Tim Loughton MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Michael Fallon MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6482

*** CLEANING AND HYGIENE INDUSTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To act as a forum for an exchange of views between parliamentarians and the Cleaning Products Industry Association and its members, so that MPs and peers are informed about the environmental and educational initiatives undertaken by the industry and about its general interests and needs.

Ch. Ben Chapman MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Peter Atkinson MP (Con); Edward Davey MP (LD); **Sec./Tre.** David Crausby MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Ben Chapman MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel. 020 7219 1143

*** CLIMATE CHANGE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the threat of climate change and to promote policies which counter that threat.

Ch. Colin Challen MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Beaumont of Whitley (Green), Lord Redesdale (LD); **Sec.** Dr Desmond Turner MP (Lab); **Tre.** Peter Ainsworth MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Colin Challen MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8260

CLOTHING, TEXTILES AND FOOTWEAR (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote (in Parliament and more generally) the interests of the UK clothing, textiles and footwear industry, its customers and those who work in it; to work with recognised industry groups; and to press for policies of benefit to the industry.

Ch. Judy Mallaber MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sir Nicholas Winterton MP (Con); Andy Reed MP (Lab); Rev. Martin Smyth MP (UUP); **Sec.** Kali Mountford MP (Lab); **Tre.** Michael Moore MP (LD); **Contact:** Ms Judy Mallaber MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3428

*** COALFIELD COMMUNITIES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote awareness amongst MPs of issues facing former coalfield communities; to ensure a fair deal for UK mined coal; to support regeneration of coalfield areas and former coalfield areas; and to raise the profile of environmental issues affecting former coalfield areas.

Ch. Michael Clapham MP (Lab); **VCh.** Alan Beith MP (LD); David Hamilton MP (Lab); Ann Clwyd MP (Lab); Bill Cash MP (Con); **JSec.** John Grogan MP (Lab); Jon Trickett MP (Lab); **Tre.** Denis Murphy MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Michael Clapham MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2907

COELIAC DISEASE AND DERMATITIS HERPETIFORMIS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of coeliac disease and dermatitis herpetiformis and lobby for improvements in Government policy in this area.

Ch: Kevan Jones MP (Lab), **VCh:** Time Boswell MP (Con), Lord Jones of Cheltenham (LD), Lord Bilston (Lab), **Sec:** Gordon Banks MP (Lab). **Contact:** Mr Gordon Banks MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8275.

COMMERCIAL RADIO (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To seek a better understanding between broadcasters and parliamentarians about the vital role that commercial radio plays in our communities and our economy.

Ch. Derek Wyatt MP (Lab); **VCh.** Michael Fabricant MP (Con); Don Foster MP (LD) Anne Begg MP (Lab); **Sec.** Lord Gordon of Strathblane (Lab) **Tre.** Lord Simth of Finsbury (Lab); **Contact:** Derek Wyatt MP, House of Commons Information, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5807

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness among British parliamentarians of methods and best practice to improve to improve the stability of families and communities; to establish and maintain contacts between British and other European parliamentarians; to address the aim of family and community stability within European states, including the former Yugoslavia; and to evaluate evidence from methods and good practice, including that from smaller projects, from voluntary, private, and other non-governmental institutions, and from partnerships between public and private sectors

Ch. Earl of Dundee (Con); **VCh.** Mike Hancock MP (LD) Lord Taylor of Blackburn (Lab), Lord Biffen (Con); **Sec.** Baroness Cox (Other); **Contact:** Earl of Dundee, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 6781

*** COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the virtues of existing forms of first tier local authorities and stimulate debate on suitable alternative models of community governance.

Ch. David Curry MP (Con); **VCh.** Nick Raynesford MP (Lab); **Sec.** David Drew MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr David Drew MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6479.

COMMUNITY MEDIA (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To support the growth and development of community media (including community radio, community television, and community internet) and to promote understanding of the contribution which community media can make to social inclusion, neighbourhood renewal, citizens' participation, local democracy and lifelong learning.

Ch. Ian Stewart MP (Lab); **VCh.** Tony Lloyd MP (Lab), Ian Liddell-Grainger MP (Con); **Sec.** Derek Wyatt MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Ian Stewart MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 6175

*** COMMUNITY AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To discuss issues affecting charities and the voluntary sector and to conduct reviews of specific policy areas that impact on the sector.

Ch. Tom Levitt MP (Lab); **VCh.** Adrian Sanders MP (LD); David Drew MP (Lab); Derek Conway MP (Con); Baroness Pitkeathley (Lab); **Sec.** Baroness Morgan of Drefelin (Lab), Lord Rix (CB); **JTre.** Robert Walter MP (Con); Bob Russell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Tom Levitt MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3000

*** COMPASSION IN DYING (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote awareness of the need for further options for terminally ill mentally competent adults at the end of their life and to secure greater choice within an appropriate legal framework for such people.

Ch. Joan Ruddock MP (Lab); **VCh.** Crispin Blunt MP (Con); **Tre.** Lord Joffe (CB) **Sec.** Dr Jenny Tonge MP (LD); **Contact:** Ms Joan Ruddock MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3000.

*** CONNECTING COMMUNITIES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To encourage twinning arrangements between schools, community groups, local authorities, faith groups and others with counterpart communities and groups in developing countries.

Ch. Kevin Barron MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sandra Gidley MP (LD); **Sec.** Tony Baldry MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Kevin Barron MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6306/4432

CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for the discussion and promotion of policies affecting wildlife and the natural environment.

Ch. Angela C. Smith MP (Lab); **VCh.** David Kidney MP (Lab); Roger Williams MP (LD); Peter Bottomley MP (Con); Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville (Con); **Sec.** Mark Pritchard MP (Con); **Contact:** Angela C. Smith MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6713

*** CONSTITUTION AND CITIZENSHIP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum in which parliamentarians and other interested parties can discuss aspects of political reform and citizenship.

Ch. Dr Tony Wright MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Tyler (LD), Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab); Andrew Tyrie MP (Con); **Sec.** David Kidney MP (Lab); **Contact:** Dr Tony Wright MP, Room 53 Portcullis House, House of Commons, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 5029

*** CONSTRUCTION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To forge better understanding of the construction industry and its role in delivering the parliamentary agenda.

Ch. John Spellar MP (Lab), **JVCh.** Ian Davidson MP (Lab); Tony Baldry MP (Con); **Sec.** Bill Oiner MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bill Oiner MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4154

*** CONSTRUCTION SKILLS AND TRAINING (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote understanding amongst parliamentarians and others of the quality standards and safety culture demanded by a 21st century construction industry which seeks to support a world class economy; and to investigate and promote how the supply of education and training can be made accessible to, and better understood by, construction employers and employees.

Ch. Claire Curtis-Thomas MP (Lab), **VCh.** Richard Younger-Ross MP (LD), **Sec.** Nick Raynsford MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Claire Curtis-Thomas MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4193

*** CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND TRADING STANDARDS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the delivery of high quality trading standards; to promote the Charter of Consumer Rights (UN and EU); and to consider consumer legislation.

Ch. Austin Mitchell (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Borrie (Lab); Norman Baker MP (LD); Baroness Wilcox (Con); **Sec.** Michael Jabez Foster MP (Lab); **Contact:** Michael Jabez Foster, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 1600

*** CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To influence and develop understanding of corporate governance through the provision* of a culture based on responsible leadership and investment, thus enabling corporates and their shareholders to enhance prosperity for the benefit of stakeholders, economies and society.

Patron: Baroness Wilcox (Con); **President:** Lord Gordon of Strahblane (Lab); **Ch.** Francis Maude MP (Con); **JDepCh.** Lord Harrison (Lab), Lord Tope (LD); **Sec.** David Drew MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Wade of Chorlton (Con); **Contact:** Mr David Drew MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 6479

*** CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote debate and understanding of corporate social responsibility.

Ch./Tre. Baroness Greengross (CB); **VCh.** David Drew MP (Lab); Michael Moore MP (LD); Ian Taylor MP (Con); Lord Holme of Cheltenham (LD); Lord Sheppard of Didgemere (Con); Baroness Gibson of Market Rasen (Lab); **Sec.** Martin Horwood MP (LD); **Contact:** Baroness Greengross, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 5494

*** COUNCIL HOUSING**

Ch. Austin Mitchell MP (Lab); **VCh.** Paul Holmes MP (LD); **Sec.** Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Austin Mitchell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4559

LORDS AND COMMONS CRICKET CLUB (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a parliamentary cricket team and to support cricket related events in Parliament.

VPres. Lord King of Bridgwater (Con);Graham Allen MP (Lab); **Sec.** Alan Keen MP (Lab); Henry Bellingham MP (Con); **Tre.** Crispin Blunt (Con); **Contact:** Mr Henry Bellingham MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 07860 441378

*** CRICKET GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To support and promote the development of cricket at all levels.

Ch. Lord Hoyle of Warrington (Lab); **VCh.** Mrs Cheryl Gillan MP (Con); Andrew Miller MP (Lab); **Sec.** Sir Alan Haselhurst MP (Con); **Tre.** Colin Breed MP (LD); **Contact:** Sir Alan Haselhurst MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5214

*** CROSSRAIL (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the successful completion of the crossrail project and other related matters.

Ch. Mike Gapes MP (Lab); **VCh.** Simon Hughes MP (LD); Lord Brougham and Vaux (Con); **Sec.** John Austin MP (Lab); **Tre.** Eric Pickles MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Mike Gapes MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6485

CYCLING GROUP (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote the use of bicycles as a mode of transport and to raise the profile and status of cycling both inside and outside the House.

Ch. Emily Thornberry MP (Lab); **VCh.** Andrew Stunell MP (LD), Andrew Robathan MP (Con), Gwyn Prosser MP (Lab); **Sec.** Lord Berkeley (Lab); **Tre:** Viscount Craigavon (CB);**Patron:** Sir George Young MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Oliver Hatch, 31 Arodene Road, London, SW2 2BQ Tel. 020 8671 7561

*** DEAFNESS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the interests of deaf people; to raise issues of public concern; to encourage debate and to act as a focus for deaf issues.

Ch. Malcolm Bruce MP (LD); **VCh.** Tom Levitt MP (Lab), Tom Loughton MP (Con), James Gray MP (Con), Baroness Wilkins (Lab); **Pres.** Lord Ashley of Stoke (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Malcolm Bruce MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6233

*** DEBT, AID AND TRADE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To examine issues of international debt, aid and trade and to raise the profile of such issues in the UK Parliament and facilitate international links and co-operation.

Ch. Ann McKeichin MP (Lab); **VCh.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con), Stephen O'Brien MP (Con); Baroness Nothover (LD), Mark Lazarowicz MP (Lab), David Drew MP (Lab), John Battle MP (Lab); **Sec.** Andy Reed MP (Lab), **Tre.** Vernon Coaker MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Ann McKeichin MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8239

DEBT AND PERSONAL FINANCE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for MPs and peers to discuss debt and personal finance issues; to monitor legislative developments in this area; and to provide an opportunity for liaison between Members and consumer organisations with an interest in these issues.

Ch. Mark Lazarowicz MP (Lab); **VCh.** Dr Vincent Cable MP (LD); **Sec.** David Drew MP (Lab); **Tre.** Andrew Tyrie MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Mark Lazarowicz MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8199

DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the health risks of deep vein thrombosis for travellers and to promote education and research with a view to reducing those risks.

Ch. John Smith MP (Lab); **VCh.** Cheryl Gillan MP (Con); Bob Spink MP (Con); **Sec.** David Kidney MP (Lab); **Tre.** Baroness O’Cathain (Con); **Contact:** Mr David Kidney MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6472.

DEPRESSION (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of depression as a national issue; to provide a forum in which to debate important issues concerning depression, seeking comment from experts and publishing reports to facilitate more public discussion.

Ch. Laura Moffatt MP (Lab); **VCh.** Boris Johnson MP (Con); **Contact:** Ms Charlotte Priestley, 11 Hillside Road, Tylers Green, Buckinghamshire, HP10 8JJ, Tel: 01494 817124

*** DESIGN AND INNOVATION (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To generate an exchange of knowledge and understanding between parliament and industry about the role of design and innovation in improving competitiveness and quality of life.

Co-Ch. Claire Curtis-Thomas MP (Lab), John Greenway MP (Con); **VCh.** Derek Wyatt MP (Lab); Richard Younger-Ross MP (LD); **Sec.** Barry Sheerman MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Newby MP (LD); **Contact:** Barry Sheerman MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5037

*** DIABETES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To study the condition of diabetes and its clinical and legal complexities

Ch. Adrian Sanders MP (LD); **JVCh.** Anne McIntosh MP (Con); Cheryl Gillan MP (Con); Philip Dunne MP (Con) **Sec.** Helen Southworth MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Adrian Sanders MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2390

DIGNITY AT WORK (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To increase awareness of and tackle bullying at work.

Ch. Baroness Gibson of Market Rasen (Lab); **VCh.** David Amess MP (Con); Lady Hermon MP (UUP); **Sec.** Valerie Davey MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mrs Valerie Davey MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3576.

*** DISABILITY GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To work on an all-party basis within Parliament for the interests of all disabled people, their families and friends.

Ch. Lord Ashley of Stoke (Lab), John Hayes MP (Con); **VCh.** Baroness Wilkins (Lab), Paul Burstow MP (LD); **Sec.** Roger Berry MP (Lab); **Contact:** Lord Ashley of Stoke, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 01372 723784

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To work towards the elimination of domestic violence, to highlight issues arising, and to contribute to the development of policies.

Ch. Vera Baird MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sandra Gidley MP (LD); Sally Keeble MP (Lab); Baroness Uddin (Lab); **Sec.** Kali Mountford MP (Lab); **Tre.** Vacant; **Contact:** Ms Vera Baird MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3863

*** DRUGS MISUSE GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To educate members of both Houses of Parliament and stimulate debate on issues surrounding drugs misuse.

Ch. Dr Brian Iddon MP (Lab); **VCh.** Paul Flynn MP (Lab), Laura Moffatt MP (Lab), Lord Mancroft (Con); Dr Evan Harris MP (LD); Nigel Evans MP (Con); **Sec.** Baroness Masham of Ilton (CB); **Tre.** Lord Rea (Lab); **Contact:** Dr Brian Iddon MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2096

*** DYING WELL (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To work for the resources, information and levels of care which are necessary for everyone in this country to have a comfortable natural death, and which enable the process of dying to be undertaken with the dignity and respect that each individual deserves.

