



*Africa All Party Parliamentary Group*

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*Annual Report*

**2013-2014**

## Chair's Introduction

My first year as Africa All Party Parliamentary Group Chair and what a year it has been.

If there is one resounding lesson from the year's work, it is about the breadth of individuals, organisations and Departments working on Africa. The APPG has brought together these differing perspectives, both within Parliament and across the broader policy sphere, across our range of activities.

Within Parliament our membership has continued to grow to 192 Parliamentarians across all parties, 71 of whom have attended at least one meeting or event. This must place us as one of the most wide-reaching All Party Parliamentary Groups.

Beyond Parliament, I have been delighted to see our relationships with the various Government Departments working on issues related to Africa, in particular, but not limited to, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, flourish, following on from the groundwork laid last year. Our roundtable on "Parliamentarians and the Media" held on 9<sup>th</sup> April was a first step in bringing together these two particular groups – as well as the various committees and groups within Parliament working on Africa - and I very much look forward to building bridges between these two communities over the years to come.

As well as broadening our range of partners, the year has seen a broadening of the type of activities the Group has undertaken.

A particular highlight was a general debate in the Chamber, secured and led on a cross-party basis by Hugh Bayley, Sir Malcolm Bruce and Martin Horwood, alongside myself. The debate saw 13 MPs discuss their perspectives and experiences of the UK's relationship with Africa across a range of policy areas, highlighting the breadth and depth of knowledge about the African continent within our ranks. I was delighted to hear Jeremy Corbyn suggest this become an annual event and look forward to the Africa APPG taking this forward. Plans are now afoot to do something similar in the Lords, which I myself would be particularly interested to listen to and learn from. Watch this space.

Another highlight were the two visits to Africa undertaken by the Group at the end of last year. I was fortunate enough to visit Sierra Leone with Ian Lucas, under the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Fellowship Scheme, while Lord Steel, Lord Chidgey and Lord Cameron visited Ethiopia as part of a delegation joint with the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. We benefitted from additional financial support from SAB Miller. Both visits looked at the state of democracy in the respective countries, while the Ethiopia delegation had an additional aim of investigating the role of the African Union. This followed from the Group's visit to the European Union in early 2012 and the delegation was honoured to meet with the African Union Chairperson H.E. Dr Dlamini Zuma, showing the reach of the Africa APPG within the continent.

The two visits fed into our most recent publication, a 55 page discussion document entitled "Democracy Soup". The report makes for interesting reading, and I am pleased to say it does not shy away from some of the complexities and subtleties of the relationship between democracy and development. In particular it emphasises that weak links can undermine the whole governance system, highlighting a need for greater support to the legislative and judicial branches of Government.

We have also begun to draw on the experiences and expertise of Africa APPG Members to feed into the inquiries of the various Select Committees working on issues related to Africa. Specifically we submitted evidence to the Business, Innovation and Skills Committee inquiry on the extractive industries, and the International Development Committee inquiry on Sierra Leone, as well as writing to the International Development Committee's inquiry on disability and development, based on the broader experiences of our Members.

The APPG has held 21 meetings and events over the year, including a mixture of roundtables and panel discussions, covering a broad range of issues and in collaboration with a wide range of partners. A highlight was a networking lunch at the FCO with the British Ambassadors and High Commissioners to Africa during their annual Leadership Week, which was attended by 40 parliamentarians, showing the high level of interest in issues related to Africa that exists within Parliament.

We have also continued to publish the weekly bulletin *Africa in Parliament*, which showcases the broad range of work on Africa in Parliament and is circulated amongst parliamentarians, Government officials and Embassies and High Commissions.

All this would not have been possible without the hard work of a number of people.

Specifically I would like to thank the Africa APPG's Officers and Executive Committee for all their work over the year.

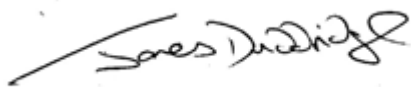
There are a couple I must mention individually.

