



The All Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition

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Background and officers

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition was established by Andrew Tyrie MP (now Lord Tyrie) in 2005 to address growing concerns about the alleged involvement of UK agencies and personnel in the programmes of detention and extraordinary rendition conducted by the US government in the Global War on Terror. The has been reconstituted in each successive Parliament; it seeks to establish the truth about British involvement in extraordinary rendition and to ensure through effective structures of oversight and accountability that this is not repeated. The current APPG was constituted after the 2024 election at an Inaugural General Meeting on 3 December 2024. The Officers for the year since that inaugural meeting have been:

Chair & Registered Contact:	Dr Sam Rushworth MP (Labour)
Co-Chair:	Rt Hon Lord Tyrie (Non-affiliated)
Vice Chair:	Rt Hon Kit Malthouse MP (Conservative)
Treasurer:	Rt Hon Baroness Kramer (Liberal Democrat)

Programmes of work in 2024-25

The role of the ISC

The centrepiece of the Group's work in ensuring strong institutions, rooted in parliamentary democracy to guard against a repetition of British complicity in rendition, is a report setting out detailed proposals for reform and strengthening of the Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC). The ISC has twice investigated rendition: its first report in 2007 failed entirely to uncover the truth, whereas its second (in 2018) demonstrated that British involvement in rendition was much greater than previously thought (involving, for example, more than 200 cases in which UK personnel continued to supply questions or intelligence to international counterparts after they knew or suspected mistreatment). However, the Committee was blocked by government from the necessary access, in particular to personnel, to be able to deliver what it viewed as a satisfactory investigation.

The APPG has been working with a leading law firm, working pro bono to develop a report which reviews the powers and the independence of the ISC and sets out proposals to strengthen both. The APPG has also engaged with Rt Hon Dominic Grieve, former Attorney General and Chair of the ISC at the time of the 2018 rendition report on these recommendations. By the end of the reporting year the report was at an advanced stage and will be launched in the near future.

Review of 'The Principles'

In 2025, the Group contributed significantly to the Cabinet Office's five yearly review of *The Principles relating to the detention and interviewing of detainees overseas and the passing and receipt of intelligence relating to detainees*. The Principles (previously known as the Consolidated Guidance) are an essential part of the structures required to prevent recurrence of British involvement in rendition or other abuses. They were first published in 2010 and have been strengthened in their main iterations, a process to which the APPG has made significant contributions.

The Group made an initial submission to the review led by the Cabinet Office and its then consultant took part in a Chatham House Rule Roundtable hosted at the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) in June 2025. The Attorney General also convened discussions on the key legal issues raised by the review, and in November 2025 the APPG Co-Chair, the new Coordinator and the Director of Redress (one of the Group's key civil society partners) met with the Attorney General and senior officials to set out the Group's priorities for the Review. Subsequent to this and seeking to address a number of additional issues raised, the APPG made a further submission to the review in January 2026.

FOIA litigation

The biggest challenge faced by the Group, and a major task in the coming year is to present a comprehensive picture of historic British involvement in rendition. The Group has since 2009 undertaken Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation in the United States against five US government agencies, in which Hogan Lovells has acted pro bono on the Group's behalf. This litigation has resulted in the release of some 1,220 documents. It is now drawing towards a conclusion, with only one agency (the CIA) still searching for and processing documents.

For the reporting year, the Group has received Joint Status Reports submitted to the Court in March, July and December 2025 as well as Production Letters from the CIA to Hogan Lovells. The Group's focus will be on an appropriate and comprehensive presentation of these documents and their cross-referencing to other published sources of information on rendition and the UK's role in it, in particular the 2014 US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) report on the CIA detention and interrogation programme. The Group is working with Dr Sam Raphael of the University of Westminster and unredacted.uk (which collates and presents information on a variety of national security related issues) on the best ways to present this.

Financial support and administration

The APPG gratefully acknowledges the support of the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust; during the reporting year, the Group received £60,000 as the first part of a two year grant from the Trust.

In July 2024, the Group had also received a £20,000 one year grant (which therefore ran into the 2024-25 reporting year) from the Sigrid Rausing Trust, which is also gratefully acknowledged.

In August 2025 Nikki Taylor, the APPG's consultant, left to take on a new role and Roger Gough, who had worked with the APPG in the past (including co-authoring the 2011 book *Account Rendered* with Lord Tyrie and the former Group Coordinator Stuart McCracken) took on the role of Coordinator at the end of September 2025.

More information on the APPG's work can be found on the Group's website, www.extraordinaryrendition.org. The Group's Coordinator will in the coming months expand and update the website to incorporate fully the development of the workstreams described above.

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