



## All-Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition

### Annual General Meeting 2016

**Date:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016  
**Location:** Meeting Room P, Portcullis House  
**Time:** 6:00 PM

#### **Attendance**

Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts (Con)  
Kelvin Hopkins MP (Lab)  
Kirsten Oswald MP (SNP)  
Wes Streeting MP (Lab)  
Lord Tyler (Lib)  
Andrew Tyrie MP (Con)

Hannah Stone (coordinator)

#### **Minutes:**

##### **1. Election of officers**

- Andrew Tyrie MP (Chair)
- Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts (Treasurer)
- Lord Tyler (Vice Chair)
- Kelvin Hopkins MP (Vice Chair)

##### **2. Overview of recent activities**

- Freedom of Information cases in US and UK.
- Engagement with parliamentarians.
- Media work.
- Fundraising.
- Recruitment.

### **3. Discussion of future activities**

- The APPG does not seek prosecutions, only disclosure, and changes to the law to prevent a repetition.
- Challenges in getting to the truth on rendition. These have increased:
  - Justice and Security Act.
  - Shortcomings of the Intelligence and Security Committee's (ISC) inquiry into rendition.
  - Misuse of the "control principle" on intelligence sharing.
- Opportunities:
  - Civil cases by Libyan and Pakistani rendition victims.
  - Scottish criminal investigation into rendition flights.
  - ISC inquiry – chance to press for a thorough, effective investigation.
- The UK is lagging behind the US on accountability.
  - The US Senate produced a thorough report on torture, though most of it remains classified.
  - Bodies such as the ISC should have access to intelligence on the UK from this report.
  - Concerns that the report could be destroyed by new US administration.
- Election of Donald Trump raises serious concerns that UK could again be drawn into facilitating abuse.
  - Without a full account of the UK's role in torture and rendition after 9/11, it is difficult to ensure that it won't happen again.
- Parallels with UK cooperation on US targeted killing programme.

### **4. Financial accounts**

- Financial statement and accounts approved.