Ch. Frank Field (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Finlay of Llandaff (CB); Jim Dobbin MP (Lab); **Sec.** Baroness Cumberledge (Con); **Tre.** Lord McColl of Dulwich (Con); **Contact:** Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 6693.

*** EARTH SCIENCES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To acquaint, educate and inform Members of Parliament on matters relating to the earth sciences
Ch. Kevin Barron MP (Lab); **VCh.** Duke of Montrose (Con), Martin Caton (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Oxburgh (CB); **Contact:** Mr Kevin Barron MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel: 020 7219 2147

E-DEMOCRACY (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote e-democracy
Ch. Brian White MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sir George Young MP (Con); Parmjit Dhanda MP (Lab); **Sec.** Richard Allan (LD); **Tre.** Tom Watson MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Barry Griffiths, Hansard Society, LSE, 9 Kingsway, London WC2B 6XF. Tel: 020 7395 4000. Email: edemocracy@lse.ac.uk

EDUCATION, PLURALISM IN (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum to debate the principles of pluralism in education and the advantages of a schools' framework that supports a diversity of approach.
Ch. Kerry Pollard MP (Lab); **VCh.** Phil Willis MP (LD); **Sec.** Nick Palmer (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Sylvie Sklan, Laburnum House, Little Birch, Hereford HR2 8AT. Tel: 01981 540239

*** ELECTORAL REFORM (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To foster discussion on, and promote the cause of, electoral reform so that election results broadly reflect the votes cast during elections of the United Kingdom.
Ch. Richard Burden MP (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Maddock (LD); Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Lab); Austin Mitchell MP (Lab); Lord Blaker (Con); **Sec.** Hugh Bayley MP (Lab); **Tre.** Andrew Stunell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Richard Burden MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2318

ENDANGERED SPECIES (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote discussion on trade in endangered species; campaigning and advising on international agreements on the above.
Ch. John Mann MP (Lab); **Sec.** Bill Wiggin MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr John Mann MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel. 020 7219 8130.

ENDOMETRIOSIS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote better healthcare; to raise awareness; to brief parliamentarians; to lobby ministers and government departments; and to improve the lives of sufferers.
Ch. Anne Begg MP (Lab); **VCh.** Annette Brooke MP (LD); Charles Hendry MP (Con); **Sec.** John McDonnell MP (Lab); **Tre.** Jim Dobbin MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John McDonnell MP, Constituency Office, Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 3NB. Tel. 020 8569 0010

*** ENERGY STUDIES (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To discuss energy and environmental policy outside the timescales of general elections,
Ch. Paddy Tipping MP (Lab); **VCh.** Robert Key MP (Con); Lord Skelmersdale (Con); Andrew Stunell MP (LD); Dr Ashok Kumar MP (Lab); Lord Whitty (Lab); Lord O'Neill of Clackmannan (Lab); **Sec.** Michael Clapham MP (Lab), Sir Michael Spicer MP (Con); **Tre.** Lord Fraser of Carmyllie (Con), Ian Stewart MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Michael Clapham MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2907

ENGINEERING GROUP (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote positively a clear understanding of the contribution of engineering to national prosperity in the context of the world economy.
Ch. Bill Olnor MP (Lab); **JVCh.** David Crausby MP (Lab), Lord Methuen (LD), Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Sec.** Brian Cotter MP (LD); **Tre.** Lord Haskel (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Mark Ramsdale, Associate Parliamentary Engineering Group, 29 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 3LW. Tel: 020 7227 0500

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for debating issues affecting the English language teaching business in the UK.
Ch. David Lepper MP (Lab), **VCh.** Baroness Anelay of St.Johns (Con), Adrian Sanders MP (LD), Lord Quirk (CB), **Sec.** Lawrie Quinn MP (Lab), **Tre:** Nia Griffith MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr David Lepper MP (Lab), Constituency Office; John Saunders House, 179 Preston Road, Brighton, BN1 6NG. Tel: 01273 551 532.

*** ENTREPRENEURSHIP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To encourage entrepreneurs and listen to their concerns and to ensure that parliament is kept up to date on what is needed to create the most favourable possible conditions for entrepreneurship.
Ch: Lord Powell of Bayswater (CB); **VCh.** Lord Ahmed (Lab); Earl of Erroll (CB), **Sec.** Stephen Hammond MP (Con); **Tre.** Mark Prisk MP (Con); **Contact:** Lord Ahmed, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 1396

***ENVIRONMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of environmental issues in both Houses; to hold meetings and produce briefing newsletters to that end.
Ch. Norman Baker MP (LD); **VCh.** Joan Walley MP (Lab); David Chaytor MP (Lab); John Horam MP (Con), Baroness Young of Old Scone (Lab), Gregory Barker MP (Con), Nick Hurd MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Norman Baker MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2864

EPILEPSY (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To spread awareness of the nature of epilepsy amongst parliamentarians and to raise the political profile of epilepsy and related problems.

Ch. Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Lab); **JVCh.** Cheryl Gillan MP (Con); Norman Lamb MP (LD); Lord Smith of Leigh (Lab); **Sec.** David Cameron MP (Con); **Tre.** John Battle MP (Lab); **Contact:** Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Lab), House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 3138.

*** EQUALITIES (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the need for measures to provide parity of protection from discrimination and promote equality and dignity for all, and to highlight the common interests of different groups facing inequality and strengthen relationship between them.

Ch. Vera Baird MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Lester of Herne Hill (LD), Eleanor Laing MP (Con), Joan Ruddock MP (Lab); **Sec.** Dr Evan Harris MP (LD); **Tre.** Baroness Greengross (CB); **Contact:** Vera Baird MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3863

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EUROPE, NEW (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote Britain's simultaneous membership of the European Union and non-membership of the Euro.

Ch. Frank Field MP (Lab); **VCh.** John Burnett MP (LD); Lord Prior (Con); **Sec.** Ian Davidson MP (Lab)
Contact: Mr Ian Davidson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel. 020 7219 3610

EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2008 (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide Members with a forum to debate issues around the European Capital of Culture 2008 and to support cultural and sporting events in Liverpool.

Ch: Chris Howarth MP (Lab) **VCh:** Louise Ellman MP (Lab) Lord Hunt of Wirral (Con) Dr John Pugh MP (LD) **Contact:** Chris Howarth MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA **Tel:** 020 7219 1348

*** EUROPEAN SECURE VEHICLE ALLIANCE (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To reduce vehicle related crime, fraud and disorder.

Ch. Lord Brougham and Vaux (Con); **VCh.** Paul Goodman MP (Con), Stephen McCabe MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Steve McCabe MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel. 020 7219 3509

*** EUROPEAN UNION ENLARGEMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To liaise with the countries requesting European Union status.

Ch: Lord Dubs (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Howell of Guildford (Con), David Curry MP (Con); **Sec.** Lord Woolmer of Leeds (Lab), Gordon Marsden MP (Lab); **Tre.** Mark Oaten MP (LD); **Contact:** Lord Dubs, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 3590

*** EXPORT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To hear expert speakers on export issues and discuss matters arising.

JCh: Ken Purchase MP (Lab), Nigel Evans MP (Con); **VCh** Lord Tomlinson (Lab); Lord Haskel (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Ken Purchase MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3000

*** EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To act as a forum for discussion and analysis of Extraordinary Rendition and related issues.

Ch: Andrew Tyrie MP (Con), **VCh:** Chris Mullin MP (Lab), Sir Menzies Campbell MP (LD) **Tre:** Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts, **Contact:** Andrew Tyrie MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, **Tel:** 020 7219 6371.

*** EYE HEALTH AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To inform and educate parliamentarians about the importance of high quality eye care for the prevention of eye disease and blindness and for the eye health of the nation; and to promote better understanding of visual impairment and greater social inclusion.

Ch: Jonathan Shaw MP (Lab); **VCh:** Baroness Knight of Collingtree (Con); David Health MP (LD); **Sec:** David Amess MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Jonathan Shaw MP, Constituency Office, 411 High Street Chatham, Kent, ME4 4NM. Tel: 01634 811573

*** FAIRS AND SHOWGROUNDS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To liaise with officers and members of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain and to monitor the development and demonstration of equipment and safety techniques.

Co-Ch. David Wilshire MP (Con), Lindsay Hoyle MP (Lab); **VCh.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con), Bill Oiner MP (Lab); **Sec.** Dr Brian Iddon MP (Lab); **Tre:** David Crausby MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Lindsay Hoyle MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3515

FIBROMYALGIA (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the condition amongst opinion formers and decision makers at Westminster and the wider community.

Ch: Rob Wilson MP (Con), **VCh.** Dr Nick Palmer MP (Lab) **Sec.** Ian Austin MP (Lab), **Tre.** Philip Davies MP (Con),
Contact: Mr Rob Wilson MP (Con), House of Commons, Room 411 NSN, London, SW1A 2TT. Tel: 020 7219 2498

*** FILM INDUSTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To enhance understanding of and promote the British film industry and film culture in the UK.

Ch. Kevin Barron MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Michael Fabricant MP (Con); Lord Faulkner of Worcester (Lab); **Sec.** Eric Pickles MP (Con); **Tre.** Lord Corbett of Castle Vale (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Kevin Barron MP, 3.2 Speaker's House, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6306

***FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To create a forum to promote more ethical banking.

Ch. Lord Ahmed (Lab), **VCh.** Alan Keen MP (Lab), **Sec.** Jim Knight MP (Lab), **Tre.** Dr Vincent Cable MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Alan Keen MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2819

*** WHOLESALE FINANCIAL MARKETS AND SERVICES (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a medium through which MPs and peers with a financial services interest may be briefed on matters affecting the UK's financial services industry.

Ch. Tim Loughton MP (Con); **VCh.** Baroness Cohen of Pimlico (Lab); **Sec.** David Ruffley MP (Con); **Tre.** Lord McNally (LD); **Contact:** Mr Tim Loughton MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4012

*** FIRE SAFETY AND RESCUE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To meet and discuss topical fire safety issues with appropriate specialists in this field

JCh. Michael Clapham MP (Lab); David Amess MP (Con); **VCh.** Lord Brookman (Lab); **Sec.** Bob Russell MP (LD); **Tre.** Lord Evans of Parkside (Lab), **Contact:** Mr Michael Clapham MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 0477

FIREWORKS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To debate the issues surrounding the use of fireworks.

Ch. Shona McIsaac MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sir Teddy Taylor MP (Con); Annette Brooke MP (LD); Linda Gilroy MP (Lab); **Sec.** Christine Russell MP (Lab); **Tre.** Barry Gardiner MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Christine Russell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6398

*** FISHERIES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote and discuss the UK fishing industry at Parliament.

Ch. Austin Mitchell MP (Lab), **VCh.** Anthony Steen MP (Con), Andrew George MP (LD), Angus MacNeil MP (SNP), Baroness Wilcox (Con) **Sec.** Frank Doran MP (Lab), **Tre.** Sir Robert Smith MP (LD), **Contact.** Frank Doran MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3481

FLOOD PREVENTION (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for parliamentarians and other interested parties to discuss issues relating to flooding and flood prevention.

Ch. Michael John Foster MP (Lab); **VCh.** Andrew Lansley MP (Con); Dr Richard Taylor MP (Ind); Norman Baker MP (LD), **Sec.** John Grogan MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John Grogan MP (Lab), House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.. Tel: 020 7219 4403.

FLUORIDATION, AGAINST (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To prevent further fluoridation of public and private water supply and to seek to eliminate all artificially fluoridated water.

Ch. Brian Donohoe MP (Lab); **VCh.** Earl Baldwin of Bewdley (CB); Graham Brady MP (Con); **Sec.** David Drew MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr David Drew, House of Commons, London Sw1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6479.

*** FOOD AND HEALTH FORUM (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a non-party independent forum for the exchange of views and information on food policy; and to provide an environment for well-informed debate and the option of contributing to the development of policies and information on food, diet and health

Ch. Lord Rea (Lab); **VCh.** Dr Ian Gibson MP (Lab) **Sec.** The Earl Baldwin of Bewdley (CB); **Tre.** Baroness Gibson of Market Rasen (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Helen Donoghue, Central Lobby Consultants, 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ. Tel: 020 7222 1265.

*** FOOTBALL CLUB (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To play matches against the parliaments of other countries, clubs and organisations and to raise money for associated good causes.

Ch. Clive Betts MP (Lab); **VCh.** Alan Keen MP (Lab); **Sec.** Stephen Hepburn MP (Lab); **Tre.** Tony Wright MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Clive Betts MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3588

*** FOOTBALL GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To protect and nurture football from grassroots to Premier Leagues.

Ch. Alan Keen MP (Lab); **VCh.** Joan Walley MP (Lab), John Greenway MP (Con); Bob Russell MP (LD); Lord Faulkner of Worcester (Lab); **Sec.** Christine Russell MP (Lab); **Tre.** Clive Betts MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Alan Keen MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2819

*** FORESTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: The group addresses all aspects of forestry, from forest production to end use; pulp and paper making; wood and timber products.

Ch. Paddy Tipping MP (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Taylor of Bolton (Lab); **Sec.** Peter Atkinson MP (Con); **Tre.** Baroness Sharples (Con); **Contact:** Mr Paddy Tipping MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 0115 964 0314

*** FOYERS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote information about and understanding of the Foyer network and the young people they work with, among parliamentarians; and to raise in parliament issues of concern to Foyers and young people.

Ch David Lepper MP (Lab); **VCh** Sir George Young MP (Con), Baroness Sharpe of Guilford (LD); **Tre.** Linda Gilroy MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr David Lepper MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4421

*** FRAME (FUND FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ANIMALS IN MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS) GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To support the work of FRAME, focusing on the three R's (reduction, refinement, replacement) concept; and to encourage the government to promote the use of non-animal procedures both in the UK and elsewhere.

Ch. Vacant ; **VCh.** Sir John Butterfill MP (Con), Bill Etherington MP (Lab); **Sec.** Ed Balls MP (Lab); **Tre.** Norman Baker MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Ed Balls MP, Former Queen Street School, Normanton WF6 2DQ. Tel: 01924 898 158

FREE TRADE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote debate and understanding of the impact of free trade.

