

Proceedings of the Committee

Tuesday 12 September 2017

Members present:

Tom Tugendhat, in the Chair

Ian Austin
Chris Bryant
Ann Clwyd
Mike Gapes
Stephen Gethins

Ms Nusrat Ghani
Ian Murray
Andrew Rosindell
Royston Smith
Nadhim Zahawi

1. Declaration of interests

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Confidentiality of private proceedings

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No.135, on application to the Clerk, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee will not normally investigate individual cases.

4. Government responses to Reports of the previous Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Special Report (*The United Kingdom's relations with Russia: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2016–17*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Draft Special Report (*The UK's relations with Turkey: Government Response to the Committee's Tenth Report of Session 2016–17*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

Draft Special Report (*'Political Islam', and the Muslim Brotherhood Review: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2016–17*), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

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

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

6. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into violence in Rakhine State.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 October at 2.15 pm]

Appendix

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Tom Tugendhat

By birth – dual citizen (British/French); Father – British/ Irish, Mother – British/ French

Wife is a French judge / senior civil servant

Father-in-law is a French diplomat, the lead OSCE mediator in Ukraine

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

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

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

Commissioned officer in British Army Reserve. (Registered 04 June 2015).

Ian Austin

Name of donor: Labour Friends of Israel

Destination of visit: Washington DC, USA

Purpose of visit: To attend meetings and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Conference

Dates of visit: 23-28 March 2017

Name of donor: (1) Labour Friends of Israel; (2) Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Destination of visit: Israel and Palestinian territories

Purpose of visit: Fact-finding visit. Meeting with Israeli and Palestinian coexistence campaigners, politicians, academics and diplomats.

Dates of visit: 2-6 January 2017

UK Delegate to the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly.

Chris Bryant

Name of donor: Best for Britain (UK-EU Open Policy Ltd)

Address of donor: 11 Manchester Square, London W1U 3PW

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 towards my election expenses Donor status: company, registration 10436078 (Registered 05 July 2017)

Vice President (unpaid) of Canning House, a Latin American think tank.

Ann Clwyd

Chair of APPG on Human Rights

Chair of APPG on Iraq

Chair of APPG on Cambodia

Vice-Chair, British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union, and Member of UK delegation to IPU Assembly.

Mike Gapes

Name of donor: (1) Labour Friends of Israel (2) Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address of donor: (1) BM LFI, London WC1N 3XX (2) 9 Yitzhak Rabin Blvd., Kiryat Ben-Gurion, Jerusalem 9103001

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) flights, accommodation, meals, airport and taxi transfers, with a value of £1,500 (2) fast track access through security check, passport control, registration and customs, value £75.

Destination of visit: Israel and Palestinian territories

Dates of visit: 2-6 January 2017

Purpose of visit: Fact-finding visit. Meeting with Israeli and Palestinian co-existence campaigners, politicians, academics and diplomats.

(Registered 23 January 2017)

Name of donor: United Arab Emirates Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Address of donor: Al Bateen, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): travel and accommodation with a total value of £3,500

Destination of visit: United Arab Emirates

Dates of visit: 1-7 April 2017

Purpose of visit: As part of the UAE APPG, to meet with Government Ministers, Members of the Federal National Council and senior business figures to build on the bilateral relationship and promote trade and investment ties.

(Registered 10 April 2017)

Member of UK delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Member of UK delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Parliamentary Assembly

Member of Chatham House.

Stephen Gethins

Name of donor: Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies / Office of the Economic Forum

Address of donor: 85 Solec Street, 00-382 Warsaw

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): two nights' accommodation with an approx. value of £135. The cost of flights were met by a non-registrable source.

Destination of visit: Krynica, Poland

Date of visit: 7-8 September 2016

Purpose of visit: to speak at the Economic Forum on the UK Referendum result.

(Registered 30 September 2016)

Name of Donor: Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Address of Donor: 1023 15th Street NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): flights £3,887 and accommodation £449, total value £4,336

Destination of visit: Washington D.C, United States of America

Dates of Visit: 11-13 September 2016

Purpose of visit: Seminar and series of meetings with US officials and others on security issues along with other parliamentarians from EU countries.