I was extremely fortunate to inherit such an active and influential APPG and I must give my thanks to Hugh Bayley for his stalwart leadership of the APPG over the first decade of its existence. Without the time and effort Hugh has put into the Group over the years, my job would have been very much harder and I am delighted that Hugh has continued to remain involved with the group as a Vice-Chair.

At last year's AGM Lord Brooke indicated that he was going to step down as Treasurer at the end of the tax year. Many thanks must go to him for his support to the APPG over the previous years, as well as to Chi Onwurah, who took hold of the reins, acting as Treasurer for the remainder of the year.

Finally, we remain indebted to the Royal African Society for providing the secretariat for the Africa APPG, as well as a source of expertise and guidance on developments within the African continent.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Africa APPG Chair, and look forward to working with the broad range of colleagues and partners on issues related to Africa as we go forward.



**James Duddridge MP**  
**Chair, Africa APPG**  
**14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

<b>Officers and Executive 2013-2014</b>
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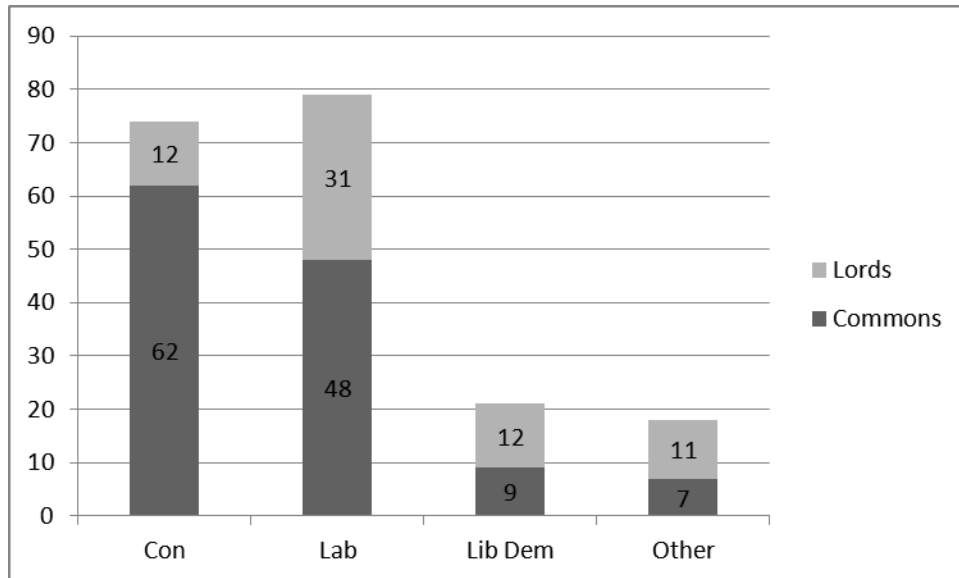
<b>President:</b>	Lord Steel of Aikwood
<b>Vice-Presidents:</b>	Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead Baroness Chalker of Wallasey
<b>Chair:</b>	James Duddridge MP
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Hugh Bayley MP Lord Chidgey Lord Lea of Crondall Earl of Sandwich Pauline Latham MP
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jeremy Lefroy MP
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lord Brooke of Sutton-Mandeville (until 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014) Chi Onwurah MP (acting from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014)

**Executive Committee:**

Oliver Colvile MP  
Mike Gapes MP  
Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale  
Matthew Offord MP  
Chi Onwurah MP  
Ian Paisley MP  
Mark Pritchard MP  
Laurence Robertson MP  
Lord St John of Bletso