Ch. John Baron MP (Con); **VCh.** Hugh Bayley MP (Lab); **Sec.** Colin Challen MP (Lab); **Tre.** Robert Walter MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Colin Challen MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8260.

*** FRUIT INDUSTRY (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To cover issues relating to all fruit crops produced in the UK, categorised as follows: top fruit (apples and pears), stone fruit (cherries and plums) and soft fruit (strawberries, raspberries, currants); and to provide information and have frank and open discussions on fruit-related topics.

Ch. Lord Mayhew of Twysden (Con); **VCh.** Lord Mackie of Benshie (LD); **Sec.** Hugh Robertson MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Hugh Robertson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8230

*** FUNERALS AND BEREAVEMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion on funeral and bereavement issues.

Ch. Bill Oliner MP (Lab); **VCh.** Bob Spink MP (Con); Janet Dean MP (Lab); David Amess MP (Con); **Tre.** Jim Cunningham MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bill Oliner MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4154

FURTHER EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote and develop the interests of the further education, adult learning and skills sectors and to advise government ministers on matters of concern to these sectors.

JCh. Michael Foster MP (Lab); Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab); **VCh.** Gordon Marsden MP (Lab); Stephen Williams MP (LD); **Sec.** Khalid Mahmood MP (Lab); **Tre.** Angela C. Smith MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Michael Foster MP (Lab), House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6379.

FUTURE HOUSING AND PLANNING (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum to assist and inform Members of both Houses about the implications of housing developments for both urban and rural areas by providing Members with access to information and opportunities for informed debate.

JCh. David Drew MP (Lab); Mr Tim Yeo MP (Con) **Contact:** Mr David Drew MP, Constituency Office, 5a Lansdown Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire, G5 1BB, Tel: 01453 752 694.

*** FUTURE OF EUROPE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To increase awareness amongst MPs and young politicians of the changing political landscape of Europe, and to promote a shared understanding

Ch. Gordon Marsden MP (Lab); **VCh** Lord Tomlinson (Lab); Lord Biffen (Con); Lord Roper (LD); **Contact:** Mr Gordon Marsden MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 1262

*** GARDENING AND HORTICULTURE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote and facilitate the communication and understanding between representatives from the garden and horticulture industry and Members of Parliament.

Ch. David Marshall MP (Lab) **JVCh.** *Mr Christopher Fraser MP (Con), Bob Russell MP (LD); David Wilshire (Con); **Sec.** Brian Donohoe MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Brian Donohoe MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6230

***GAS SAFETY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion on issues affecting the gas installation industry and consumers, including security of installation and supply, skills shortages, fuel poverty, irresponsible landlords, and the effects of social exclusion.

Ch. Jon Trickett MP (Lab); **VCh.** Dr Bob Spink MP (Con), Maria Miller MP (Con); **Sec.** David Lepper MP (Lab); **Tre.** Bill O'Brien MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Jon Trickett, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel. 020 7219 5074.

GENOCIDE PREVENTION (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To ensure that the UK does all it can to prevent genocide and crimes against humanity, to increase the flow of independent information and analysis to UK parliamentarians in improving the effectiveness of their scrutiny of government; and to promote the understanding of the importance of long term approaches to genocide prevention.

Ch. Claire Short MP (Lab); **VCh.** John Bercow MP (Con); Lord Lester of Herne Hill (LD); **Contact:** John Bercow MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6458.

GIRLGUIDING UK (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for Members to discuss issues of interest and concern relating to guides and brownies throughout the country.

Ch. Christine McCafferty MP (Lab); **VCh.** Diana Organ MP (Lab); David Amess MP (Con); Sue Doughty MP (LD); **Sec.** Stephen Pound MP (Lab); **Tre.** Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Contact:** Paul Werb, Girlguiding UK, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT. Tel: 020 7834 6242

*** GLOBAL SECURITY AND NON-PROLIFERATION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To encourage discussion and debate, on the basis of expert information and opinion from across the political spectrum, on matters relating to global security and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction - whether nuclear, chemical or biological

Conv. Lord Garden (LD); **VCon.** David Davis MP (Con); Austin Mitchell MP (Lab); **Sec.** Mike Gapes MP (Lab); **Contact:** Lord Garden, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 2747

GLOBE UK (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: This group is the UK arm of the international organisation, Globe (Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment) which facilitates international dialogue on climate change for legislators from the G8 and +5 countries.

Ch. Malcolm Bruce MP (LD); **VCh.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con); Lord Hunt of Chesterton (Lab); Joan Ruddock MP (Lab); Nick Hurd MP (Con); Lord Oxburgh (CB); **Sec.** David Chaytor MP (Lab); **Tre.** Colin Challen MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Malcolm Bruce MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 3000.

GOLFING (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To arrange matches played by Members of the Commons and Lords against leading golf clubs.

JCap. Humfrey Malins MP (Con); John McFall MP (Lab); **VCap.** Lord Davies of Oldham (Lab); **Sec.** Andrew Tyrie MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr John McFall MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3521.

*** GRANDPARENTS AND EXTENDED KIN (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To celebrate grandparents and to raise grandparents' and extended kin issues within parliament and the government.

Ch. Baroness Greengross (CB); **VCh.** John Leech (LD); **Tre.** Tim Boswell (Con); **Sec:** Dr Hywell Francis (Lab); **Contact:** Baroness Greengross, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 5494

*** GREAT LAKES REGION AND GENOCIDE PREVENTION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To ensure the Great lakes region is on the UK political agenda and encourage discussion of regional issues; to promote and monitor peace and sustainable development in the region; and to co-ordinate parliamentary activity and lobby ministers.

Ch. Eric Joyce MP (Lab), **VCh.** Andrew Robathan MP (Con), Baroness Tonge (LD), Ann McKeichin MP (Lab), **Sec.** Paul Rowan MP (LD), Bishop of Winchester; **Tre.** Mary Creagh MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Eric Joyce, Room 513 Portcullis House, House of Commons, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 1165

***GREYHOUND (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To discuss issues relating to the greyhound industry.

Ch. Anthony Wright MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Evans of Parkside (Lab); **Sec.** Neil Gerrard MP (Lab); **Tre.** Baroness Golding (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Anthony Wright MP, House of Commons, Room 264-266 Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 3447.

GUN CRIME (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise parliamentary awareness of UK gun crime and related issues; to raise awareness of international trafficking and arms control; and to strengthen government policy on all these issues.

Ch: Diane Abbott (Lab); **VCh:** Baroness Anelay of St Johns (Con), Stephen McCabe (Lab), Simon Hughes (LD); **Sec.** Tony Lloyd (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Laurence Meehan, c/o Diane Abbott MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 5062

*** GYPSY AND TRAVELLER REFORM (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the needs of the gypsy and traveller community; to highlight disadvantages; to challenge discrimination and promote good community relations.

Ch. Julie Morgan MP (Lab); **VCh.** John Randall MP (Con), Nick Harvey MP (LD), Lord Dubs (Lab), Baroness Whitaker (Lab), Peter Bottomley MP (Con); **Sec.** Lord Avebury (LD); **Tre.** Alan Meale MP (Lab); **Contact:** Lord Avebury, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 3000

***HAEMOPHILIA (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote an awareness of, and to campaign for, people with haemophilia and people with haemophilia infected with Hepatitis C and HIV due to the use of contaminated blood products used in their NHS treatment.

Ch. Michael Connarty MP (Lab); **VCh.** Robert Syms MP (Con); **Sec.** Lynne Featherstone MP (LD); **Tre.** Paddy Tipping MP (Lab); **Hon.Pres.** Lord Morris of Manchester (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Hannah McConnell, Office of Michael Connarty MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2487

***PRIMARY HEADACHE DISORDERS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the interests of people who suffer primary headache disorders.

Ch. Stephen O'Brien MP (Con); **VCh.** Betty Williams MP (Lab); **Sec.** Janet Dean MP (Lab); **Tre.** Baroness Masham of Ilton; **Contact:** Stephen O'Brien MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6315.

*** PRISON HEALTH (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion and a platform for campaigning towards improvements in all aspects of health care in prisons.

Ch. Fabian Hamilton MP (Lab); **VCh.** Robert Walter MP (Con); **Sec.** Dari Taylor MP (Lab); **Tre.** Baroness Masham of Ilton (CB); **Contact:** Mr Fabian Hamilton MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3000

*** HEALTH (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide quality information to all parliamentarians on local and national health issues in order to generate greater awareness of, and participation in, the national healthcare debate.

Co-Ch. Baroness Cumberlege (Con); Dr Howard Stoate MP (Lab), Baroness Masham of Ilton (CB), Dr Richard Taylor MP (Ind), Anne Milton MP (Con), Sandra Gidley MP (LD); **Sec.** Patrick Hall MP (Lab); **Tre.** David Drew MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Patrick Hall MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3605

HEART DISEASE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To inform and educate parliamentarians about heart disease, the single most common cause of death in the UK, and to encourage and promote work undertaken to prevent heart disease and improve its diagnosis and treatment.

Ch. Chris Ruane MP (Lab); **VCh.** Andrew Lansley MP (Con), Dr Eavn Harris MP (LD), Lynda Waltho MP (Lab); **Sec.** Baroness Gardener of Parkes (Con) **Tre.** Lord Elder (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Ruairi O'Conner, British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 6DH. Tel: 020 7725 6378

*** HEPATOLOGY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote discussion of hepatology, including virtual hepatitis and related public health issues, and to raise matters of concern with, and make representations to, government and other policy makers.

Ch. David Amess MP (Con); **VCh.** Bob Laxton MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr David Amess MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel: 020 7219 6387

HILL FARMING

Statement of Purpose: To promote and protect hill farming interests and the communities that depend upon hill farming throughout the United Kingdom. To raise issues of concern with government ministers, European bodies and the relevant National Assemblies.

Ch. Tim Farron MP (LD); **VCh.** Anthony Steen MP (Con), Charlotte Atkins MP (Lab); **Tre.** Janet Dean MP (Lab); **Sec.** Mark Williams MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Tim Farron MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8498.

HISTORIC CHURCHES (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To ensure that parliament is kept informed of changes in the position of historic churches in the nation's heritage.

Ch. Frank Dobson MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sir Patrick Cormack MP (Con); **Sec.** Frank Field MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Frank Field MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5193.

*** HISTORICAL VEHICLES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To seek to encourage interest in, and the promotion and use of, vintage, historic and classic vehicles.

Ch. Greg Knight MP (Con); **VCh.** Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab); **Sec.** Stephen O'Brien MP (Con) **Tre.** Nigel Evans MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Greg Knight MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8417

*** HOCKEY**

Statement of Purpose: -To field a hockey team from the House of Commons and House of Lords.

Ch. Tim Loughton MP (Con); **VCh.** Andy Reed MP (Lab); **Sec.** Stephen Hammond (Con); **Tre.** Alan Duncan MP (Con);
Contact: Mr Tim Loughton MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 4012

***HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING NEED (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise the parliamentary profile of homelessness and housing need by providing Members with access to co-ordinated and specialist information and help formulate practical proposals towards a solution to the problem
JCh. David Curry MP (Con), Andrew Love MP (Lab); **VCh.** Peter Pike MP (Lab), Peter Bottomley MP (Con), Sarah Teather LD (Con); **Sec.** Baroness Maddock (LD); **Tre.** Baroness Thornton (Lab); **Contact:** Andrew Love MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6377

HORSE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote the welfare of horses (including all equines, horse riders and users) and matters affecting the horse industry.

Ch. Mr Laurence Robertson MP (Con) ; **VCh.** Ian Liddell-Grainger MP (Con), Roger Williams MP (LD); **JSec.** Mark Todd MP (Lab) **Contact:** Mr Mark Todd MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 3549

HOSPICE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To maintain and develop an interest in the hospice movement and generally in the care of those with terminal disease

Ch. Dame Marion Roe MP (Con); **VCh.** Fabian Hamilton MP (Lab), Sir Teddy Taylor MP (Con); **Sec.** Edward Davey MP (LD); Tony Colman MP (Lab) **Contact:** Dame Marion Roe MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3528

***HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To maintain and develop an hospice and palliative care, and generally in the case of those with life limiting and life threatening conditions.

Ch: Fabian Hamilton MP (Lab) **VCh:** Baroness Finlay of Llandaff (CB), Baroness Neuberger (LD), **Sec:** Tony Baldry MP (Con) **Contact:** Mr Fabian Hamilton MP, House of Commons, London, 020 7219 3493.

HOUSING AND PLANNING (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum to assist and inform Members of both Houses about the implications of housing developments for both urban and rural areas by providing Members with access to information and opportunities for informed debate.

JCh. David Drew MP (Lab); Tony Baldry MP (Con); **VCh./Sec.** Matthew Green MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Sam Redding, Campaigns and Information Officer, Campaign to Protect Rural England, 128 Southwark Street, London SE1 0SW. Tel: 020 7981 2800

*** HOUSING, CARE AND SUPPORT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To examine issues relating to housing, care and support for vulnerable people.

CoCh. Andrew Love MP (Lab), John Hayes MP (Con), Sandra Gidley MP (LD); **VCh.** Baroness Howarth of Breckland (CB); **Sec.** Lord Davies of Coity (Lab); **Contact.** Mr Andrew Love MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5497

*** HOUSING CO-OPERATIVES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote and support the development of housing co-operatives and community control of housing; to raise in Parliament, and with the central, local and regional government, matters of concern to housing co-operative; to encourage the establishment and maintenance of a positive financial, legal, administrative and regulatory framework within which housing co-operatives and other forms of community control of housing may flourish.

Ch. David Drew MP (Lab); **VCh.** David Curry MP (Con), Adrian Sanders MP (LD); **Sec.** David Lepper MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr David Drew MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6479

*** HUMAN RIGHTS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise the profile of international human rights issues within Parliament and to investigate and publicise human rights abuses occurring outside the UK.

Ch. Ann Clwyd MP (Lab); **VCh.** Jeremy Corbyn MP (Lab); Lord Avebury (LD), Robert Walter MP (Con); **Sec.** John Bercow MP (Con); **Tre.** Tom Brake MP (LD); **Contact:** Ms Ann Clwyd MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6609

*** HUMANIST**

Ch. Lord MacDonald of Tradeston (Lab); **VCh.** Dr Evan Harris MP (LD); Baroness Flather (Con); Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab); **Sec.** Michael Connarty MP (Lab) **Tre.** Lord McIntosh of Haringey (Lab) **Contact:** Michael Connarty, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel. 020 7219 5071.