(Registered 05 October 2016)

Name of donor: Remembering Srebrenica (Scotland)

Address of donor: c/o Turcan Connell, Princes Exchange, 1 Earl Grey Street, Edinburgh EH3 9EE

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): flights and accommodation with a value of £608

Destination of visit: Srebrenica

Dates of visit: 18-21 September 2016

Purpose of visit: for Educational and commemorative purposes.

(Registered 26 October 2016)

Name of donor: British Council

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

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and in-country transport with a value of £721.48

Destination of visit: Morocco

Dates of visit: 20 March to 2 April 2017

Purpose of visit: British Council APPG – Inquiry Committee Delegation Visit.

(Registered 27 April 2017)

Adviser (unpaid) at Beyond Borders Scotland, a not-for profit organisation facilitating international dialogue and cultural exchange. (Registered 01 September 2015).

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Name of donor: The PCAA Foundation

Address of donor: BM5369 London WC1N3XX

Amount of donation (or Estimate of the probable value): Flights £1,196; hotels £824; transport £388; meals/coffee £130; tours £75; total value £2,613

Destination of visit: Israel and the Palestinian Territories

Dates of visit: 2-6 January 2017

Purpose of visit: APPG Against Antisemitism delegation to discuss good practice in addressing antisemitism and racism in football and on the internet, including briefing Knesset Members on a recent Home Affairs Select Committee's report.

(Registered 17 January 2017)

Name of donor: Hong Kong Government

Address of donor: c/o Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, 18 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3JA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights approx. £8,500; accommodation approx. £413 per night; transport and hospitality approx. £207; total value £10,359

Destination of visit: Hong Kong

Dates of visit: 9-13 January 2017

Purpose of visit: APPG on China delegation to maintain bilateral ties; support British businesses operating in Hong Kong; and deepen the knowledge of parliamentarians of Hong Kong's political, social and economic development.

(Registered 10 February 2017)

Name of donor: The PCAA Foundation

Address of donor: BM5369 London WC1N 3XX

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): travel and accommodation with a total value of £362.50

Destination of visit: The Vatican, Rome

Dates of visit: 19-20 March 2017

Purpose of visit: Delegation of MPs with the APPG Against Antisemitism to visit the Vatican to discuss Christian responses to antisemitism.

(Registered 12 April 2017)

Name of donor: United Arab Emirates Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Address of donor: Al Bateen, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): travel and accommodation with a total value of £3,500

Destination of visit: United Arab Emirates

Dates of visit: 2-6 April 2017

Purpose of visit: to meet with Government Ministers, Members of the Federal National Council, Dubai police and security authorities, a charity on violence against women, and business figures to build on bilateral trade and investment ties.

(Registered 12 April 2017)

Member of Executive Committee of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK.

Ian Murray

Member of Executive Committee of Commonwealth Parliamentary Assembly (CPA) UK

Member of UK delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Member of a delegation to Taiwan at the start of August 2017 which will appear in Register at the next publication.

Participated in a CPA UK and Westminster Foundation for Democracy delegation to The Gambia on a capacity building project for new Gambian MPs.

Andrew Rosindell

Name of donor: Norfolk Island Council of Elders

Address of donor: P.O. Box 414, Norfolk Island, South Pacific

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): accommodation, travel and subsistence with an approx. value of £2,011.72.

Destination of visit: Norfolk Island

Date of visit: 29 August - 2 September 2016

Purpose of visit: to travel to Norfolk Island as a guest of the Council of Elders to meet with representatives of the local community and investigate the constitutional and governmental changes introduced by the Commonwealth of Australia.

(Registered 28 September 2016)

Name of donor: Government of Gibraltar

Address of donor: Gibraltar Parliament, John Mackintosh Square, Gibraltar

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): for a member of staff and myself, accommodation, travel and subsistence with an approx. value of £1,952 (£976 each)

Destination of visit: Gibraltar

Date of visit: 8–11 September 2016

Purpose of visit: As part of the Gibraltar APPG delegation, to meet the government of Gibraltar on their National Day and to discuss the future of Gibraltar and relations with the United Kingdom.

