



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Annual General Meeting 2023: Minutes

Date: Tuesday 10 January 2023

Time: 14:30 – 15:00

Location: Houses of Parliament

Present (Parliamentarians)

- Tonia Antoniazzi MP
- Sarah Champion MP
- Ronnie Cowan MP
- Alex Davies-Jones MP
- Carolyn Harris MP
- Dame Diana Johnson MP
- Jess Phillips MP

Present (Observers)

- Katherine Banyard, Office of Dame Diana Johnson MP
- Nina Humphries, UK Feminista

- **Introduction**

Dame Diana Johnson MP welcomed attendees and outlined the purpose of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

- **Overview of core values and objectives for 2023**

An overview of the APPG on Commercial Sexual Exploitation's core values and objectives for the coming year was provided by the group's secretariat. The group's activities will include publishing its inquiry on pornography and campaigning activities relating to the Online Safety Bill and the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.

- **Election of officers**

The following parliamentarians were elected as officers of the APPG on Commercial Sexual Exploitation:

- Tonia Antoniazzi MP
- Sarah Champion MP

- Ronnie Cowan MP
- Alex Davies-Jones MP
- Rosie Duffield MP
- Carolyn Harris MP
- Dame Diana Johnson MP (Chair and Registered Contact)
- Lord McColl of Dulwich
- Dame Maria Miller MP
- Jess Phillips MP
- Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede

UK Feminista was re-elected as the Secretariat.

- **AOB**

It was highlighted that the deadline to submit amendments to the Online Safety Bill during the House of Commons Report Stage is imminent.

It was discussed that the Code of Conduct for MPs does not currently prohibit MPs from paying for sex. The UK Armed Forces recently introduced a ban for its personnel on paying for sex whilst abroad.

Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Victims Bill and an inquiry on human trafficking will be taking place this year.

- **Ends**