*** IDENTITY FRAUD (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To monitor developments in identity fraud and efforts to curtail such criminal activities; to raise public and parliamentary awareness of the issue and provide a cross party voice within Parliament.

Ch: Nigel Evans MP (Con) **VCh:** Baroness Goudie (Lab), Robert Syms MP (Con), **Tre:** Gwyn Prosser MP (Lab), **Sec:** Mike Penning MP (Con) **Contact:** Mr Nigel Evans MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6939.

*** INFERTILITY (APPG)**

Statement of Policy: To raise awareness of infertility issues in parliament and the need for full implementation of the National Institute for Clinical Excellence's clinical guidelines on the assessment and treatment of fertility problems.

Ch: Dari Taylor MP (Lab); **VCh:** Andrew Lansley MP (Con); **Sec:** *Bob Russell (LD); **Tre:** *Lord Patel (CB); **Contact:** Ms Dari Taylor MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4608

*** INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (PITCOM) (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for parliamentarians and representatives of the information technology industries to discuss and promote the latest developments in UK and international technology

Ch. Andrew Miller MP (Lab); **VCh.** Margaret Moran MP (Lab); Ian Taylor MP (Con); **Sec.** Roger Gale MP (Con); **Tre.** Lord Harris of Haringey (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Roger Gale MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4087

*** INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To examine issues of interest to the insurance industry and financial services sector, especially where there are legislative implications

Ch. John Greenway MP (Con); **VCh.** Edward Leigh MP (Con), Baroness Turner of Camden (Lab); Dr Vincent Cable MP (LD); **Sec.** Jim Cousins MP (Lab), Sir John Butterfill MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr John Greenway MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5483

INTEGRATED AND COMPLEMENTARY HEALTHCARE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To facilitate among politicians the exchange of information on integrated and complementary healthcare; to stimulate well-informed debate and to contribute towards the development of knowledge and policies on the subject.

Co-Pres. Lord Colwyn (Con), Earl Baldwin of Bewdley (CB); **Co-Ch.** David Tredinnick MP (Con), Jean Corston MP (Lab); **Sec.** Alan Simpson MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr David Tredinnick MP, Room 5/19, Norman Shaw North, Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2HZ. Tel: 020 7219 4474

INTEGRATED EDUCATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To assist in the development and resourcing of Integrated Education in Northern Ireland by building support in parliament and more widely.

Ch. Lord Dubs (Lab); **VCh.** Sir Brian Mawhinney MP (Con), Lembit Opik MP (LD); **Sec.** Baroness Blood (CB), **Tre.** Lord Donoughue (Lab); **Contact:** Lord Dubs, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel. 020 7219 3590

***INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (APPG)**

Statement of Policy: To debate and highlight the value of intellectual property rights to the economy and the importance of intellectual property protection and enforcement.

Ch: Janet Anderson (Lab); **VCh:** John Whittingdale MP (Con), Lard McNally (LD); **Sec:** Chris Bryant MP (Lab); **Tre:** Jim Dowd MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mrs Janet Anderson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 0207219 2148.

INTELLIGENT ENERGY (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To develop amongst parliamentarians and key opinion formers a deeper understanding of the new energy efficiency technologies and processes through parliamentary activity, public information and broad political debate.

Ch. Colin Challon MP (Lab); **VCh.** John Horam MP (Con); **Sec.** David Chaytor MP (Lab); **Tre.** Mike Weir MP (SNP); **Contact:** Mr Colin Challon MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8260

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND CO-OPERATION (APPG):

Statement of Purpose: To engage in a variety of activities (honest and open dialogue, visits etc) that will help common understanding of religious diversity in Britain from an interfaith perspective and bring together parliamentarians with shared values for the common good of the country.

Ch. Lord Ahmed (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Stone of Blackheath (Lab); Bishop of Southwark; **Contact:** Lord Ahmed, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 1396

*** INTERNET GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a discussion forum between parliamentarians and new media industries for the mutual benefit of both parties; to consider policy issues relating to the use of the internet and make recommendations to government; and to provide expertise on internet issues to parliament.

Ch. Derek Wyatt MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Dr Nick Palmer MP (Lab); Charles Hendry MP (Con); **Sec.** Earl of Erroll (CB); **Tre.** Alan Reid MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Derek Wyatt MP, House of Commons, London Sw1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5238

*** IRISH IN BRITAIN (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To represent within Parliament the interests and concerns of the Irish community in Britain

Ch. John McDonnell MP (Lab); **VCh.** Stephen Pound MP (Lab); Simon Hughes MP (LD), Michael Mates MP (Con); **Sec.** Dr Rudi Vis MP (Lab) **Tre.** Lord Dubs (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John McDonnell, Constituency Office, Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 3NB. Tel: 020 8569 0010

*** FRIENDS OF ISLAM (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To enhance understanding between Members of Parliament and the Muslim community of Islam and to develop a better understanding of issues affecting Muslims in Britain amongst Members of Parliament.

Ch. Chris McCafferty MP (Lab); **VCh.** Khalid Mahmood MP (Lab); Gary Streeter MP (Con); Simon Hughes MP (LD); **Sec.** Stewart Jackson MP (Con); **Tre.** David Lepper MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Chris Tarlo MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5026.

*** JAZZ APPRECIATION GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the use and enjoyment of jazz as a music form.

JCh. Michael Connarty MP (Lab), Lord Colwyn (Con); **VCh.** Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab); **Sec.** Bob Blizzard MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Davies of Coity (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bob Blizzard MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3880

*** KIDNEY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To improve understanding in Parliament of kidney disease and transplant medicine and promote improvements in the health and care services that are available to improve the health of people with renal failure

Co-Ch. Dr Evan Harris MP (LD), Janet Dean MP (Lab), John Randall MP (Con); **VCh.** Lord Biffen (Con), Lord Davies of Coity (Lab); **JSec.** Linda Gilroy MP (Lab), Edward Vaizey MP (Con); **JTre.** Tim Boswell MP (Con), Lindsay Hoyle MP (Lab); **Contact:** Dr Evan Harris MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5128

*** LANDMINE ERADICATION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To monitor developments in the field of landmine eradication; to press for progressive clearance of such devices; and to explore means of providing for the surviving victims of their devastation.

Ch. Frank Cook MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Baroness Whitaker (Lab); Lord Elton (Con); Harry Cohen MP (Lab); **Sec.** Norman Lamb MP (LD); **Tre.** David Drew MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Frank Cook MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel. 020 7219 4527

***LEARNING DISABILITIES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote and discuss the issues that face people with a learning disability and also those of their carers.

Ch. Tom Clarke MP (Lab); Lord Rix (CB); **VCh.** David Cameron MP (Con); Joan Humble (MP) Lab; Mike Hancock MP (LD); **Sec.** Viscount Tenby (CB); **Tre.** Baroness Wilkins (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Tom Clarke MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel 020 7219 5007

***LEISURE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To inform Members of Parliament and peers on issues relevant to the leisure industry.

Ch. Clive Betts MP (Lab); **VCh.** Nigel Evans MP (Con); Colin Breed MP (LD); Andy Reed MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Clive Betts MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3588.

***LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To highlight the work and importance of libraries, both public and private

Ch. Lyn Browne MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Tope (LD); Peter Bottomley MP (Con); **Sec.** Christine Russell MP (Lab); **Tre.** Helen Southworth; **Contact:** Ms Lyn Browne MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel 020 7219 6999

LIGHTING (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To extend the Government's knowledge of the lighting industry and to promote better application of lighting technology.

JCh. Tony Baldry MP (Con); Joan Walley MP (Lab); **JSec.** Clive Efford MP (Lab); Edward Davey MP (LD); **Contact:** Mrs Joan Walley MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel- 020 7219 6985

*** LIMB LOSS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote within Parliament and Whitehall the provision of prosthetic and other rehabilitation services to all persons suffering limb loss in the UK and internationally.

Co-Ch. Roger Berry MP (Lab); Lord McColl of Dulwich **Sec.** Justine Greening MP (Con) **Contact.** Ms Justine Greening MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA Tel; 020 7219 8300.

*** LOCAL ENVIROMENT QUALITY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To discuss issues relating to local environmental quality; to raise these issues on the parliamentary agenda; and to provide a forum for an exchange of views between parliamentarians and those involved with local environmental quality issues.

Ch. Neil Turner MP (Lab); **VCh.** Christine Russell MP (Lab); Baroness Miller of Clithorne Domer (LD); **Sec.** Andrew Stunnell MP (LD); **Tre.** Paul Clark MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Neil Turner MP, House of Commons, London Sw1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6369

*** LOCAL GOVERNMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: discuss issues of interest and concern to parliamentarians with regard to local government.

Ch. Alison Seabeck MP (Lab); **VCh.** Eric Pickles MP (Con); Clive Betts MP (Lab); Paul Burstow (LD) **Sec.** Lord Hanningfield (Con); **Tre.** Neil Turner MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mrs Alison Seabeck MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote dialogue and mutual understanding between parliamentarians and elected members in local government on issues of common concern.

Ch. John Cummings MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sir Teddy Taylor MP (Con); **Sec.** Denis Murphy MP (Lab); **Tre.** Bob Russell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Grahame Morris, c/o Mr John Cummings MP, Constituency Office, Seaton Holme, Hall Walks, Easington Village, Peterlee, County Durham SR8 3BS. Tel: 0191 527 3773

***LOCAL HOSPITALS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To study medical provision and in particular the contribution that is made by local hospitals.

Ch. Peter Viggers MP (Con); **VCh.** Dr Richard Taylor MP (Ind); **Sec.** Andrew George MP (LD); **Tre.** Laura Moffitt MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Peter Viggers MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel. 020 7219 5081.

*** LUPUS (SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS) (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of Lupus (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus) in parliament.

Ch. Janet Dean MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Dr Evan Harris MP (LD), Robert Walter MP (Con); **Sec.** James Paice MP (Con); **Tre.** Lord Bilston (Lab); **Contact:** Mrs Janet Dean MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6320

***MALARIA (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness among Parliamentarians of malaria and to promote solutions.

Ch. Stephen O'Brien MP (Con) **VCh.** Dr Ian Gibson MP (Lab), Dr Evan Harris MP (LD); **Sec.** Eleanor Laing MP (Con); **Tre.** Dr Ashok Kumar MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Stephen O'Brien MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 6315

***MANAGEMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum to stimulate debate and the sharing of ideas between parliamentarians, business leaders and managers about the management and leadership challenges facing Britain.

Ch. Barry Sheerman MP (Lab), **VCh.** Lord Haskel (Lab), Dr Vincent Cable MP (LD), Charles Hendry MP (Con), Baroness Cumberlege MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Barry Sheerman MP, House of Commons, room 525 Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 5037.

*** MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUP (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness amongst parliamentarians of issues affecting British manufacturing.

Co-Ch. Barry Sheerman MP (Lab), Lord Paul (Lab); **VCh** Nigel Evans MP (Con); **Sec.** Mark Tami MP (Lab); **Tre.** Liz Blackman MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Barry Sheerman MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel. 020 7219 5037

MARITIME GROUP (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To remind parliamentarians, representatives of business, industrial, professional, academic and other bodies of the importance of the sea and maritime activities to this island nation and of providing a permanent exchange of views between Parliament and those engaged in the nation's maritime industries and related ventures.

Ch. Peter Bottomley MP (Con); **VCh.** Richard Ottaway MP (Con); Lord Greenway (CB); **Sec.** Stephen Hesford MP (Lab); Lord Geddes (Con); **Tre.** Tim Loughton MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Peter Bottomley MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 5060.

***MARKETS INDUSTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for traders and market operators in the public and private sector and to advise parliamentarians of the problems facing retail, wholesale and other markets.

Ch. Lord Bilston MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Wade of Chorlton (Con), Dr Brian Iddon MP (Lab); **Sec.** Lord Graham of Edmonton (Lab); **Contact:** Lord Graham of Edmonton, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 6704.

***MATERNITY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To improve the quality of maternity services and to raise awareness of the contribution maternity care can make to public health

Ch. Laura Moffatt MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Baroness Cumberlege (Con), Lord Patel of Blackburn (CB); **Sec.** Sandra Gidley MP (LD); **Tre.** Betty Williams MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Laura Moffatt MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3619

*** ME (MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS) (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of ME.

Ch. Dr Ian Gibson MP (Lab); **VCh.** Dr Richard Taylor (Ind) ; **Sec.** Ann Cryer MP (Lab); **Tre. Contact:** Dr Ian Gibson MP (Lab), House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 1100

*** MEDIA GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for the discussion of public policy on the media.

Ch. Austin Mitchell MP (Lab); **VCh.** Don Foster MP (LD); Derek Wyatt MP (Lab); Lord Lipsey (Lab); **Sec.** John Greenway MP (Con); Roger Gale MP (Con); **Tre.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Austin Mitchell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4559

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the benefits of medical technologies and highlight the problems of patient access to these technologies.

Ch. Dr Desmond Turner MP (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Finlay of Llandaff (CB); **Sec.** Dr Ian Gibson MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Ele Collington, Medical Technology Group, 1 Castle Lane, London SW1E 6DR. Tel: 020 7630 3376

*** MEDICAL RESEARCH (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide an ongoing forum for network for Parliamentarians with an interest in medical research, to facilitate collaboration between parliamentarians and medical research bodies; to provide MPs and Peers with up to date information on developments in medical research, including aspects of public health, ethics of research and the implications of research findings for society.

Ch: Lord Turnbull (Lab) **VCh:** Dr Howard Stoa MP (Lab), Dr Ian Gibson MP (Lab), **Sec** Lord Soulsby of Swaffham Prior (Con) **Tre:** Phil Willis MP (LD), **Contact:** Lord Turnbull, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PU. **Tel:** 020 7219 8635.

*** NON-PROFIT MAKING MEMBERS' CLUBS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To examine legislation and regulations which affect non-profit making members' clubs and to discuss ancillary matters.

