



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Annual General Meeting 2023: Minutes

Date: Wednesday 6 December

Time: 17:00 – 17:30

Location: Houses of Parliament

Present (Parliamentarians)

- Ronnie Cowan MP
- Alex Davies-Jones MP
- Dame Diana Johnson MP
- John McNally MP
- Jess Phillips MP

Present (Observers)

- Katherine Banyard, Office of Dame Diana Johnson MP
- Nina Humphries, Deputy Director of 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 plans for the coming year was provided by the group's secretariat. The group's activities will include a roundtable with survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and a meeting on the implications of the Illegal Migration Act on victims of sex trafficking. The group's inquiry into the demand that fuels prostitution and sex trafficking will be launched at 16.00 – 17.00 on Wednesday 7 February 2024.

- **Election of officers**

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

- Tonia Antoniazzi MP
- Ronnie Cowan MP (Co-Chair)

- Dame Diana Johnson MP (Co-Chair)
- Lord McColl of Dulwich

- **Election of members**

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

- Sarah Champion MP
- Alex Davies-Jones MP
- John McNally MP
- Dame Maria Miller MP
- Carol Monaghan MP
- Jess Phillips MP
- Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede

An EGM will need to be held to elect 9 further members before 31 March 2024 in order to comply with the new rules for APPGs.

UK Feminista was re-elected as the Secretariat.

- **AOB**

It was highlighted that the group should contribute to the Government's Pornography Review which will be taking evidence submissions imminently. It will be led by Baroness Bertin.

The Home Affairs Select Committee will be launching the findings of its Human Trafficking Inquiry imminently.

- **Ends**