

Annual General Meeting of the APPG on Extraordinary Rendition

Minutes

Date: Monday 1 June 2026
Location: Room N, Portcullis House
Time: 3:30pm

Attendance

Dr Sam Rushbrook MP (Chair of the APPG)
Rt Hon Lord Tyrie
Ruth Cadbury MP
Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP
Rt Hon Baroness D'Souza CMG
Rt Hon Lord Garnier KC
Rupa Huq MP
Rt Hon Baroness Ludford
Rt Hon John McDonnell MP
David Simmonds CBE MP
Rt Hon Lord Swire KCMG

Martin Vickers MP (External Chair)
Roger Gough (Coordinator)

1. External Chair's announcement

The External Chair reminded the Chair and officers of the APPG of their responsibility to ensure that the required papers had been prepared in accordance with the APPG Rules and the Guide to the APPG Rules.

2. Confirmation of quorum

The External Chair confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

3. Election of officers

The following were proposed, seconded and elected unanimously as officers of the Group:

Chair: Andy Slaughter MP
Co-Chair: Rt Hon Lord Tyrie
Treasurer: Rt Hon Baroness Kramer
Officer: David Simmonds CBE MP

4. Income and Expenditure Statements

The Group's Income and Expenditure Statement for the year to 2 December 2025 were available to attendees at the meeting and were approved.

5. Annual Report

The Group's Annual Report for the year to 2 December 2025 was available to attendees at the meeting and was approved.

6. Due Diligence

The Group's Due Diligence Statement in relation to foreign government funding was available to attendees at the meeting and was approved.

7. Apologies and Any Other Business

Apologies had been received from Rt Hon Sir David Davis KCB MP, Rt Hon Baroness Hamwee, Rt Hon Baroness Kramer, Douglas McAllister MP, Rt Hon Kit Malthouse MP, Andy Slaughter MP (who had set out in writing his willingness to be nominated as Chair of the Group) and Rt Hon Lord Young of Cookham.

Dr Sam Rushworth MP was thanked for his service as Chair of the Group.

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Notes of discussion, 25 November 2025

Present:

Dr Sam Rushworth MP (Chair)

Lord Tyrie

Lord Hodgson

Baroness Kramer

Roger Gough (Coordinator)

1. Whistleblowing

Members discussed the importance of whistleblowing as an issue cutting across the Group's work, including both the pending ISC report and the submission on The Principles. Susan noted that the government was undertaking an across the board review. An APPG on whistleblowing may be formed.

2. ISC report - immediate

Roger to circulate a confidential copy of the draft report to those present, along with the date and details of next week's meeting with Freshfields.

3. Raising awareness

Sam emphasised the importance of raising awareness of the APPG and of extraordinary rendition as an issue, especially with the 2024 intake of MPs. It was agreed that the ISC report provides a platform for this, although there is also room for a communication (with an explainer about rendition) from Sam/ Sam and Andrew to MPs who are likely to be interested. This would include Sam's colleagues who are members of the Council of Europe. The Group should also look to strengthen ties with other APPGs with related areas of interest and to maintain its relationships with pressure groups, while remaining aware that on occasion their aims and approaches may diverge from those of the APPG.

4. ISC report – longer term

This needs a high-profile launch in Parliament, building on the model (in terms of form rather than location) of the Blackstones event in 2022. The launch is to be accompanied by a newspaper article by Andrew and Sam. Copies of this article should be sent to all Members of both Houses.

The launch of the report should be focused on two distinct audiences: one in Parliament, the other external experts, for example in the legal profession. Robin emphasised the importance of a striking title for the report and ensuring that it was seen to address fundamental issues rather than being narrowly legalistic. It was agreed that the Group must keep this in mind in all its statements and publications.

Andrew referred to his conversation with Sir Julian Lewis MP, former ISC Chair, who had suggested that the current Chair, Lord Beamish (Kevan Jones) be given advance notice of the report so that he was not ambushed and thus alienated. Andrew and Sam should approach the ISC Chair shortly before publication of the report (though the timing of this approach to be reviewed).

5. The Principles

Any final submission by the Group must be in before Christmas. Roger to circulate this, and any other relevant notes to those present.

6. FOIA and related publication

Roger has met Dr Sam Raphael, University of Westminster who leads the unredacted.uk project, a major compendium of documents relating to international and intelligence matters. He has worked with the APPG on the FOIA proceedings and the resulting documents released by US agencies. He has proposed that we publish these outputs and a wider review of what is known about British complicity in rendition in time for the 25th anniversary of the start of the War on Terror next autumn. This proposal was agreed.