JCh. David Clelland MP (Lab); Greg Knight MP (Con); **VCh.** Paul Holmes MP (LD); Derek Conway MP (Con); **Sec.** Lord Bilston (Lab); **Tre.** Jeff Ennis MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr David Clelland MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3669

*** MEN'S HEALTH (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of health issues affecting men

Ch. Dr Howard Stoa MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sandra Gidley MP (LD), **Sec.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con), **Tre.** Baroness Masham of Ilton (CB); **Contact:** Dr Howard Stoa MP, Cobden House, Spital Street, Dartford DA1 2DR. Tel: 01322 225200

MENTAL HEALTH (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To inform parliamentarians about all aspects of mental health

Co-Ch. Dr Lynne Jones MP (Lab); Tim Loughton MP (Con); Sandra Gidley MP (LD); **Sec.** Lord Alderdice (LD); **Contact:** Dr Lynne Jones MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4190

*** METHODIST GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for Methodist Members of both Houses.

Ch. & Sec. David Wilshire MP (Con); **VCh.** Michael Jabez Foster MP (Lab); **Tre.** Andrew George MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr David Wilshire MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3534

*** MICROFINANCE/MICROCREDIT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of microfinance/microcredit and the role it can play in reducing poverty, especially in the developing world, and to provide a forum for discussion on new developments in the field of microfinance.

Ch. Annette Brooke MP (LD); **VCh.** Tom Levitt MP (Lab); **Sec.** John Barrett MP (LD); **Tre.** Robert Syms MP (Con); **Contact:** Annette Brooke MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8193

*** MIDDLE WAY GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To address the issue of hunting with dogs and to reach a suitable resolution in terms of animal welfare and human liberties.

JCh. Baroness Golding (Lab), Peter Luff MP (Con), Lembit Opik MP (LD); **VCh.** Rt Hon Alan Beith MP (LD); **JSec.** Lord Carlile of Berriew (LD); Kate Hoey MP (Lab); **Tre.** Baroness Sharples (Con); **Contact:** Mr Lembit Opik MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 1144

*** MINERALS GROUP (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote parliamentary awareness of the importance of minerals, provide information on development of minerals usage, policy and regulation and act as an information exchange between Parliament and industry.

Ch. Stephen O'Brien MP (Con); **VCh.** Bill Oiner MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Stephen O'Brien MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4996

*** MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for MPs and Peers to discuss issues arising from the provision of mobile communications.

Ch. Phil Willis MP (LD); **VCh.** Derek Wyatt MP (Lab); Richard Spring MP (Con); **Sec.** Paul Truswell MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Lucas (Con); **Contact:** Mr Phil Willis MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel. 020 7219 5709.

*** MOTOR GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To address all issues surrounding the automotive, engineering and motor sports industries. The group focuses on the role of the motor vehicle, including its environmental impact, and promotes dialogue between politicians, industry, vehicle users and others interested in transport policy.

Ch. Richard Burden MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Michael Jack MP (Con); Lord Corbett of Castle Vale (Lab); **JSec.** Fabian Hamilton MP (Lab); Lord Astor of Hever (Con); **Tre.** Bill Oiner MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Richard Burden MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2318

*** MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of motor neurone disease amongst parliamentarians and to provide a forum for discussion of the issues facing people affected by the disease.

Ch. Mark Todd MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Dr Vincent Cable MP (LD); **Tre.** Nick Gibb MP (Con); **Sec.** Baroness Noakes (Con); **Contact:** Mr Mark Todd MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3549

*** MOTORCYLING (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To safeguard motorcycling interests by monitoring legislation for matters affecting motorcycling and taking remedial action where necessary; to represent motor cycling issues to fellow parliamentarians; and to foster the good image of motorcycling and, by example, encourage others to take up motorcycling

Ch. Lembit Opik MP (LD); **VCh.** Stephen Pound MP (Lab); Lord Jopling (Con); Robert Ffello MP (Lab); **Sec.** Viscount Falkland (LD); **Tre.** Bill Wiggin MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Lembit Opik MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 1144

*** MOUNTAIN RESCUE AND SEARCH TEAMS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To help generate parliamentary and public awareness of the valuable public safety and social contribution of these voluntary groups, their activities, and funding and equipment needs.

Ch. Lord Inglewood (Con); **Sec.** Dai Havard MP (Lab); **Tre.** Roger Williams MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Dai Havard MP, Venture Wales Building, Merthyr Industrial Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, CF48 4DR. Tel: 01443 693 924

***MS (MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS) GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the interests of people affected by MS.

Ch. James Gray MP (Con); **VCh.** Paul Burstow MP (LD); Betty Williams MP (Lab); **Sec.** Lord Corbett of Castle Vale (Lab); **Contact:** Mr James Gray MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6237.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote awareness of all forms of muscular dystrophy and to promote links between parliament, charities, scientists and families affected by muscular dystrophy

Ch. David Anderson MP (Lab); **VCh.** Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Sec.** Dr Hywel Francis MP (Lab); **Contact:** Me David Anderson MP, Constituency Office, 15 Shibdon Road, Blaydon, Tyne and Wear NE21 5AF. Tel: 0191 4142488

*** MUSIC GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for MPs and peers to learn about and discuss key issues and challenges facing the UK music industry

Ch. John Roberston MP (Lab); **VCh.** Nigel Evans MP (Con); Sandra Gidley MP (LD); **Sec.** Janet Anderson MP (Lab); **Tre.** Rosemary McKenna MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John Robertson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6964

*** MYODIL (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the medical condition adhesive arachnoiditis and its link to the use of the chemical Myodil and to campaign for greater assistance for those affected.

Ch. Joan Humble MP (Lab); **VCh.** David Kidney MP (Lab); Steve Webb MP (LD); **Sec.** Alistair Burt MP (Con); **Contact:** Ms Joan Humble MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5025

NATIONAL PARKS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To inform members about key issues relating to the National Parks of England and Wales, including the Broads, and areas which may merit National Park status throughout the UK; to pay particular attention to issues concerning the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage, the promotion of understanding and quiet enjoyment of the special qualities of these areas, and the fostering of the social and economic well-being of the communities within them

Ch. Clive Betts MP (Lab); **VCh.** Patrick McLoughlin MP (Con); Roger Williams MP (LD); Lord Clark of Windermere (Lab); **Sec & Tre.** Nick Clegg MP (LD); **Contact.** Nick Clegg MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6657.

***NOISE REDUCTION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness in parliament of noise issues and to work towards the reduction of noise in society

Ch. Bob Russell MP (LD); **J/VCh.** Jonathan Shaw MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bob Russell MP, Constituency Office, Magalen Hall, Wimpole Road, Colchester CO1 2DE. Tel: 01206 506600.

*** NUCLEAR ENERGY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To encourage and facilitate discussion among MPs and peers from across the political spectrum with an interest in nuclear issues; to provide a forum for exchange of information and views between parliamentarians and representatives of the nuclear and energy industries.

Ch. Bill Tynan MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Christopher (Lab); Lord Jenkin of Roding (Con); Lord McNally (LD); **Sec.** David Drew MP (Lab); **Tre.** Jimmy Hood MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Michael Connarty MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5071

OBESITY (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote awareness of the problem of obesity, its prevention and effective management and to encourage greater co-operation between all interested parties: government agencies, public bodies and private industries.

Co-Ch. Dr Howard Stoaite MP (Lab); Vernon Coaker MP (Lab); **VCh.** Michael Fabricant MP (Con); **Contact:** Dr Howard Stoaite MP, Cobden House, Spital Street, Dartford, Kent DA1 2DR. Tel: 01322 225 200.

*** OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONS (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To develop and encourage occupational pension schemes in the UK.

Ch. Sir John Butterfill MP (Con); **VCh.** Eric Illsley MP (Lab), Nick Gibb MP (Con); **Sec.** Jim Cousins MP (Lab); **Contact:** Sir John Butterfill MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6375

*** OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote awareness of occupational safety and health issues amongst MPs; to promote the prevention of workplace injury and ill health; and to raise the profile of occupational safety and health in Parliament.

Ch. Michael Clapham MP (Lab); **VCh.** Mike Hancock MP (LD) Andrew Dismore MP (Lab); David Hamilton MP (Lab); **Sec.** Nigel Evans MP (Con); **Hon.Pres.** Lord Hunt of Wirral (Con); **Contact:** Mr Michael Clapham MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2907

OFFENDER LEARNING AND SKILLS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To examine and inquire into learning and skills provisions for offenders both in custody and in the community in England and Wales, and to produce briefings and reports on the above.

Ch: Baroness Linklater of Butterstone; **VCh:** Lord Ramsbothem (CB), Cheryl Gillan MP (Con), Mark Oaten MP (LD), Lord Christopher (Lab). **Contact:** Baroness Linklater of Butterstone, House of Lords, London, SW1P 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 6914.

*** BRITISH OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion of issues relevant to the British offshore oil and gas industry and other related industries, and to raise matters with government and with the industry itself.

Ch. Bob Blizzard MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Fraser of Carmyllie (Con); Sir Robert Smith MP (LD); Mike Weir MP (SNP); **Sec.** Michael Connarty MP (Lab); **Tre.** Frank Doran MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bob Blizzard MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3880

OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum to promote, examine and debate issues around the future of Olympic sport in the UK, particularly in the context of the UK's hosting of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Ch. Derek Wyatt MP (Lab) **VCh.** Richard Ottaway MP (Con); Andrew Dismore MP (Lab); **Sec.** Jon Cruddas MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Derek Wyatt MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel : 020 7219 3000.

*** OPERA GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a focal point for MPs and peers with an interest in opera; to further the appreciation of opera; and to provide a contact point between opera groups and parliament.

Ch. John Greenway MP (Con); **VCh.** Andrew Dismore MP (Lab); Baroness D'Souza (CB); **Sec.** John Horam MP (Con); **Tre.** Dari Taylor MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John Greenway MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5483

*** OSTEOPOROSIS GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To inform both Houses about osteoporosis.

JCh. John Austin MP (Lab), Baroness Cumberlege (Con); **JVCh.** Sandra Gidley MP (LD); Christine Russell MP (Lab); **Sec.** Laura Moffatt MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John Austin MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 0207

*** OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To keep under review all actions and initiatives which promote economic and social development of the poorer countries.

Ch. John Battle MP (Lab); **VCh.** Tony Baldry MP (Con), Baroness Whitaker (Lab); **Sec.** Baroness Northover (LD); **Tre.** Ann McKeichin MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John Battle MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4201

*** PACKAGING MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To create a better understanding of UK packaging manufacture; to address issues facing industry from regulation; and to promote the UK as a centre of excellence for packaging manufacture.

Ch. *Eric Illsley MP (Lab); **VCh.** Malcolm Moss MP (Con); **Sec.** *Dan Rogerson MP (LD); **Tre.** Janet Dean MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Eric Illsley MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 1543

*** PANJABIS IN BRITAIN (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To represent within parliament the interests and concerns of the Panjabi community in Britain
Ch. John McDonnell MP (Lab); **VCh.** John Randall MP (Con), Simon Hughes MP (LD), Lord Bilston (Lab); **Sec.** *Dr Ashok Kumar MP (Lab); **Tre.** Rob Marris MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John McDonnell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6908

*** PAPER-RELATED INDUSTRIES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the achievements of paper-related industries and defend their interests; and to prevent loss of competitiveness.
Ch. Jonathan Shaw MP (Lab); **VCh.** Brian H. Donohoe MP (Lab), James Paice MP (Con), Andrew Stunell MP (LD); **Sec.** Derek Wyatt MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Jonathan Shaw MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6919

***PARENTS AND FAMILIES (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To support parliamentarians in taking an overarching strategic focus on family policy; to inform parliamentarians about research and policy-making; to make links across issues that impact on families and parents; to create a forum where new research and developments can influence policy; and to track the progress of relevant legislation.

Ch. Lord Northbourne (CB); **VCh.** Annette Brooke MP (LD); **Sec.** Baroness Sharp of Guildford (LD); **Tre.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Peter Bottomley MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6505.

*** WELFARE OF PARK HOME OWNERS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To act as a forum for those affected by legislation affecting those who own park home sites or who are park home owners.

Ch. Bill Oliner MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Evans of Parkside (Lab); **Sec.** Lord Graham of Edmonton (Lab); **Contact:** Lord Graham of Edmonton, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 6704

PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION

Statement of Purpose: Parliamentarians for Global Action (of which this group is the UK branch) is an organisation which exists to enable parliamentarians from around the world to take joint action on global issues such as disarmament, fostering democracy, conflict prevention and management, international law and human rights, population, empowerment of women, and economic reform.

Ch. John Battle MP (Lab); **VCh.** Ann McKeichin MP (Lab); **Sec.** Mike Gapes MP (Lab); **Tre.** Fabian Hamilton MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John Battle MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 4201

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote the reform of Parliament in order to improve the effectiveness of the work of Parliament.

Ch. Anne Campbell MP (Lab); **VCh.** Andrew Tyrie MP (Con); **Sec.** Richard Allan MP (LD); **Contact:** Ms Vidya Ram, Hansard Society, LSE, 9 0Kingsway, London WC2B 6XF. Tel: 020 7395 4014.

*** PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for Members of both Houses to debate patient and public involvement in health; to develop stronger links between parliamentarians and bodies in this field; and to help promote the role played by such bodies on behalf of local communities.

Ch. Patrick Hall MP (Lab); **VCh.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con), Baroness Masham of Ilton (CB); **Sec.** Dr Richard Taylor (Ind); **Contact:** Dr Richard Taylor MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4598

*** PATIENT SAFETY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To examine issues of patient safety; to raise awareness of those issues among parliamentarians; to provide a forum for discussion of those issues; to generate recommendations for the government to improve public safety.

Ch. Dr Howard Stoate MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sandra Gidley MP (LD); Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Sec.** Baroness Masham of Ilton (CB); **Contact:** Dr Howard Stoate, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4571.

*** PENAL AFFAIRS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To increase Members' knowledge of penal affairs and to work through parliamentary channels for reform of the penal system

Ch. Lord Corbett of Castle Vale (Lab); **VCh.** Vera Baird MP (Lab); Baroness Stern (CB); Lord Ramsbotham (CB); **Sec.** Mike Hancock MP (LD); **Contact:** Lord Corbett of Castle Vale, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 3420

PENSIONER INCOMES (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To assess the impact of the current economic factors affecting pensioners and to develop a political consensus around long-term pensions policy.