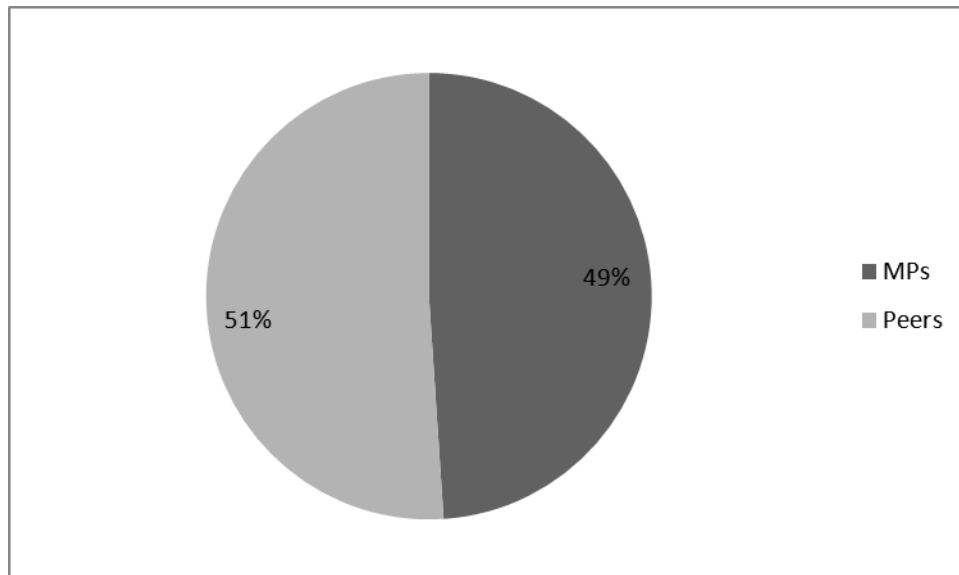
## Membership and Participation

Membership of the Africa APPG stands at 192 Members across the House of Commons and the House of Lords, an increase from 161 Members in July 2013 and 106 Members in July 2012 (see Figure 1).



**Figure 1: Africa APPG Membership by House and Party**

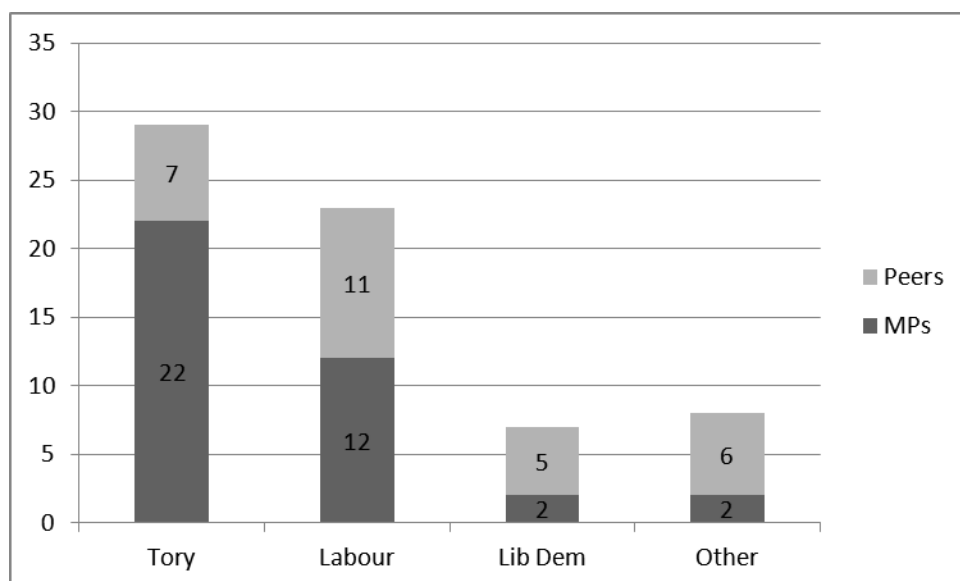
Attendance at Africa APPG events has been evenly split between MPs and Peers, with 51% of attendees from the House of Lords (see Figure 2).