(Registered 29 September 2016)

Name of donor: Mercator European Dialogue

Address of donor: The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Voss-strasse 20, 10117 Berlin

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): For two people, accommodation, travel and subsistence with an approximate value of £1,800 in total.

Destination of visit: Bratislava

Date of visit: 14 – 16 October 2016

Purpose of visit: Participate in the 3rd Mercator European Dialogue, a conference of European MPs to discuss European politics.

(Registered 29 November 2016)

Name of donor: Swiss Foreign Ministry

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

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): approximately £1,900

Destination of visit: Switzerland (Zurich, Bern, Lausanne, Geneva)

Date of visit: 3-7 April 2017

Purpose of visit: Participation in a study trip to Switzerland (Swiss-EU relations, Swiss financial centre, Science and Innovation, International Geneva)

(Registered 20 April 2017)

Secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Norfolk Island

Secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Caribbean

Co-Chair of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly

Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Commonwealth

Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Australia & New Zealand

Chairman of the British-Canada All-Party Parliamentary Group

Chairman of the All-Party British-Swiss Parliamentary Group

Chairman of the British-Pacific Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group

Chairman of the British-Central American All-Party Parliamentary Group

Chairman of the British-Liechtenstein All-Party Parliamentary Group

Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Channel Islands Group

Chairman of the United Kingdom-Isle of Man (Manx) All-Party Parliamentary Group

Chairman of the United Kingdom Overseas Territories All-Party Parliamentary Group

Chairman of the British-Montserrat All-Party Parliamentary Group

Chairman of the Pitcairn Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group

Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary British-Mauritius Group

Governor of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy

Assembly Member of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly

Executive Committee Member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Executive Committee Member Inter-Parliamentary Union (British Group)

Chairman of the Conservative Friends of Gibraltar

Chairman of the Conservative Friends of Australia & New Zealand

Trustee of the Friends of the British Overseas Territories.

Royston Smith

Name of donor: Government of Pakistan

Address of donor: c/o High Commission of Pakistan, 36 Lowdnes Sq., London SW1X 9JN

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, meals, internal travel with an approx. value of £3,598

Destination of visit: Lahore, Islamabad, Muzaffarad, Karachi

Dates of visit: 1-9 April 2017

Purpose of visit: Parliamentary delegation, as part of 70th anniversary of independence, to look at strengthening democratic institutions, security, trade, religious freedom and the work of DFID in Pakistan.

(Registered 09 June 2017)

Member of UK delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

Nadhim Zahawi

4 July 2017, received £200 from British Broadcasting Corporation, Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA, for being a panel guest on BBC World Service on 2 July 2017. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 11 July 2017)

Name of donor: Falcon and Associates International Ltd

Address of donor: 140 Brompton Road, London SW3 1HY

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): travel, accommodation, transport and food with a value of £4,313

Destination of visit: Dubai, UAE

Dates of visit: 3-7 November 2016

Purpose of visit: Parliamentary delegation to gain a deeper understanding of the important strategic links between Dubai and the UK.

(Registered 30 November 2016)

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Address of donor: P.O. Box 547, Government Road, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, hotel accommodation, food and transport with a value of £3,250

Destination of visit: Manama, Bahrain

Dates of visit: 9-12 December 2016

Purpose of visit: Attendance of IISS Manama Dialogue.

(Registered 20 December 2016)

Zahawi and Zahawi Ltd; business advisory service (50% shareholding). Clients include YouGov, IPBD + GAMA

Non-executive director of SThree; international specialist recruitment business – receive monthly salary

Chief Strategy Officer of GKP – receive monthly salary

Shareholdings valued at more than £70,000:

SThree; international specialist recruitment business.

From 12 December 2016, Gulf Keystone Petroleum, an oil and gas exploration and production company. (Registered 09 January 2017)

From 23 February 2017, British Telecom; telecommunications services company. (Registered 24 February 2017)

Shareholding in YouGov plc, which I co-founded, that is below the registrable value

Kurdistan/Iraq – born there, often travel for business and in personal capacity

Sons at university in Princeton, USA.