Ch. Dr Lynne Jones (Lab); **VCh.** Lady Sylvia Hermon (UUP); Sir John Butterfill MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Roger Turner, National Federation of Post Office and BT Pensioners, Carlton House, 42-44 West Street, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 1TA, Tel: 01582 663880

PENSIONS CONSENSUS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum where MPs from all political backgrounds and pension experts can come together to forge a common way forward for pensions.

Ch. Dr Lynne Jones (Lab); **VCh.** Lady Sylvia Hermon (UUP); Sir John Butterfill MP (Con); **Contact:** Dr Lynne Jones MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel: 020 7219 6971

*** PESTICIDES AND ORGANOPHOSPHATES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To scrutinise government regulation of pesticides and organophosphates (OPs) and to raise issues of concern, with a particular focus on human health and sustainable development.

Ch. David Drew MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Tyler (LD), Ian Liddell-Grainger MP (Con); **Sec.** Countess of Mar (CB); **Contact:** Mr David Drew MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 01453 764 355

*** PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To discuss issues to do with the operation of the pharmaceutical industry in the UK; to debate pharmaceutical developments and their impact on patients and UK healthcare; and to exchange information and views with the pharmaceutical industries.

Ch. Barbara Follett MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sandra Gidely MP (LD); **Sec.** Earl Howe (Con); **Contact:** Ms Barbara Follett MP, Room 3.2 Speaker's House, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2649.

*** PHARMACY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of the profession of pharmacy and to promote pharmacists' current and potential contribution to the health of the nation.

Ch. Dr Howard Stoate MP (Lab), **VCh.** Baroness Tonge (LD), Baroness Cumberlege (Con), **Sec.** Mark Todd MP (Lab); **Tre.** David Heath MP (LD); **Contact:** Dr Howard Stoate MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4571

*** PHOTOGRAPHY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote interest in photography among Members of both Houses and to mount an annual exhibition of photographs by Members of this House that subsequently tours the country.

Ch. Austin Mitchell MP (Lab); **VCh.** David Wilshire MP (Con); Viscount Allenby of Megiddo (CB), Baroness Hilton of Eggardon (Lab); Gerald Howarth MP (Con); Lord Crathorne (Con), **Sec.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con)); **Contact:** Mr Austin Mitchell MP, Room 542, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW. Tel. 020 7219 4559

*** PLAY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To consider and take action on current issues affecting the right of every child to play freely.

Ch: Helen Goodman MP (Lab), **VCh:** Andrew Gwynne MP (Lab), **Admin Officers:** Julian Brazier MP (Con), Baroness Walmsley (LD), Paddy Tipping MP (Lab), **Contact:** Helen Goodman MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, **Tel:** 020 7219 4346.

*** POLICE GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote better understanding of policing issues amongst members of both Houses of Parliament.

Ch. Lord Harris of Haringey (Lab); **VCh.** Dr Vincent Cable MP (LD); Lady Hermon (UUP); Baroness Harris of Richmond (LD); **Sec.** Tony Baldry MP (Con); **Contact:** Lord Harris of Haringey, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 8513

POLITICAL ART (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To bring together Members and Peers who collect, or who are interested in, political art and memorabilia in its historical context. The group will seek to stimulate wider interest in the art collection of the Palace of Westminster.

Ch. Hugo Swire MP (Con); **VCh.** Tony Banks MP (Lab); Lord Luke (Con); Lord Baker of Dorking (Con); Sir Patrick Cormack MP (Con); **Sec.** John Burnett MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Bendor Grosvenor, Office of Tony Banks MP, Room 605, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 3522.

POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To ensure the full implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action with specific reference to stabilising the world's population through choice and extending sustainable development.

Ch. Chris McCafferty MP (Lab); **JCh.** Viscount Craigavon (CB); Richard Ottaway MP (Con); **Sec.** Martyn Jones MP (Lab), Baroness Flather (Con); **Tre.** Baroness Tonge (LD); **Contact:** Ms Chris McCafferty MP, Room 563, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 2492.

***PORTS AND MERCHANT NAVY (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To ensure that ports and merchant navy issues are placed higher on the political agenda so that their interests and unique problems are taken into account during the policy making process; to provide a forum for all with an interest in ports and merchant navy matters; to enable a dialogue between industry representatives and MPs.

Ch. Gwyn Prosser MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sarah McCarthy-Fry MP (Lab); **DVCh.** John Gummer MP (Con); **Sec.** Dr Doug Naysmith MP (Lab); **Tre.** Mike Hancock MP (LD); **Contact:** Gwyn Prosser MP, Constituency Office, 26 Coombe Valley Road, Dover CT17 0EP. Tel: 01304 214 484.

*** POST OFFICES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To preserve the sub post office network.

Ch. Kate Hoey MP (Lab); **VCh.** Jeffrey M. Donaldson MP (DUP); **Sec.** Owen Patterson MP (Con); **Tre.** Lembit Opik MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Owen Patterson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5185

*** POVERTY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To work for the eradication of poverty.

JCh. Jim Dobbin MP (Lab); David Drew MP (Lab); **VCh.** Steve Webb MP (LD); Andrew Selous MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr David Drew MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 01453 764355

*** PRIMARY CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise the profile of primary care and public health within Parliament; to speak within Parliament on behalf of both users and those working in the NHS; to place primary care and public health high on the Government's agenda; to inform debate by parliamentarians with outside bodies

Ch. Baroness Gardner of Parkes (Con), Dr Howard Stoate MP (Lab), Paul Burstow MP (LD); **Sec.** Stephen Hesford MP (Lab); **Tre.** Laura Moffatt MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Stephen Hesford MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6227

PRINT (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum in which the issues impacting on the printing industry may be debated, thereby promoting a wider understanding of those issues and the industry; to promote the competitiveness of the industry and opportunities for its current and future employees; and to raise the profile of the printing industry amongst parliamentarians.

Ch. Martin O'Neill MP (Lab); **VCh.** John Bercow MP (Con); **Sec.** Bob Russell MP (LD); **Tre.** Lord Evans of Watford (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Martin O'Neill MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel: 020 7219 5059

*** FAR EAST PRISONERS OF WAR AND INTERNEES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To secure just compensation for Far East prisoners of war and internees during the Second World War.

Ch. Andrew Dismore MP (Lab); **VCh.** Austin Mitchell MP (Lab), Mike Penning MP (Con); **Sec.** Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab); **Tre.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Andrew Dismore MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel. 020 7219 4408

*** PRIVATE EQUITY AND VENTURE CAPITAL (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote a better understanding of private equity among MPs and Peers.

Ch. Sion Simon MP (Lab); **VCh.** Mark Field MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Sion Simon MP, House of Common, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8140

*** PRO-CHOICE AND SEXUAL HEALTH GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness in Parliament of the needs of UK women seeking abortion and the importance of improving all aspects of the sexual health of women and men in the UK

Ch. Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Lab), **VCh.** Baroness Tonge (LD); **Sec.** Laura Moffatt MP (Lab); **Tre.** Viscount Craigavon (CB); **Contact:** Baroness Gould of Potternewton, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 3138

*** PROGRESSIVE SUPRANUCLEAR PALSY GROUP (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of PSP and the needs of people with the condition and to promote the need for more research in causes and treatment.

Ch. Tim Boswell MP (Con); **VCh.** Lord Coe MP (Con), **Tre.** Frank Dobson MP (Lab); **Sec.** Lord Walton of Detchant (CB); **Contact:** Mr Tim Boswell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3520

*** PRO-LIFE GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion of pro-life issues including abortion, euthanasia and research upon the human embryo

Ch. Jim Dobbin MP (Lab); **VCh.** Ann Winterton MP (Con), Baroness Masham of Ilton (CB), Claire Curtis-Thomas MP (Lab), Ann Widdecombe MP (Con); **Sec.** Joe Benton MP (Lab), Angela Watkinson MP (Con); **Tre.** Jeffrey M. Donaldson MP (DUP), Andrew Selous MP (Con); **Contact:** Jim Dobbin MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4530

*** PUBLIC DATA (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for parliamentarians on issues surrounding the security, accuracy and integrity of publicly data including its protection and usage.

Ch. Dr Gavin Strang MP (Lab); **Sec.** Henry Bellingham MP (Con); **Con.** Mr Henry Bellingham MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5181.

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote awareness of pulmonary hypertension and to provide a forum for MPs and peers to discuss issues relating to this condition; also to raise issues of concern relating to pulmonary hypertension with key decision makers.

Ch. Lord Thomas of Gresford (LD); **VCh.** Dr Vincent Cable MP (LD); **Sec.** Chris Bryant MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Chris Bryant MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 1894.

*** RACE AND COMMUNITY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To bring about a more equal and cohesive society through raising awareness of issues affecting the diverse multi-ethnic communities within multi-cultural Britain; to seek to influence the development of public policy capable of achieving greater equality and cohesion; to raise awareness of racism, racial discrimination, and those elements of best practice capable of eroding racial discrimination; to bring about greater empathy and understanding between different ethnic and racial groups within society; to press the case for mainstreaming, not just racial equality issues but all equality issues, within the government's legislative programme.

Ch. Diane Abbott MP (Lab); **VCh.**, Peter Bottomley MP (Con); Baroness Howells of St Davids (Lab); Marsha Singh MP (Lab); **Sec.** Harry Cohen MP (Lab); **Tre.** Keith Vaz MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Harry Cohen MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6376

RACING AND BLOODSTOCK GROUP (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for members to discuss issues of interest relating to the racing and bloodstock industries in the UK.

Ch. Jeff Ennis MP (Lab), John Greenway MP (Con) **VCh.** Peter Atkinson MP (Con); **Sec.** Lord Donoughue (Lab); **Tre.** Baroness Golding (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Jeff Ennis MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5008.

*** RAIL (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To facilitate an informed debate amongst parliamentarians regarding all aspects of the UK's railway industries.

Ch. Anne McIntosh MP (Con); Eric Martlew MP (Lab); **VCh.** Peter Luff MP (Con); Tom Brake MP (Ld); Lord Snape MP (Lab); **Sec.** Lord Berkeley (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Faulkner of Worcester (Lab); **Pres.** Gwyneth Dunwoody (Lab); **Contact:** Lord Berkeley, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 07710 431 542 E-mail: berkleyafg@parliament.uk

*** REFUGEES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for the discussion of issues relating to refugees, both in the UK and abroad, and to promote the welfare of refugees

Ch. Neil Gerrard MP (Lab); **VCh.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con); Dr Evan Harris MP (LD); **Contact:** Neil Gerrard MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 0595.

*** REGENERATION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote community-led regeneration, linking practical experience to policy development and encouraging 'joined up' thinking within government, business, and the voluntary sector.

Ch. Joan Walley MP (Lab); **VCh.** Bob Russell MP (LD); Charles Walker MP (Con); Baroness Blood (CB); **Sec.** David Wright MP (Lab); **Tre.** Dr Howard Stoate MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mrs Joan Walley MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6985.

*** RENEWABLE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote sustainable energy issues in parliament and the wider political community and to discuss policy barriers to the advancement of the market for sustainable energy technologies.

Ch. Dr Alan Whitehead MP (Lab); **VCh.** Andrew Robathan MP (Con); Malcolm Bruce MP (LD); Dr Desmond Turner MP (Lab); Joan Ruddock MP (Lab) **Sec.** Andrew Stunnell MP (LD); **Tre.** Lord Corbett of Castle Vale (Lab); **Contact:** Dr Alan Whitehead MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6338

*** RETAIL INDUSTRY GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise the profile of the retail industry's interests and concerns with government ministers and in the wider parliamentary arena.

Ch. Baroness Thornton (Lab); **VCh.** Nigel Evans MP (Con), Ann Coffey MP (Lab), Stephen Crabb MP (Con), Philip Davies MP (Con); **Sec.** Lord Dykes (LD); **Tre.** Christine Russell MP (Lab); **Pres.** Lord Graham of Edmonton (Con); **Contact:** Baroness Thornton, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 8502

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of inflammatory arthritis, and to provide a forum for MPs and Peers to discuss issues related to the disease.

Ch. David Amess MP (Con); **VCh.** Janet Dean MP (Lab), Paul Burstow MP (LD), **Sec.** Paul Flynn MP (Lab) **Tre.** Andy King MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr David Amess MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3452

***ROAD PASSENGER TRANSPORT GROUP (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for industry and parliamentarians to discuss issues relating to road passenger transport.

JCh: Clive Efford; **VCh.** Lord Hogg Cumbernauld (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Clive Efford MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4057.

ROAD SAFETY (BRAKE) (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To discuss and promote ways to stop death and injury on roads and ways to ensure appropriate care is provided for people bereaved and injured on roads.

JCh: Bob Russell MP (LD); Patrick McLoughlin MP (Con), Mrs Alice Mahon MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Cathy Keeler, Brake, PO Box 548, Huddersfield, HD1 2XZ. Tel: 01484 559909

*** ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS, JUSTICE FOR (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise Parliament's awareness of road death and injury as a major public health and human rights issue, with the aim of reducing the scale and eliminating the major injustices suffered by bereaved and injured road traffic victims.

CoCh. Bob Russell MP (LD), Earl of Courtown (Con); **VCh.** Betty Williams MP (Lab); **Sec.** Peter Bone MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Peter Bone MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8496

ROMA AFFAIRS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise the profile of Roma human rights issues in the states of central and eastern Europe that will accede to the European Union in the next decade.

Ch. Paul Stinchcombe MP (Lab); **VCh.** Tim Boswell MP (Con); Lord Corbett of Castle Vale (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Paul Stinchcombe MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4066.

*** ROOFING INDUSTRY**

Statement of Purpose: to raise awareness of the roofing industry in parliament; to improve training for those who work in the industry; and to provide higher standards of consumer protection.

JCh. Lord Glentoran (Con); John Spellar MP (Lab); Lord Davies of Coity (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Fearn (LD); Robert Ffello MP (Lab); **Tre** Bill Olnier ; **Contact:** Mr John Spellar MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5800.

*** ROWING GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the sport of rowing.

CoCh. Peter Bottomley (Con); Julia Goldsworthy MP (LD); **VCh.** Claire Curtis-Thomas MP (Lab); **Sec.** Angela Browning MP (Con); **Contact:** Mrs Angela Browning MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5067

*** ROYAL AIR FORCE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote in Parliament a better understanding of the Royal Air Force and its objectives.