**Figure 2: Participation by House.**

**NB Participation defined as number of Members attending each event**

71 individual Parliamentarians (33 Peers and 38 MPs) have attended APPG meetings and events over the year (see Figure 3). This is an increase from 66 over the year 2012-2013 and 41 from 2011-2012.



**Figure 3: Active Members of the APPG by party and House 2013-2014**

This comprises a core who attend frequently, and a large number of Members who attend infrequently; 43 of the 71 Members who have participated in an Africa APPG event over the 2013-2014 year have attended only 1 meeting. The Members who have attended most frequently over the year are shown in Table 1.

Name	Party	No of Meetings Attended
James Duddridge MP	Conservative	11
Baroness Kinnock	Labour	8
Lord Chidgey	Liberal Democrat	8
Lord McConnell	Labour	8
Lord Steel	Liberal Democrat	7
Pauline Latham MP	Conservative	5
Chi Onwurah MP	Labour	4
Mark Durkan MP	Social Democrat and Labour Party	4
Baroness Uddin	Non-affiliated	4
Earl of Sandwich	Crossbench	4

**Table 1: Members participating in Africa APPG activities most frequently.**

Other than the FCO Leadership Lunch, which attracted 40 parliamentarians, the meetings with the highest turn-out of parliamentarians were roundtables with Ministers.

The formats of meetings attended by the largest number of Parliamentarians over the year were roundtable table discussions, as seen in Table 2. A similar number of parliamentarians have attended parliamentarian-only roundtables and roundtables where a select number of external guests are invited.

<b>Format of meetings</b>	<b>Number of meetings</b>	<b>Ave attendance (excluding where data is incomplete)</b>
Public panel discussions	5	3
Parliamentarian-only roundtables	10	7.875
Invite-only roundtables	3	8.5
Lunches / dinners	3	17.66667

**Table 2: Average participation of Parliamentarians at meetings of different formats.**

## Reports and Publications

**5.11.2013: Written Evidence Submitted by the Africa All Party Parliamentary Group.** Business, Innovation and Skills Select Committee inquiry on the Extractive Industries Sector.

**16.6.2014: Written Evidence Submitted by the Africa All Party Parliamentary Group.** International Development Select Committee inquiry on Recovery and Development in Sierra Leone and Liberia.

**01.05.2014: Democracy Soup: Democracy and Development in Africa.** A discussion paper by the Africa All Party Parliamentary Group.

**Africa in Parliament** weekly bulletin.

## Visits and Delegations

**28.09.2013 – 03.10.2013 – Delegation to Sierra Leone**  
Under the CPA Fellowship Scheme.

*Participants:*

James Duddridge MP  
Ian Lucas MP

*Programme and meetings:*

Peter West, British High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, Phil Evans, Head of the DFID Office, Derek Deighton, Defence Adviser, Col Joe Edkins, UK Lead at the International Security Advisory Team, Guy Janes, 3rd Secretary Political, Louisa Waddingham, Director, British Council

Andrew Lavali and Dr. Henry Mbawa, Institute for Governance Reforms

Ambassador Kuang Weilin of China

Graeme King, Interim Managing Director and Claude Perras, Head of Sustainability, London Mining

Mrs. Isatu Fofanah, Deputy Mayor, Makeni City Council

Hon Paramount Chief Bai Sebor Kasanga

Umaru Fofana, Journalist

Commissioner Joseph Kamara, Anti-Corruption Commission

Clive Dawson MBE, Wilbur Short, Sheku Sissay, Alan Duncan, British Chamber of Commerce in Sierra Leone