Conv. Gerald Howarth MP (Con); **VConv.** Air Marshall The Lord Garden (LD), Angus Robertson MP (SNP); **Sec/Tre.** Dr Gavin Strang MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Gerald Howarth MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 5650.

*** ROYAL MARINES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To understand and promote activities, exercises and operations of the Royal Marines Corp in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Ch: Michael Fabricant MP (Con), **JCh.** Lord Rogan (CB), Frank Cook MP (Lab); **Sec.** Ian Stewart MP (Lab); **Tre.** Mike Penning MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Michael Fabricant MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5022

*** ROYAL NAVY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote in Parliament a better understanding of the Royal Navy and its objectives.

Ch. John McFall MP (Lab) **VCh.** Roger Gale MP (Con); Lord Roper (LD) **Tre.** Neil Turner MP (Lab) **Sec.** Paul Keetch MP (LD) **Contact:** Mr Paul Keetch MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA Tel: 020 7219 2419.

*** RUGBY LEAGUE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the sport of rugby league football

Ch. Lord Lofthouse of Pontefract (Lab); **VCh.** Lindsay Hoyle MP (Lab), James Clappison MP (Con); **Sec.** Neil Turner MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Smith of Leigh MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Neil Turner MP, Constituency Office, 1st Floor Gerrard Winstanley House, Crawford Street, Wigan WN1 1NA. Tel: 01942 829980

***RUGBY UNION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the sport of rugby union.

Ch. Derek Wyatt MP (Lab); **VCh.** John Randall MP (Con); Lord Addington (LD); Andy Reed MP (Lab); **Sec.** Paul Farrelly MP (Lab); **Tre.** Robert Walter MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Paul Farrelly MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8391.

RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To play rugby between parliamentary rugby teams and thereby develop political and sporting relations. Every four years the group organises the Parliamentary Rugby World Cup.

JCh. Ian Davidson MP (Lab); Sir Michael Lord (Con); **Sec.** Huw Edwards MP (Lab); **Tre.** Nick Hawkins MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Huw Edwards MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3489.

*** PARLIAMENTARY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a permanent liaison between parliament, scientific bodies, science-based industry and the academic world.

Ch. Dr Doug Naysmith MP (Lab); **DCh.** Dr Desmond Turner MP (Lab); Robert Key MP (Con) **Hon Sec.:** Dr Evan Harris MP (LD); Jaimes Paice MP (Con); **Tre.** Dr Brian Iddon (Lab); **Contact:** Dr Doug Naysmith MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4187

*** SCOTCH WHISKY SPIRITS GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote and facilitate the communication and understanding between representatives from the scotch whisky and spirits industry and Members of Parliament.

Ch. John McFall MP (Lab); **VCh.** David Mundell MP (Con), Angus Robertson MP (SNP), Alan Reid MP (LD), **Sec.** Brian Donohoe MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Brian Donohoe MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6230

*** SCOTTISH FOOTBALL (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To support and promote Scottish Football.

Ch. Jim Sheridan MP (Lab); **VCh:** Pete Wishart MP (SNP); **Sec.** Anne Moffat MP (Lab); **Tre.** John Robertson MP (Lab); **Contact:** Anne Moffat MP, Constituency Office, 65 High Street, Tranent, East Lothian, EH33 1LN **Tel:** 01875 614 990.

SCOUT GROUP (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote the development of young people by in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Hon-Pres. Lord Weatherill (CB); **JCh.** Stephen Pound MP (Lab); David Amess MP (Con); **Sec.** Bob Russell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Bob Russell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5150

SEA CADET (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To support and promote the work of the sea cadets.

Ch. Ivan Henderson MP (Lab); **VCh.** Andy King MP (Lab), Peter Luff MP (Con); **Sec.** Bob Russell MP (LD); **Tre.** Anthony D Wright MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Ivan Henderson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel: 020 7219 3434

*** SEWERS AND SEWERAGE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of how sewers and sewerage relate to public health.

Ch. Paddy Tipping MP (Lab); **VCh.** Jeremy Wright MP (Con); **Sec.** Bill Oiner MP (Lab); **Tre.** Bob Spink MP (Con), **Contact:** Mr Paddy Tipping MP, Sherwood Parliamentary Office, 1st Floor Council Offices, Watnall Road, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire NG15 7LA. Tel: 0115 9640314

SEX EQUALITY (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To campaign for the achievement of sex equality in the UK.

Ch. Julie Morgan MP (Lab); **VCh.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con), Sandra Gidley (LD); Vera Baird MP (Lab); **Sec.** Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Lab); **Tre;** Stephen Hesford MP (Lab) **Contact:** Ms Julie Morgan MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel; 020 7219 6960.

CHILDHOOD AND ADULT SEXUAL ABUSE (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To establish a forum for debate with an agreed specific programme of targets and action on the issue of childhood and adult sexual abuse (including rape), its long-term effects and links with mental health problems, alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence and homelessness.

Ch. Vera Baird MP (Lab); **VCh.** Sandra Gidley MP (LD); **Sec.** Virginia Bottomley MP (Con); **Contact:** Ms Jenny Stucke, The Survivors Trust, 27b William Street, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 3HA. Tel: 01788 551150. Email: jen@dabsbooks.co.uk

SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote the UK shipbuilding and ship repair industry and to discuss the factors affecting it.

Ch. Stephen Hepburn MP (Lab), **VCh.** John Burnett MP (LD); John Robertson MP (Lab); **Sec.** Ian Davidson MP (Lab), **Contact:** Mr Ian Davidson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel. 020 7219 3610

***SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To inform parliamentarians and act as a forum for the exchange of views on sporting shooting and conservation.

Ch. James Paice MP (Con); **JVCh.** Lord Cunningham of Felling (Lab), John Thurso MP (LD); **Sec.** Lord Astor of Hever (Co); **Tre.** Martyn Jones MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr James Paice, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5063.

*** SIKHS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To represent within Parliament and with government the interests and concerns of the UK Sikh community, and to provide the UK government and the UK Sikh community with a better two-way consultation process to inform improved decision-making.

Ch. Rob Marris MP (Lab); **VCh.** Dominic Grieve MP (Con), Simon Hughes MP (LD), John Spellar MP (Lab), Alex Salmond MP (SNP), Elfyn Llywd MP (PC); **Sec.** John Randall MP (Con); **Tre.** Lord Ahmed (Con); **Contact:** Mr Rob Marris MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8342

*** SKILLS (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To generate an exchange of knowledge and understanding between Parliament and skills stakeholders about the best ways of ensuring that skills development brings a creative, successful economy with more able, skilled and fulfilled individuals.

Ch. Gordon Marsden (Lab); **CoCh.** Mary Creagh MP (Lab), Tim Boswell MP (Con), Baroness Sharp of Guildford (LD); **Tres.** Dr Hywel Francis MP (Lab) **Sec.** Bob Spink MP (Con).

Contact: Mr Gordon Marsden MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4166

*** SKIN (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To focus attention on the impact of skin disease on patients, their carers, the NHS and the community; and to create awareness of the increase in skin disease resulting from changes to the environment and lifestyle

Ch. Bruce George MP (Lab); **VCh.** Frank Cook MP (Lab), Baroness Masham of Ilton (CB), Cheryl Gillan MP (Con); **Sec.** Paul Burstow MP (LD); **Tre.** Lord Henley (Con); **Contact:** Mr Bruce George MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4049

*** SMALL BUSINESS GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To further the aims of small businesses and provide feedback on small business issues to parliament.

Ch. Andrew Love MP (Lab); **JVCh.** Alan Reid MP (LD); David Ruffley MP (Con); **Sec.** Joan Walley MP (Lab); **Tre.** Mark Prisk MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Andrew Love MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5497

*** SMALL SHOPS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To highlight the problems of the smaller retailer (as opposed to large multiples) and to draw attention to their social as well as commercial roles.

Ch. Jim Dowd MP (Lab); **VCh.** Nigel Evans MP (Con); **Sec.** Bob Russell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Jim Dowd MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4617

*** SMOKING AND HEALTH (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To monitor and discuss the health and social effects of smoking; to review potential changes in existing legislation to reduce levels of smoking; to assess the latest medical techniques to assist in smoking cessation; and to act as a resource for the group's members on all issues relating to smoking and public health.

Ch. David Taylor MP (Lab); **VCh.** Angela C. Smith MP (Lab), Lord Clement-Jones (LD), **Sec.** John Robertson MP (Lab); Lord Faulkner of Worcester (Lab); **Tre.** Bob Russell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr David Taylor MP, Room 213 Portcullis House, House of Commons, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 4567

*** SOCIAL CARE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote knowledge and understanding of matters relating to social care.

Ch. Joan Humble MP (Lab); **VCh.** Mark Pritchard MP (Con), Paul Burstow MP (LD); **Sec.** Steve McCabe MP (Lab); **Tre.** Julie Morgan MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mrs Joan Humble MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5025

*** SOCIAL ENTERPRISES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To showcase social enterprises and discuss issues important to the social enterprise sector.

Ch. Baroness Thornton (Lab); **VCh.** David Willets MP (Con); Lord Newby (LD); Andrew Love MP (Lab); **Sec.** Margaret Moran MP (Lab); **Tre.** Huw Arranca-Davies (Lab); **Contact:** Baroness Thornton, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 8502.

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote debate and understanding about socially responsible investment and to ensure that socially responsible investment issues are considered wherever relevant during the framing of legislation.

Ch. Tony Colman MP (Lab); **Sec.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Stuart Jones, UK Social Investment Forum, Unit 203, Hatton Square Business Centre, 16 Baldwins Gardens, London EC1N 2RJ. Tel: 020 7405 0040

***SOCIAL SCIENCE AND POLICY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To bring together parliamentarians and social scientists and by doing so to demonstrate to the former the relevance and value of social science research.

Ch. Alan Simpson MP (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Bottomly of Nettlestone (Con); **Contact:** Mr Alan Simpson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4534.

PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote issues and understanding of matters relating to the personal social services.

Ch. Joan Humble MP (Lab); **VCh.** Paul Burstow MP (LD), Rev. Martin Smyth MP (UUP), Bill O'Brien MP (Lab); Sir George Young MP (Con); **Sec.** Stephen McCabe MP (Lab); **Tre.** Hilton Dawson MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Don Brand, Social Care Institution for Excellence, 1st Floor, Goldings House, 2 Hays Lane, London, SE1 2HB. Tel: 020 7089 6840

*** SOLVENT ABUSE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To discuss solvent abuse

Ch. David Amess MP (Con); **VCh.** Baroness Golding (Lab), **Sec.** John MacDougall MP (Lab); **Tre.** Angela Watkinson (Con); **Contact:** Mr David Amess MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6387

SOUTH CAUCASUS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To enhance relations with the three South Caucasus republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia

Ch. Angus Robertson MP (SNP); **VCh.** Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill (Lab), Hugh Robertson MP (Con), Mike Hancock MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Angus Robertson MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 8259

*** SPACE COMMITTEE (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion between parliamentarians interested in UK space policy, and to meet members of the UK space industry with a view to advancing UK interests in Europe and worldwide.

JCh. Ian Taylor MP (Con); Bill Olnier MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lembit Opik MP (LD); **Sec.** Lord Selsdon (Con); **Tre.** Nigel Evans MP (Con), **Contact:** Lord Selsdon, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 6668

*** SPORTS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum hear from personalities and experts from the world of sport and active leisure and to discuss all areas concerning sport and physical activity.

Ch. Lord Pendry (Lab); **VCh.** Nigel Evans MP (Con); Baroness Billingham (Lab); Lord Addington (LD); **Sec.** Andy Reed MP (Lab); **Contact:** Lord Pendry, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW Tel: 020 7219 4590

*** STEEL AND CAST-METAL (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To ensure a fair deal for the UK steel and metal related industries by liaising with and lobbying the Government to raise the profile of cultural, environmental and social issues in the industry and its communities; and to research and develop policies which will promote thriving steel and cast-metal industries in the UK.

Ch. Dr Hywel Francis MP (Lab); **VCh.** Tony Baldry MP (Con), Lord Brookman (Lab); **Sec.** Adrian Bailey MP (Lab); **Tre.** Roger Williams MP (LD); **Contact:** Adrian Bailey MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel. 020 7219 6060

*** STREET CHILDREN (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To work to protect the rights of children worldwide and to raise the various issues they face, particularly street children. This work will include receiving reports of human rights violations against children worldwide and communicating concerns to parliamentarians, ambassadors and governments.

JCh. Edward Leigh MP (Con), Edward Leigh MP (Con); Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer (LD); **Contact:** Baroness Miller of Clithorne Domer, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 6042

*** STROKE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise awareness of stroke and to encourage actions to promote a greater priority for stroke prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, research and care both nationally and locally.

Ch. Andrew Lansley MP (Con); **VCh.** Dr Doug Naysmith (Lab); Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank (LD); **Sec.** Bill Olnier MP (Lab); **Tre.** Judy Mallaber MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Bill Olnier MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4154

SUSTAINABLE AVIATION (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To inform the UK government about the range and scale of the local, national and global environment impacts that the air transport industry causes and to participate in the debate on how best to control and reduce them, creating an environmentally sustainable future for those who work in, use and are affected by the industry's everyday operations.

Ch Lord Faulkner of Worcester (Lab); **VCh.** John Randall MP (Con); **Sec.** Justine Greening MP (Con); **Tre.** David Taylor MP; **Contact:** Mr David Taylor, House of Commons Information, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3000.

SUSTAINABLE WASTE GROUP (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To develop a deeper understanding between Government, Parliamentarians, business leaders and the waste sector in the sustainable management of waste.

Co-Ch. Peter Bottomley MP (Con); Dr Alan Whitehead MP (Lab);; John Horam MP (Con); Lord Lewis of Newnham (CB), David Jones MP (Con); **Sec.** Barry Sheerman MP (Lab); **Tre.** Malcolm Bruce MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Barry Sheerman MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5037.

*** TABLE TENNIS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To advance the cause of table tennis throughout the UK, and in particular to promote table tennis for young people through charitable and other means, and to provide an opportunity for Members to play Table Tennis within the Parliamentary Estate.