Tim Bromfield, Tony Blair Africa Governance Initiative



Mrs Lara Taylor Pearce, Auditor General and three Deputy Auditor Generals

Leadership at Sierra Leone Parliament

Mrs Gladys Strasser-King, Sierra Leone Chamber of Commerce

**10.11.2013 – 16.11.2013 – Delegation to Ethiopia**

In collaboration with the British Group of the IPU

*Participants:*

Lord Steel of Aikwood

Lord Cameron of Dillington

Lord Chidgey

*Programme and meetings:*

Greg Dorey, British Ambassador to Ethiopia, Melanie Robinson, Head of DFID Ethiopia, Shaun Hughes, DFID, and colleagues who accompanied the delegation throughout the week

HE Mr Tefera Derbew, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture

HE Mr Ahmed Shide, State Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

Parliamentarians at the House of People's Representatives and the House of the Federation

EPRDF-UK Parliamentary Friendship Group, Opposition, Civil Society, Media

Abdalla Hamdok, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Mamadou Dia, Acting Director for Political Affairs, African Union

Hammad Siddig Salah, Human Rights, African Union

HE Mme Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson, African Union

Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson, African Union

Mr Gary Quince, EU Special Representative for the African Union and members of the EU Delegation to the AU

Joan Kagwanja, Land Policy Unit and Medhat El-Helepi, Food Security, Agriculture and Land Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Diageo Meta Brewery and Self-Help Africa site

Hazel Mowbray, FCO

Ethiopian Commodity Exchange

Prof Kay Matthews, Addis Ababa University

<b>Meetings Held</b>
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**10.10.2013: Tax and Transparency after the G8: Nigeria and Beyond**

Speakers: Ken Igbokwe, Regional Senior Partner, PwC West Africa; Alhaji M. L. Abubakar, Secretary, Nigeria's Joint Tax Board; Alex Cobham, Research Fellow, Center for Global Development.

Chair: Richard Fuller MP

*In collaboration with the Nigeria Leadership Initiative and the Royal African Society*

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**15.10.2013: Ending Female Genital Mutilation / Cutting: A Progress Update**

Speakers: Lynne Featherstone MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development, Jeff Balch, AWEPA Director Research and Evaluation, Claudia Cappa, UNICEF

Chair: Lord Chidgey

*In collaboration with the APPG on Female Genital Mutilation*

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**8.01.2014: Roundtable with Mark Simmonds MP, Africa Minister at the FCO**

Speaker: Mark Simmonds MP, Africa Minister, FCO

Chair: James Duddridge MP

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**21.01.2014: The African Union and UK Engagement with the African Union**

Speakers: Lord Steel, Sandy Moss, FCO

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**28.01.2014: Crises in Africa: an Update**

Speaker: Comfort Ero, Africa Programme Director, International Crisis Group

Chair: Baroness Kinnock

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**29.01.2014: The Central African Republic: Explaining the Crisis**

Speakers: Peteris Ustubs, European External Action Service (EEAS) Director for West and Central Africa and Sahel, Dr. Jose Antonio Bastos, President of Médecins Sans Frontières Spain, Caesar Poblicks, Conciliation Resources, Projects Manager for the East and Central Africa Programme

Chair: Lord McConnell

*In collaboration with the Royal African Society*

**13.02.2014: Roundtable briefing with Dr Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Foreign Minister of the Republic of South Sudan**

Speaker: Dr Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Foreign Minister of the Republic of South Sudan

Chair: Willie Bain MP

*In collaboration with the Sudan and South Sudan APPG and the Royal African Society*

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**04.03.2014: The Central African Republic: British Government Perspectives**

Speaker: Mark Simmonds MP, FCO Africa Minister

Chair: Lord McConnell

*In collaboration with the APPG on the Great Lakes*

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**06.03.2014: Roundtable with Dr Christian Turner CMG, British High Commissioner to Kenya**

Speaker: Dr Christian Turner CMG, British High Commissioner to Kenya

Chair: Lord Steel

*In collaboration with the Kenya APPG*

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**18.03.2014: Roundtable with Nic Hailey, Director Africa, FCO**

Speaker: Nic Hailey, Director Africa, FCO

Chair: James Duddridge MP

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**18.03.2014: African Women in Conflict: from Victims to Peacebuilders**