Ch. Michael Jabez Foster MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Lamont of Lerwick (Con); **Sec.** Andrew Stunell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Michael Jabez Foster MP, Ellen Draper Centre, 84 Bohemia Road, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex, TN37 6RN

*** TELECOMMUNICATIONS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion of issues relevant to the UK telecommunications industry; to raise matters with the government and the industry regulator and with the industry itself.

Ch. John Robertson MP (Lab); **VCh.** Alistair Carmichael MP (LD); Jim Dowd MP (Lab); Michael Fabricant MP (Con); **Sec.** Chris Mole MP (Lab); **Tre.** Bob Laxton MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr John Robertson MP, Room 315 Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW

*** TENNIS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: For Members of Parliament and peers to be able to play tennis matches together and compete with various outside teams.

Ch/Cap. Sir Michael Spicer MP (Con); **VCh.** Andrew Miller MP (Lab); **Sec.** Michael Jabez Foster MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Lea of Crondall (Lab); **Pres.** Tony Blair MP (Lab); **Contact:** Sir Michael Spicer MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6250

***THALIDOMIDE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To support the interests of the victims of thalidomide.

Ch. Roger Berry MP (Lab); **VCh./Sec.** Jonathan Djanogly MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Jonathan Djanogly MP, 1 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2NE, Tel: 020 7219 2367

*** THEATRE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To monitor and consider the UK's theatre industry and also discuss and promote the interests of those with creative talent who make a contribution to the theatre.

JCh. Ann Keen MP (Lab); Peter Luff MP (Con); **VCh.** Christine Russell MP (Lab); Nigel Evans MP (Con); Michael Mates MP (Con); Lord McCarthy (Lab); **Contact:** Mrs Ann Keen MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 2512

***TOURISM (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To keep informed on all aspects of tourism.

Ch. Lord Pendry (Lab); **VCh.** Joan Humble MP (Lab), Lord Luke MP (Con), John Thurso MP (LD); **Sec.** Janet Anderson MP (Lab); **Contact:** Janet Anderson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5375

TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To represent, in parliament, town centre management and issues relating to it

Ch. Patrick Hall MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Jenkin of Roding (Con), Helen Southworth MP (Lab), David Chidgey MP (LD); **Sec.** Rosemary McKenna MP (Lab); **Asst. Sec.** Peter Pike MP (Lab); **Tre.** Christine Russell MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Patrick Hall MP, Broadway House, 4/6 The Broadway, Bedford, MK40 2TE, Tel: 01234 262699

TRANSPORT FORUM (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To discuss issues of transport interest with expert speakers.

JCh. Peter Pike MP (Lab), David Chidgey MP (LD); **Tre.** Clive Efford MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Douglas Smith, Parliamentary Monitoring Services, 19 Douglas Street, London SW1P 4PA. Tel: 020 7828 0828

****TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANS EUROPEAN NETWORKS GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of purpose: To explore possibilities and keep up to date on developments relating to transport infrastructure, especially trans European networks.

Ch. Anne McIntosh MP (Con); **VCh.** Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab), Bob Russell MP (LD); **Sec.** Stephen Crabb MP (Con); **Tre.** Anthony D Wright MP (Lab); **Contact:** Miss Anne McIntosh MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3541

SOUTH EASTERN TRANSPORT INTEGRATION (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To provide information on key areas of transport integration in the south eastern areas of the UK

Ch. Sir Paul Beresford MP (Con); **VCh.** Norman Baker MP (LD); **VCh/Sec.** Brian White MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Kevin Cocker, 2 Rugby Road, Rainsworth, Nottinghamshire, NG21 QAT. Tel: 01623 792021

*** PARLIAMENTARY ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TRANSPORT SAFETY (APG)**

Statement of Purpose: To improve transport safety for the public benefit; to highlight the scale of transport deaths and injuries in the UK; to identify research based solutions to transport policy and to advise Parliamentarians and influence public opinion.

Co-Ch. Peter Bottomley MP (Con), Louise Ellman MP (Lab); **VCh.** David Kidney MP (Lab), Baroness Thomas of Walliswood (LD), Viscount Simon (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Barry Sheerman MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5037

TRAVELLER LAW REFORM (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise the social inclusion of travellers and improve relations between the settled and traveller community.

Ch: Kevin McNamara (Lab); **VCh:** David Atkinson MP (Con); Julie Morgan MP (Lab); Bob Russell MP (LD); **Sec:** Lord Avebury (LD); **Tre:** John Battle MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Andrew Ryder, Flat A, 25 Clarence Road, London N22 8PG, Tel: 07985 684921

UNDERGROUND SPACE (TUNNELS) (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To inform, educate and demonstrate to Parliament the current available technology and the potential for the development of underground space.

Ch. Lawrie Quinn MP (Lab); **VCh.** Peter Viggers MP (Con); **Sec.** Lord Berkeley MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lindsay Hoyle MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Lawrie Quinn MP, Room 218, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London, SW1A 2LW, Tel: 020 7219 4170

*** UNITED NATIONS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To support the work of the United Nations.

Ch. Hugh Robertson MP (Con); **VCh.** Mike Gapes MP (Lab); Lord Hannay of Chiswick (CB); David Heath MP (LD); Baroness Whitaker (Lab); **Sec.** Peter Luff MP (Con); **Contact:** Mr Hugh Robertson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8230

*** UNIVERSITY GROUP (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To be the main avenue of communication between the university vice chancellors and parliamentarians.

Ch. Baroness Maddock (LD), Baroness Perry of Southwark (Con); Joan Humble (Lab); **VCh.** Barry Sheerman MP (Lab); David Howarth MP (LD); Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Sec.** Dr Doug Naysmith MP (Lab); **Tre.** John Grogan MP (Lab); **Contact:** Dr Doug Naysmith MP, House of Commons, London Sw1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4187

*** VACCINE DAMAGED CHILDREN (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To assist parents and children to obtain fair compensation and the further reform of the vaccine damage payment system.

Ch. Ian Stewart MP (Lab); **VCh.** Betty Williams MP (Lab); **Sec.** Russell Brown MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Ian Stewart MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 6175

*** VICTIMS OF CRIME (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To highlight the issues affecting victims of crime and their families and cover the practical and emotional problems faced following a crime.

Ch. Dr Vincent Cable (LD); **VCh.** Vera Baird MP (Lab); Oliver Letwin MP (Con); **Sec.** Phillip Hollobone; **Tre.** Paul Holmes MP (LD); **Contact:** Dr Vincent Cable MP, House of Commons, Room 372-373 Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW. Tel: 020 7219 1106

*** VOICE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To bring to the attention of Members of both Houses of Parliament the needs of people with learning disabilities who have experienced crime or abuse, and to discuss redress and reform.

Ch. Annette Brooke MP (LD); **VCh.** Tom Levitt MP (Lab); **Tre.** Lord Laming (CB); **Sec.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con); **Contact:** Ms Annette Brooke MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8193.

*** WAR CRIMES (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To look at matters concerning the presence of alleged Nazi war criminals in the UK; the 1991 War Crimes Act; and other related matters.

Ch. Baroness Golding (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Carlile of Berriew (LD), Lord Hunt of Wirral (Con), Sir Brian Mawhinney MP (Con), Lembit Opik MP (LD) **Sec.** Lord Janner of Braunstone (Lab); **Tre.** Andrew Dismore MP (Lab); **Pres.** Lord Merlyn-Rees (Lab); **Contact:** Lord Janner of Braunstone, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7976 8443

*** WAR GRAVES AND BATTLEFIELD HERITAGE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote an understanding of battlefield heritage; to assist the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; to encourage education programmes in this field; and to support efforts to conserve war heritage sites.

Ch. Lord Faulkner of Worcester (Lab); **VCh.** Nigel Dodds MP (DUP); Lord Roper (LD); Dr Rudi Vis MP (Lab); Tim Boswell MP (Con); **Tre.** Jeffrey Donaldson MP (DUP); **Contact:** Lord Faulkner of Worcester, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. Tel: 020 7219 8503

WARM HOMES (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To maintain awareness in Parliament of fuel poverty; to monitor the impact of the government's fuel poverty strategy; to identify changes needed to legislation to ensure fuel poverty is eradicated.

Ch. Alan Simpson MP (Lab); **VCh.** David Amess MP (Con), Andrew Stunell MP (LD); **Sec.** Linda Riordan MP (Lab); **Tre.** Dr Brian Iddon MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Alan Simpson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4534

*** WATER (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide a focus for members to monitor government and regulatory policy and maintain a dialogue with consumers and those with an interest or a duty in relation to the environment and the water industry.

Ch. Linda Gilroy MP (Lab); **VCh.** Peter Bottomley MP (Con); **Sec.** Dr Phyllis Starkey MP (Lab); **Tre.** Dr Desmond Turner MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Linda Gilroy MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4746

WATERWAYS GROUP (APG)

Statement of Purpose: To defend the future use and continuance of inland waterways in Great Britain.

Ch. Bill O'Brien MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lembit Opik MP (LD); **Sec.** Dominic Grieve MP (Con); **Tre.** Ms Candy Atherton MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Penny Barber, 67 Chawn Park Drive, Stourbridge, DY9 0UQ. Tel. 07976 591727

*** WEIGHT WATCHERS (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the long-term benefits to health of gradual weight loss, healthy eating and exercise; to provide members with the opportunity to be weighed on a regular basis; and to provide a forum for non-partisan discussions on dietary issues.

Ch. Baroness Fookes (Con); **VCh.** Colin Challen MP (Lab); **Sec.** Bob Russell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Colin Challens MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 8260

*** WEST AFRICAN MANO RIVER REGION (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote, debate and raise awareness of the issues and challenges facing those West African countries in the region of the Mano River (ie. Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Senegal and Liberia).

Ch. Claire Curtis-Thomas MP (Lab); **VCh. & Tre.** David S Borrow MP (Lab); **Contact:** Ms Claire Curtis-Thomas MP, Constituency Office, The Minster, 16 Beach Lawn, Liverpool L22 8QA. Tel: 020 7219 4193

*** WEST COAST MAIN LINE (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To work in consultation with the West Coast Rail 250 Campaign for the upgrading and continuing renewal of the infrastructure and rolling stock on the West Coast main line.

JCh. Eric Martlew MP (Lab); Sir Nicholas Winteron MP (Con); **JVCh.** Bill Olnier MP (Lab); David Mundell MP (Con); **Sec.** Lord Taylor of Blackburn (Lab); **Tre.** Andrew Stunell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr Eric Martlew MP, 3 Chatsworth Square, Carlisle, Cumbria CA1 1HB. Tel: 01228 511395

*** WINE AND SPIRIT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote and inform on the economic and commercial benefit of the UK wine and spirit trade; to stimulate debate on issues of relevance to the wine trade and wine consumer; to introduce MPs to wine trade executives from their constituencies; and where appropriate to invite and lobby ministers.

JCh. Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP (Con), Andrew Dismore MP (Lab); **VCh.** Lord Anderson of Swansea (Lab); Lord Brougham and Vaux (Con); **Sec.** John Thurso (LD); **Tre.** Peter Bottomley (Con); **Contact:** Mr Andre Dismore MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.. Tel: 020 7219 4408

*** WOMEN IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote the role of women in science, engineering and design; to seek to influence the development of public policy to facilitate greater equality; to work with business and the voluntary sector to improve practices and employment procedures for women in science, engineering and design related careers.

Ch. Claire Curtis-Thomas MP (Lab); **VCh.** Baroness Gale (Lab), Peter Bottomley MP (Con), Richard Younger-Ross MP (LD); **Sec.** Charlotte Atkins MP (Lab); **Tre.** Dr Evan Harris MP (LD); **Contact:** Ms Claire Curtis-Thomas MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4193

*** WOOD PANEL INDUSTRY (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To raise within parliament issues of concern to the wood panel industry and provide parliamentarians with accurate information about matters relating to the wood panel industry

Ch. Paddy Tipping MP (Lab); **VCh.** Bill Olnier MP (Lab); Bob Spink MP (Con); **Tre.** Martyn Jones MP (Lab); Gregory Campbell MP (DUP); **Contact:** Mr Paddy Tipping MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5044

***WORLD GOVERNMENT (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To promote democratic reform of the United Nations, global institutions and international law.

Ch. Gavin Strang MP (Lab); **VCh.** Dr Nick Palmer MP (Lab), Joan Walley MP (Lab), **Sec.** Dr Roberta Blackman – Woods MP (Lab); **Tre.** Mr Bob Russell MP (LD); **Contact:** Dr Gavin Strang MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5155.

WORLD HERITAGE SITES (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote UK world heritage sites in Parliament; to raise issues relating to world heritage sites with government: and to work in partnership with the local partnership with the local authorities World Heritage Forum

Ch. David Wright MP (Lab); **VCh.** Hugo Swire MP (Con), Don Foster MP (LD); **Sec.** Jim Knight MP (Lab); **Tre.** Bob Russell MP (LD); **Contact:** Mr David Wright MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 020 7219 8331

YACHT CLUB, HOUSE OF COMMONS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To promote boating activities and support the marine industry.

Ch. Dr Desmond Turner MP (Lab); **VCh.** Richard Ottaway MP (Con); **Sec.** Martyn Jones MP (Lab); **Tre.** Sir Robert Smith MP (LD); **Contact:** Dr Desmond Turner MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 4024

YOUTH AFFAIRS (APPG)

Statement of Purpose: To raise the profile of issues which affect young people; to encourage dialogue between parliamentarians, young people and youth services; and to encourage a co-ordinated and coherent approach to youth policy making.

Ch. Edward Miliband MP (Lab); **VCh.** Stephen Crabb MP (Con), Simon Hughes MP (Lab); **Contact:** Mr Stephen Crabb MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 6518.

*** YOUTH HOSTELLING (APPG)**

Statement of Purpose: To support the Youth Hostels Associations of Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales and to assist them in pursuing issues that affect youth hostelling at a parliamentary level, such as access to the countryside, opportunities for outdoor adventure for schools and youth organisations, and the promotion of international youth tourism.

Ch. John Mann MP (Lab); **VCh.** Patrick McLoughlin MP (Con); Michael Connarty MP (Lab); Bob Russell MP (LD);
Contact: Mr John Mann MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 3000

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