Speakers: Dr Eka Ikpe, Lecturer in Development Economics, King's College, Nicola Dahrendorf, Africa Director, Conciliation Resources, Siham Rayale, PhD Candidate of Development Studies, SOAS, Kate Bradlow, South Sudan Conflict Advisor, DFID

Chair: Baroness Kinnock

*In collaboration with the Royal African Society*

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### **24.03.2014: Economic Partnership Agreements: The Final Countdown**

Speakers: Dr San Bilal, Senior Executive Head of Economic Transformation and Trade Programme Editor at the European Centre for Development Policy Management, Adaeze Igboemeka, Head of Trade and Development at the Department for International Development, Trade Policy Unit, Dr Michael Amoah, SOAS

Chair: Rt Hon Peter Lilley MP

*In collaboration with Trade Out of Poverty*

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### **1.04.2014: The Niger Delta – a discussion over dinner**

Chair: James Duddridge MP

*In collaboration with Kyle House Group and the Royal African Society*

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### **09.04.2014: Parliamentarians and the Media Roundtable and Working Lunch**

Chair: James Duddridge MP

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### **07.05.2014: Parliamentary briefing with Mr Geert Cappelaere, the UNICEF Representative to Sudan and expert on FGM/C programming**

Speakers: Mr Geert Cappelaere, the UNICEF Representative to Sudan, Jeff Balch, AWEPA

Chair: Lord Chidgey

*In collaboration with UNICEF UK, the APPG on FGM, the APG on Sudan and South Sudan and the APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health*

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### **07.05.2014: France's response to the crisis in the Central African Republic: Working with Africans for security**

Speaker: His Excellency Bernard Emie, French Ambassador to the UK

Chair: Lord McConnell

*In collaboration with the APPG on the Great Lakes*

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### **08.05.2014: Roundtable with HE Philemon Yang, Prime Minister of Cameroon**

Speakers: HE Philemon Yang and accompanying Ministers

Chair: Lord Howell of Guildford

*In collaboration with CPA UK*

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**13.05.2014: Leadership Week Lunch**

*Hosted by the FCO with the British Ambassadors and High Commissioners to Africa*

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**08.07.2014: African Economic Outlook 2014: Global Value Chains and Africa's Industrialisation**

Speakers: Mario Pezzini, OECD Development Centre, His Excellency Ambassador Berhanu Kebede of Ethiopia, David Croft, Director of Quality and Technical, Waitrose, Jodie Keane, Research Fellow, International Economic Development Group, ODI

Chair: James Duddridge MP

*In collaboration with the Royal African Society, the OECD and the African Development Bank.*

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**16.07.2014: Roundtable with MPs from Mozambique**

Participants: Hon. António José Amélia MP, Hon. Vírgilia Bernarda Alexandre dos Santos Matabele MP, Hon. Nyeleti Brooke Mondlane MP

Chair: James Duddridge MP

*In collaboration with CPAUK*

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**17.07.2014: The UK Government's response to the crisis situations in the Central African Republic and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Speaker: Lynne Featherstone MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development

Chair: Lord McConnell

*In collaboration with the APPG on the Great Lakes*

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<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
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From the period January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to March 31st 2014

<b>Date</b>		<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
01.01.2013	Opening Balance			£1,049.67
01.01.2013 - 31.3.2014	Net bank charges	51.98*		
21.05.2013	Late repayment by participant from 2012 APPG visit to Brussels		£23.00	
01.01.2013 - 31.3.2014	Net income by donation		£2,650.00	
01.01.2013 - 31.3.2014	Net expenses incurred	£2,477.39		
31.3.2014	Closing Balance			£1193.30**.

\*composed of new charges for 15 month period of £79.91, less refund of £27.93 from the previous year

\*\* less accrued expenses of £42.58

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**Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville**  
**Treasurer**  
**14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**